

CITY OF FORT ATKINSON
City Council Minutes ~ February 18, 2020

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, City Engineer, Police Chief, Building Inspector, Library Director and Wastewater Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Cm. Becker moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to approve the minutes of February 4, 2020 regular council meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Bennett, 1018 Monroe Street spoke on behalf of a sewer backup claim against the City. This item is on the agenda.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. Presentation of Green Award.

Pres. Kotz presented the Green Award to Badger Basement Systems.

This item was moved up on the Agenda.

11. a. Approve street closure for Special Event for Summer Reading Kickoff Block Party to be held on the 200 block of Merchants Avenue (Public Library) on June 7, 2020.

Representatives from the Library Board were present to review the request. No comments were received from Staff.

Cm. Hartwick moved, seconded by Cm. Scherer to approve the street closure for Special Event for Summer Reading Kickoff Block Party to be held on the 200 block of Merchants Avenue on June 7, 2020. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

a. Update to Building Regulations Ordinance.

Cm. Becker moved, seconded by Cm. Hartwick to suspend the rules and waive the second and third reading. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Cm. Hartwick moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to adopt ordinance update to Building Regulations Ordinance. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

a. Building, Plumbing and Electrical Permit Report for January, 2020.

b. Minutes of Historic Preservation Commission meeting held January 13, 2020.

Cm. Becker moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to accept and file the Reports of Officers, Boards and Committees. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. 2019 call data update on adult care facilities.

Chief Bump provided an update on care facilities. He stated 2019 produced the highest number of calls to date. Discussion continued on nuisances and call volumes. Chief shared a few situations where Officers were called away for several hours and had to transport individuals several hours away.

Cm. Becker moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to accept and file the 2019 call data on adult care facilities. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Review Annual Reports for City Departments for 2019.

Cm. Becker moved, seconded by Cm. Scherer to accept and file the Annual Reports for City Departments for 2019. Motion carried.

b. Update on financial status of Historical Society Trust Funds.

Cm. Hartwick moved, seconded by Cm. Becker to accept and file the report on financial status of Historical Society Trust Funds. Motion carried.

c. Review and approve purchase and installation of lift station flow meters for Wastewater Utility, as budgeted.

Wastewater Supervisor Paul Christensen reviewed the quotes for purchase and installation of flow meters for Sherman Avenue and Water Street. Staff will be able to pull the cables from the station wet wells to the control cabinets and mount the flow meter remote transmitters with a cost not expected to exceed \$2,000. The total cost of the project will not exceed \$31,600.

Cm. Hartwick moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to approve the following quotes: Flow Meter – L.W. Allen Inc of Madison \$11,900, Mechanical Installation – Staab Construction of Marshfield \$12,300 and SCADA Installation – L.W. Allen Inc of Madison \$5,400 and Staff labor not to exceed \$2,000. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

a. Approve street closure for Special Event for Summer Reading Kickoff Block Party to be held on the 200 block of Merchants Avenue (Public Library) on June 7, 2020.

This item was moved up on the agenda.

b. Disallowance of claim for sewer backup.

Manager Trebatoski provided the background for the sewer backup. EMC Insurance recommended the Council disallow the claim as the City was not found to be liable for the backup. Property owner Mr. Bennett was present to discuss the backup and was seeking the council consider reimbursing him for expenses. Council discussed the situation.

Cm. Scherer moved, seconded by Cm. Becker to disallow the claim for Robert Bennett, 1018 Monroe Street. Motion carried 3-2, Johnson and Hartwick opposed.

c. Adjourn to closed session after regular Council meeting pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c), Wisconsin Statutes, to conduct City Manager appraisal.

Cm. Scherer moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to adjourn to closed session after regular Council meeting pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c), Wisconsin Statutes, to conduct City Manager appraisal. Motion carried on a roll call vote. Council will not reconvene into open session.

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. Hartwick moved, seconded by Cm. Becker to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Michelle Ebbert, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL