

Common Council Meeting minutes, January 4, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor John Rawson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council attending: A. Stevens, J. Tranberg, J. Anderson, P. Syverson, C. Ekern, D. Stephenson, J. Rawson. Others in attendance: Attorney Mark Radcliffe, Andrew Dannehy-TCT, Charles Pearman-SEH, Mike Ressel, Dwight Frederixon, Lori & Todd Reismann, Clerk/Treasurer-Debi Fremstad.

Agenda was posted on 12/29/23 at City Hall, Post Office, Waumandee Bank, & City website.

Motion by J. Anderson to approve agenda, 2nd by P. Syverson. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none.

Motion by P. Syverson to approve December 4, 2023 council minutes, 2nd by A. Stevens. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Payment Application #5 for Broadway/Pearl project – Charles Pearman of SEH explained this pay application wraps up this year’s activity. **Motion by C. Ekern to pay application #5 in the amount of \$44,331.20 to A-1 Excavating, 2nd by P. Syverson. Discussion: none. Roll call vote: J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, A. Stevens-yes, D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes. Motion carried.**

Change order for Broadway/Pearl project: Charles Pearman of SEH explained that this change order is to update the contract amount for the DNR. This is needed for the SDW/CWF loan closing. Money was saved in water and sewer; but existing storm needed replacing, as well as additional material needed for about 150 feet on either side of the creek. **Motion by J. Anderson to approve updated information for the change order, 2nd by J. Tranberg. Discussion: none. Roll call vote : D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.**

Property remodel at 304 W 2nd Street for Lori & Todd Reismann. They want to build a new garage to replace the 3 buildings that have been cobbled together. They would like to build larger than our ordinance allows. This will need to go to a Public Property/Building or Police/Ordinance Committee to look into.

Friends of Lake Henry dredging proposal: Mike Ressel stated that in August this non-profit was created to support the Lake project. They have looked into 2 over-the-road trucking options for mechanical dredging; cutting out the railroad and utility obstacles that we run into in the park and reducing the price of the project by at least \$80,000. They would like to switch from hydraulic dredging to mechanical dredging. J. Anderson commented that we need to prove a substantial savings to the DNR to go to mechanical dredging. **Motion by C. Ekern for SEH to pursue mechanical dredging option using the Friends of Lake Henry suggestions, 2nd by J. Tranberg. Discussion: Roll call vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.**

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Street Sweeping outsourced: The City contacted Supreme Sweeping for a quote for sweeping the City of Blair. Tim Radke came down and looked at what would need to be done. He estimated a cost of \$10,000-12,000 a year with Andy helping him out. **Motion by J. Tranberg to use Supreme Sweeping for cleaning streets, 2nd by P. Syverson. Discussion: none. Roll call vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.**

Ehler's Arbitrage Consulting Services: Ehler's will monitor our loans for free, but if extra reporting is needed then they will charge for their services. **Motion by C. Ekern to use Ehler's for Arbitrage consulting, 2nd by P. Syverson. Discussion: none. Roll call vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.**

Information only: GEC building permits

Server license for approval: Lacey Hoem. **Motion by J. Tranberg to approve application, 2nd by D. Stephenson. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Motion by P. Syverson to pay the bills (vouchers #61075-61234, R183, V1006-1035, WI 239-241, ETF1-2024, EFTPS120123, 121523, 122923, Def Comp 173-175), 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion: none. Roll call vote: A. Stevens-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, J. Anderson-yes, P. Syverson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, D. Stephenson-yes. Motion carried.

Next Common Council Meeting, Monday, February 5, 2024

Motion by C. Ekern to adjourn at 6:59 pm, 2nd by A. Stevens. Discussion-none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Debra Fremstad, Clerk/Treasurer