

CITY OF FORT ATKINSON
City Council Minutes ~ July 18, 2017

CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

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

ROLL CALL.

Present: Cm. Kotz, Cwmn. Gehred, Cm. Lescohier, Cm. Hartwick and Pres. Becker. Also present: City Manager, City Attorney, City Engineer and City Clerk/Treasurer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2017 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Motion made by Cm. Kotz, seconded by Cm. Hartwick to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2017 regular Council meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Public hearing on annual review of City's Comprehensive Plan.

Resident Ann Engelman provided an email to the Council requesting the Council "think of potential new City projects and those on the books, in long range and creative terms".

After three calls, Pres. Becker closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. Request by Police Chief to present officer and citizen awards.

Chief Bump presented life-saving awards to Officers and Citizens.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

None.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

a. Building, Plumbing and Electrical Permit Report for June, 2017.

Motion by Cm. Hartwick, second by Cm. Lescohier to approve the reports of officers, boards and committees. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Progress report on adult care facilities.

Engineer Selle provided an update on the adult care facilities. Ambulance calls increased in the first and second quarter. Total fire calls are similar to the first and second quarters of 2016. There was a substantial increase in call volume to police. Active providers are engaged as are City staff, however many key providers are missing.

Troy Hansen, Abilities Inc, was present to address the Council. He spoke on meeting attendance and efforts made to reduce preventable calls.

Cwmn. Gehred asked if Aster and Wellington Homes are owned locally. Aster is not owned locally and Wellington owners were unknown at the time of the meeting. Both facilities were requested to be present at meetings however no response or presence was noted.

Cm. Hartwick asked if the City can become tighter on restrictions for adult family homes. Attorney Rogers stated we have to make reasonable accommodations. Any limitations or restrictions added would be for new facilities, not existing.

Cwmn. Gehred asked if the next phase of Aster can be adjusted. Attorney Rogers stated it would be hard to stop or alter the next phase or addition. The site plan for both phases was approved in prior years. Manager Trebatoski stated staff can follow up with Aster and continue the open invitation to participate in the consortium.

Cm. Hartwick asked if the City could look into hiring additional police officers. Trebatoski replied the Council could look for ways to budget for additional officers; it would involve diverting resources from other areas of the City budget.

Cm. Hartwick moved to continue the moratorium for two months. Motion fails due to lack of a second.

Cm. Kotz moved to accept and file the report and progress report on adult care facilities and continue the moratorium. Cwmn. Gehred seconded the motion. Motion carried with Cm. Hartwick opposed.

b. Evergreen Pond discussion.

Pres. Becker reiterated the discussion that took place at the June 20th meeting. Mrs. Anderson submitted a request for the City to repair the detention pond and build another detention pond.

Engineer Selle reviewed the report provided to Council. He discussed the private reservoir created by a private dam. Selle feels the use of public funds towards Evergreen Pond is not the responsibility of, nor in the best interest of the residents of Fort Atkinson. Selle continued based on Mrs. Anderson's recent request to construct a second detention facility is difficult, as a large area would be needed, larger than the existing area of Evergreen Pond.

Cm. Lescohier reviewed some of the history. He stated it has been the City's position all along that it is not our responsibility for the sediment that has settled. This is a private matter and should not be corrected by the use of public funds for a private dam.

Jane Anderson, 1216 Sherman Avenue West – provided the condition of the dam and history of the property, easement and deeds.

Pres. Becker asked about an attachment in the Council packet that was signed by property owners. Mrs. Anderson stated it was a neighborhood agreement over 30 years ago and is unstable. She was not provided this document upon purchase of her property.

Pres. Becker reminded the Council that a consultant is being sought for the stormwater plan review, per Engineer Selle. Additional information may be provided in the future.

No action was taken at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Annual review of City's Comprehensive Plan.

Manager Trebatoski reviewed the comprehensive plan as required annually. The review included documenting projects that were completed and inserting timelines of progress.

Cwmn. Gehred asked about the land division codes. She does not feel it complies with the comprehensive plan and hopes to provide suggestions.

Frankie Fuller, N3603 Buena Vista Road – she spoke on property sustainability and solar energy. She supports alternative energy and the use of solar.

Cm. Hartwick supports the City to keep working on the projects in the comprehensive plan.

Cm. Lescohier moved to accept and file the annual review of City's comprehensive plan. Motion was seconded by Cm. Hartwick and carried.

b. Review and approve contract for long line painting as budgeted.

Engineer Selle reviewed the quote for long line painting. One quote was received from Crowley Construction for \$13,984.76. Final quantities and cost could slightly increase or decrease over the estimate upon completion.

Motion made by Cm. Hartwick to approve the contract for long line painting as budgeted with Crowley Construction at a quote of \$13,984.76. Motion seconded by Cm. Lescohier and carried on a roll call vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

a. Granting operator licenses.

Motion by Cm. Hartwick, second by Cm. Kotz to approve the granting of operator licenses. Motion carried.

b. City, Sewer, Water and Stormwater Utility Financial Statements as of June 30, 2017.

Motion by Cm. Hartwick, second by Cm. Kotz to accept and file the City, Sewer, Water and Stormwater Utility Financial Statements as of June 30, 2017. Motion carried.

CLAIMS, APPROPRIATIONS AND CONTRACT PAYMENTS

a. Verified claims.

Motion by Cm. Kotz, second by Cm. Lescohier to approve the verified claims as presented by the Director of Finance and authorize payment. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Cm. Hartwick, second by Cwmn. Gehred to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Meeting adjourned.

Michelle Ebbert, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL