

Common Council Meeting minutes, October 2, 2023 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, Josh Low-Ehlers, Kent Johnson, Cheese Fest- Mary Oldendorf, Richard Tenneson, Gwen Kidd, and Brian Stenberg, Clerk/Treasurer-Debi Fremstad.

Agenda was posted on 9/27/23 at City Hall, Post Office, Waumandee Bank, & City website.

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

Public Comment: Cheese Festival members voiced concerns over 2023 truck/tractor pull waiver. Jeremy Tranberg has concerns over the way things are being run with our City.

Motion by D. Stephenson to approve September 7, 2023 council minutes, 2nd by J. Tranberg. Discussion: Paul Syverson pointed out 3 small changes in the water/sewer meeting. Debi will make those changes in the minutes. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Stephenson, to place on file the minutes for the 9/19/23 Police & Ordinance Meeting, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Resolution #2023-10-2-1 is an update to resolution 2023-3-6-2. The amount of expenditures to be reimbursed with proceeds of the Bonds from the Safe Drinking Water Fund Loan has been increased by \$450,000. **Motion by J. Anderson to approve Resolution #2023-10-2-1, 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.**

Resolution #2023-10-2-2 is an update to resolution 2023-3-6-1. The amount of expenditures to be reimbursed with proceeds of the Bonds from the Clean Water Fund Loan has been increased by \$450,000. **Motion by P. Syverson to approve Resolution #2023-10-2-2, 2nd by D. Stephenson. 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.**

The City will need to engage bond counsel to assist with the CWF and SDW loans. **Motion by D. Stephenson to approve using Quarles and Brady as our bond counsel, 2nd by P. Syverson. 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.**

Josh Low from Ehler's Inc stated that Ehler's had reached out to local banks for interim financing. The rate from Waumandee State Bank came in as the low bid with 3.75%. The closing will be around October 23. This money will get the City through the construction process. Resolution #2023-10-2-3 is to award Waumandee State Bank the sale of \$1,113,000 General Obligation Promissory Note, Series 2023A for the sewer portion of the Broadway/Pearl street project. **Motion by J. Anderson to approve Resolution #2023-10-2-3, 2nd by C. Ekern. 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.** Resolution #2023-10-2-4 is to award

Waumandee State Bank the sale of \$1,326,000 General Obligation Promissory Note, Series 2023A for the water portion of the Broadway/Pearl street project. **Motion by C. Ekern to approve Resolution #2023-10-2-4, 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.**

Motion by C. Ekern to approve Soul Sisters street closure for 10/14/2023, 2nd by D. Stephenson. Discussion: P. Syverson-how many closures can an establishment apply for in a year. Mayor Rawson-we have no set limit. Jeremy Tranberg-are we making them sign a waiver. Mayor Rawson-no. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Ekern to approve the Blair-Preston Fire Department temporary class B liquor license for 10/21/2023, 2nd by J. Tranberg. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Server license for approval: Jacob Anderegg, Kollin Christenson, Ashley Stenberg. **Motion by P. Syverson to approve all server applications, 2nd by J. Tranberg. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Motion by J. Tranberg to accept the residency requirement waiver for Officer Wood, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion: J. Anderson-how much further outside the city is he? Chief Johnson-right around the 20-mile mark. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Police & Ordinance meeting recommendations-D. Stephenson. The following ordinances were looked at: Chapter 38-Snowmobile and other vehicles (delete 38.03(3)(d), 38.03(3)(e) delete a valid motor vehicle operator's license to consistent with state statutes), Chapter 21-Possession and Discharge of Firearms (change title of 21.05 to Discharge of Firearms and other Weapons and Instruments), Chapter 16-Police (eliminate 16.02(3) and (4) at state statute dictates mutual aid), Chapter 18-Public Health Hazards (amend 18.06(3) to 18.06(3)(a) Decorative cars, project and derby cars are allowed if project and derby cars are covered with a cover designed for said vehicles when not actually being worked on; amend 18.12(1)(b) remove "or" on line one and remove "written" on line two and add "or a documented violation"; amend 18.12(1)(c)(14) replace with "Unlawful conduct in violation of City Ordinance 40.02; amend 18.12 (2)(a) the Chief may declare the property a Chronic Nuisance and notify the premises owner in person or in writing; amend 18.12 (2)(b) eliminate certified and add verbally), Chapter 37-Parking Restrictions and Abandoned Vehicles (amend 37.01(2)(a) by removing properties on both the east and west sides and replace with property on the east side and by adding (d) South side of First Street to the south of the police department and USPS driveways and adding (e) South side of East Center St and west side of Pumphouse Rd; 37.01(10) add responding emergency personnel are exempt from parking restrictions; 37.02 add Vehicles in violation of this chapter may be towed at owner's expense), Chapter 43-Regulations of Large Gatherings (43.03(2)(b) replace American Legions Post 231 with Blair Sportsmen Club; add (d) Rita Tranberg Memorial; add (E) July 3, Fireworks over Blair), Chapter 28-Snow Removal (amend 28.01(1) by eliminating Chief of Police and replacing with designee; 28.03(3) Vehicles in violation of this chapter may be towed immediately at owner's expense), Chapter 44-Trepass (amend 44.01(2) add word "attending" after hours; 44.03(3)

removing and devices engaged in maintenance and upkeep of the trail with in the performance of their duties), Chapter 46 Zoning (discussion needed with attorney), Chapter 27-Plumbing (amend 27.02(2) eliminate City and replace with Building Inspector; amend 27.02(3) by eliminating not to exceed five dollars (\$5.00) must accompany the application with will be calculated by the Building Inspector), Chapter 50-Flood Plain (50.10 add additional statement that would read failure to rectify problem in a reasonable amount of time may result in additional citations being issued on a daily basis), Chapter 62-Recycling (amend 62.13(2) major appliances shall be dropped of at City Shop on Spring Street twice a year during the City of Blair clean up days). **Motion by C. Ekern to have City Attorney draft changes, 2nd by J. Tranberg. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Motion by J. Anderson to approve money for the rehabilitation of well #6, 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 on the soil borings at 1110 E Olson Street commercial property. The cost is not \$300 as previously mentioned, but estimated at \$8,000-10,000. Council tasked Clerk with getting more estimates for the soil borings.

Information only: GEC building permits.

Motion by C. Ekern to pay the bills, 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.

Next Common Council Meeting, Monday, November 6, 2023

Motion by D. Stephenson to adjourn at 7:31 pm, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion-none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Debra Fremstad, Clerk/Treasurer