

CITY OF FORT ATKINSON
City Council Minutes ~ September 3, 2019

CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Pres. Kotz called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL.

Present: Cm. Becker, Cm. Johnson, Cm. Scherer, Cm. Hartwick and Pres. Kotz. Also present City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk/Treasurer and City Engineer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2019 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AND AUGUST 28, 2019 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Cm. Becker moved, seconded by Cm. Scherer to approve the minutes of August 20, 2019 regular Council meeting and August 28, 2019 Special Council meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wendy Zautner, 1105 Miller Lane – addressed the recent land purchase by City Council on Banker Road. She would prefer development to not happen, however if it does, she would like the following considerations: would like to see an individual who has a strong background in sustainable development in the design and during the development effort, maintain and preserve trees and natural features, have the developers encourage sustainable energy production and build houses with solar or geothermal energy whether that is done through a builder or the person that buys the property to build a home and finally she would like to see a lot of encouragement toward the development of landscape native and noninvasive plants. She would also hope that people are discouraged from using herbicides and pesticides.

Carrie Kendrick, 12 Krause Avenue – addressed the speed limit on Janesville Avenue. She stated the crosswalk on Janesville Avenue goes from Jones Park to the driveway to Jones Market. She asked if a sidewalk would be added to lead to the bike path and not a driveway. She added the area of discussion does not include any residential properties. She had not seen a lot of foot traffic in the area.

Bill Shipley, 101 E Sherman Avenue – concerns on Janesville Avenue speed limit. The study provided by the Police Department some speeding, not a lot of tickets issued and no incidents of people hurt. He does not understand the thought of inhibiting traffic flow. People he has spoken to are not in favor of the speed reduction. He added that he is going to get a petition together as this is not a good idea that the public wants.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. *Presentation by Robert W. Baird on plan of finance for refunding of 2010 Build America Bonds and 2019 Note Anticipation Notes.*

Justin Fischer, Baird representative was present to provide the financing plan for the refunding of the bond and note. At the June 4, 2019 regular City Council meeting, a resolution was approved

providing for the sale of approximately \$5,500,000 of Note Anticipation Notes (NAN) for the Fire Station Renovation and Expansion project. Also discussed was a November 2019 refunding of those notes as well as the Building America Bonds (BABs) that were issued in 2010 for the Library Renovation and Expansion project. The plan includes the borrowing structure, timeline and estimated debt service savings on the 2010 BABs of approximately \$162,000. The plan is for a General Obligation Refunding Bond in the amount of \$7,205,000 with an estimated interest rate of 2.67%.

Cm. Hartwick moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to accept and file the presentation by Robert W. Baird on plan of finance for refunding of 2010 Build America Bonds and 2019 Note Anticipation Notes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

None.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Review and approve 2019 Recycling Grant Application.

Engineer Selle reviewed the grant application. The grant supplements the cost of both recycling and composting for the City. The estimated cost for this in 2020 is \$215,726 an estimated wage increase of 1.5% over estimated 2019 costs. The WDNR provided \$35,099 in grant funds for 2019. Annual reports are provided in March/April.

Cm. Hartwick moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to approve the 2019 Recycling Grant Application. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

a. Approve Special Event for Unity Project to be held on September 14, 2019 at Jones Park.

Cm. Hartwick moved, seconded by Cm. Becker to approve the Special Event for Unity Project to be held on September 14, 2019 at Jones Park. Motion carried. Cm. Scherer abstained.

b. Granting operator licenses.

Cm. Becker moved, seconded by Cm. Scherer to approve the granting of operator licenses. Motion carried.

CLAIMS, APPROPRIATIONS AND CONTRACT PAYMENTS

a. Verified claims.

Cm. Becker moved, seconded by Cm. Hartwick to approve the list of verified claims submitted by the Director of Finance and authorize payment. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Cm. Scherer moved, seconded by Cm. Hartwick to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Michelle Ebbert, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL