

**CITY OF FORT ATKINSON**  
**City Council Minutes ~ July 16, 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, City Engineer and Assistant City Engineer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 2, 2019 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Cm. Johnson moved, seconded by Cm. Hartwick to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2019 regular Council meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Bills, 303 Wilcox Street addressed the Council regarding the speed limit on Janesville Avenue/Business Hwy 26. He referenced a Statute that discusses the necessity for a study prior to reducing speed limits on various streets. He recommended only changing the speed limit from S. Fourth Street to Park Street versus S. Fourth Street to Rockwell Avenue. He monitored Janesville Avenue for 1.5 hours and only witnessed a handful of people crossing the street and they did not use the crosswalk.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

*a. Ordinance designating five parking stalls in Lot 5, west of Post Office and east of Main Street as two-hour parking from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays.*

Manager Trebatoski stated this is the second reading of the Ordinance. No comments or concerns were presented.

Cm. Hartwick moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to send the ordinance to its third reading. Motion carried.

*b. Ordinance restricting two-hour parking on McMillen Street from East Sherman Avenue to North Fourth Street on the east side only.*

Manager Trebatoski stated this is the second reading of the Ordinance. No comments or concerns were presented.

Cm. Johnson moved, seconded by Cm. Becker to send the ordinance to its third reading. Motion carried.

c. *Ordinance amending speed limit on Janesville Avenue from 35 m.p.h. to 25 m.p.h. from South Fourth Street to Rockwell Avenue.*

Engineer Selle discussed the recommendation. He discussed the study to be performed to provide documentation which would serve as justification to lowering the speed limit. The State does provide minimal requirements of speed limits for various streets. Selle shared concerns with four lanes of traffic traveling at various speeds when pedestrians attempt to cross between Jones Park and Jones Market. At times, two of the lanes would stop while the other lanes of traffic do not realize a pedestrian is in the crosswalk. He also confirmed more research will be done on a traffic/speed study and discussion on extending the limit to Park Street or Rockwell Avenue.

Cm. Becker asked if there is a cost associated with the study? Selle stated the traditional radar gun (used by Police) is not necessarily the best way. He will look into various forms of technology to perform the study.

Manager Trebatoski assured the Council of the extra week between this meeting and the next Council meeting, would allow additional time to review the recommendations. Council also has the option to send the Ordinance to a fourth reading versus adopting the Ordinance after the third reading.

Cm. Hartwick moved, seconded by Cm. Becker to send the ordinance to its third reading. Motion carried.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

a. *Minutes of Joint Review Board meeting held June 27, 2019.*

b. *Minutes of Plan Commission meeting held July 9, 2019.*

c. *Building, Plumbing and Electrical Permit Report for June, 2019.*

d. *Minutes of Historic Preservation Commission meetings held May 13, 2019 and June 10, 2019.*

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

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. *Recommendation from Plan Commission to approve Ordinance amendment pertaining to condominium plat approvals.*

Assistant Engineer Williamson reviewed the recommendation that would require the City review plats of new condominiums prior to being recorded by the County to confirm appropriate utility locations and joint use of utilities.

Cm. Hartwick moved, seconded by Cm. Becker suspend the rules, waive the second and third readings of the Ordinance amendment pertaining to condominium plan approvals. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Cm. Hartwick moved, seconded by Cm. Becker to approve and adopt the recommendation from Plan Commission to approve Ordinance amendment pertaining to condominium plat approvals. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

## NEW BUSINESS

a. *Review and approve purchase of new handicapped accessible van for Shared Ride Taxi Program.*

Engineer Selle discussed the authorization from the State for the Shared Ride Program to purchase a new 2019 Dodge Grand Caravan. As part of the program, the City will purchase and retain ownership. The vehicle is then leased to Brown Cab for the taxi program. The purchase will be through the state contract. A quote from Ewald Motors of Oconomowoc was \$36,330.50. The City will be reimbursed \$29,064.40 from the State of Wisconsin and an Easter Seals Grant of \$7,266.10. There is zero cost to the City of Fort Atkinson.

Cm. Hartwick moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to approve the purchase of a 2019 Dodge Grand Caravan from Ewald Motors of Oconomowoc not to exceed \$36,330.50 for the Shared Ride Taxi Program, including the plate fee. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

## MISCELLANEOUS

a. *Approve Special Event for MS Best Dam Bike Ride to be held on August 4, 2019 and for use of municipal parking lot at North Water Street and Mechanic Street.*

Clerk Ebbert reviewed the request for use of the parking lot. 2 Rivers is requesting the use of the lot in conjunction with the bike ride. No special requests are made of Departments.

Cm. Johnson moved, seconded by Cm. Scherer to approve the Special Event for MS Best Dam Bike Ride to be held on August 4, 2019 and for use of municipal parking lot at North Water Street and Mechanic Street. Motion carried.

b. *Granting operator licenses.*

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

c. *Temporary Class "B" beer and/or wine license for Easton's Cause event to be held at Ralph Park on July 20-21, 2019.*

Cm. Hartwick moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to approve the Temporary Class "B" Beer license for Easton's Cause event to be held at Ralph Park on July 20-21, 2019 contingent upon having licensed bartenders and purchasing products from a distributor/wholesaler. Motion carried.

## CLAIMS, APPROPRIATIONS AND CONTRACT PAYMENTS

a. *Verified claims.*

Cm. Becker moved, seconded by Cm. Scherer 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. Scherer to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

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Michelle Ebbert, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

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PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL