

Minutes of the Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Chetek held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 220 Stout Street, Chetek, WI

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mike Linton, mayor.

Present: Cliff Bronstad, Bill Waite, Mark Edwards, Mike Linton, Shirley Morley.

Also present: Mark Petersen, police chief; Randi Osberg & Steve Bohrer – Ruder Ware law firm.
John Plaza, Chetek Lakes Protection Association

Mayor announced a closed session later in the meeting under Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (discussion on possible sale of city property) and Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(f) considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations; reconvene and act on closed session items.

Agenda approval: Waite motioned to revise agenda by removing item under Miscellaneous - #2 Senior Citizen, Inc. lease agreement – 2nd by Bronstad – carried.

Consent agenda: Bronstad motioned to approve consent agenda items: January council minutes, January claims, Merlyn Folz resignation from Community Center Board, appointment of Wendell Stone to Housing Authority, January Airport minutes, November 2014 & 2014 Annual meeting minutes for Housing Authority, December 2014 and January 2015 library minutes, November, 2014 Planning Commission minutes, January building/zoning report, January police report. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES::

Lake district – members of Elizabeth Estates submitted a letter opposing the proposed Lake District boundaries. Discussion was held regarding the change in the district boundaries. The original district included the entire city limits. Property owners in Elizabeth Estates do not feel they benefit from the lake and do not feel they should be burdened with taxes for lake improvements. Information will be mailed to property owners in the proposed district area along with a post card to be returned with their opinion on forming the Lake District. The council will hold a public hearing prior to voting on the matter.

Stray Dogs: Police Chief, Mark Petersen shared his opinion on police officers handling strays. He feels there is a risk of injury and damage to police vehicles. Driving to the Barronett facility (Happy Tails) in which the county has contracted service with is a 70 mile round trip. The garage the city owns on Dallas Street can be used as a holding facility until the Barron County humane officer can pick up the stray. There would generally be up to a 48 hour time frame in which the dog may need to be held in our facility. Motion by Morley, 2nd by Edwards to make necessary improvements to the garage for the use of a holding area for dogs and not require the police officers to transport animals to Barronett. Improvements will include electricity and necessary insulation, etc. The property committee will make recommendation on total cost of improvements. Carried.

REQUESTS: none

FINANCIAL:

Bronstad motioned to approve Resolution 2015-03 appropriating a donation in memory of Lois Hardy (for fireworks) and grant money for the library to the 2015 budget – 2nd by Morley. Carried.

Bronstad motioned to approve Resolution 2015-04 adjusting the 2014 budget 2nd by Waite. Carried.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Hiring – Bronstad motioned to approve the hiring of Chris Fritz as community center director as recommended by the personnel committee. 2nd by Edwards. Carried. Motion by Bronstad to approve the wage of \$14.18 per hour. The annual hours will need to be reduced by approximately 90 hours to meet the budget approved for 2015. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

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Motion to go into closed session by Waite. Reconvening at approximately 8:30 p.m. – 2nd by Bronstad. Carried.

Motion to go into open session by Waite, 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Bronstad motioned to direct Community Center Board to issue letters dealing with the issues discussed in closed session. 2nd by Waite. Carried.

Bronstad motioned to authorize Mayor Linton to handle negotiations on the possible sale of city land as discussed in closed session. 2nd by Waite. Carried.

Motion to adjourn by Bronstad – 2nd by Waite. Carried.

Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer