

CITY OF FORT ATKINSON
City Council Minutes ~ May 19, 2020

CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Pres. Becker called the meeting to order via Zoom at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present via Zoom: Cm. Kotz, Cm. Housley, Cm. Scherer, Cm. Johnson and Pres. Becker. Also present: City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk/Treasurer, City Engineer, Water Supervisor and Fire Chief.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Cm. Kotz moved, seconded by Cm. Scherer to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2020 regular council meeting. Motion carried unanimously via Zoom.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

After three calls, no comments were provided.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

None.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

a. *Appointment of Eric Schultz to Plan Commission to complete unexpired term to May, 2021.*

Cm. Kotz moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to approve the appointment of Eric Schultz to Plan Commission to complete the unexpired term to May 2021. Motion carried unanimously via Zoom.

b. *Minutes of Economic Development Commission meeting held May 14, 2020.*

Cm. Kotz moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to approve the Reports of Officers, Boards and Committees as presented. Motion carried unanimously via Zoom.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. *Review and approve bids for emergency generator, asbestos abatement and shelving, cabinets and lockers for Fire Department construction project.*

Chief Rausch discussed the several minor contracts for the fire station construction, which was still being vetted when the original contracts were approved. Contracts presented include emergency backup generator and asbestos abatement. Additional proposals were requested from Spacesaver Corporation for material costs related to construction of shelving, cabinets and lockers for the station. Spacesaver donated the labor, installation and materials equaling \$54,000.

Due to this donation, bids for this portion of the construction were not solicited. Council is requested to approve the lowest generator bid from Wolter Power Systems, \$40,700 and the lowest bid for asbestos abatement from Badger Environmental, \$10,500.

Cm. Johnson moved, seconded by Cm. Kotz to review and approve bids for emergency generator from Wolter Power Systems at \$40,700, asbestos abatement from Badger Environmental at \$10,500 and shelving, cabinets and lockers from Spacesaver for \$34,426 for Fire Department construction project. Motion carried unanimously via Zoom.

b. Review and approve submittal of Public Service Commission water rate case application. Trilogy Consulting representatives Christy DeMaster and Eric Granum provided the presentation seeking Council approval of a rate increase that includes the depreciation of the cost of main replacements in one year, instead of over the average 70-80 year expected life. This is also known as 'expense depreciation'. The expected change to rates for an average resident, billed every other month is an increase of \$28/bill or \$168/year. Industrial users vary widely in their volume use. Increases to these customers are expected to range 13%-20%.

Cm. Kotz moved, seconded by Cm. Housley to approve submittal of Public Service Commission water rate case application to include the expense depreciation method for main replacement. Motion carried unanimously via Zoom.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

a. Temporary Class "B" beer and/or wine license for the Easton's Cause event to be held at Ralph Park on July 18-19, 2020.

Cm. Housley moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to approve the Temporary Class "B" beer and/or wine license for the Easton's Cause event to be held at Ralph Park on July 18-19, 2020 contingent upon licensed bartenders and purchasing products from a wholesalers/distributor. Motion carried unanimously via Zoom.

b. Granting operator licenses.

Cm. Scherer moved, seconded by Cm. Kotz to approve the granting of operator licenses. Motion carried unanimously via Zoom.

c. City, Sewer, Water and Stormwater Utility Financial Statements as of April 30, 2020.

Cm. Kotz moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to accept and file the City, Sewer, Water and Stormwater Utility Financial Statements as of April 30, 2020. Motion carried unanimously via Zoom.

d. Move into closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e), Wisconsin Statutes, to consider the sale of public property.

Cm. Scherer moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to move into closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e), Wisconsin Statutes, to consider the sale of public property. Motion carried unanimously via Zoom.

Action – Go into closed session via separate zoom link – come back into open session within approximately 15 minutes to take action(s) via regular zoom meeting link.

Council reconvened at 8:39 pm.

Cm. Scherer moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to approve the sale of lot 11 in Klement Business Park to Todd Willkomm for \$90,000 with \$5,000 earnest money. Motion carried unanimously via Zoom.

CLAIMS, APPROPRIATIONS AND CONTRACT PAYMENTS

a. *Verified claims.*

Cm. Kotz moved, seconded by Cm. Scherer to approve the list of Verified Claims, Appropriations and Contract Payments presented by the Finance Director and authorize payment. Motion carried unanimously via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

Cm. Scherer moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Michelle Ebbert, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL