

CITY OF FORT ATKINSON
City Council Minutes ~ August 20, 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 and Pres. Kotz. Excused absence: Cm. Hartwick. Also present: City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk/Treasurer, City Engineer, Assistant City Engineer and Water Utility Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 2019 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Cm. Becker moved, seconded by Cm. Scherer to approve the minutes of August 6, 2019 regular council meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Shipley, 101 E. Sherman Ave. spoke on behalf of the ordinance amending the speed limit on Janesville Avenue. He opposes the reduction.

Carrie Kendrick, 12 Krause Ave. spoke on behalf of the ordinance amending the speed limit on Janesville Avenue. She opposes the reduction. She has not seen or heard any issues of safety. Seems like an extra cost for signage changes. Industrial driven street and thinks the speed should remain. Thinks monies can be spent in other areas including road repairs.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

a. 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 stated the information requested from the last meeting is not fully available and it is recommended to table this item until late September.

Cm. Becker has heard more comments of people opposed to the reduction. He shared the comments of residents that want to improve the crosswalk. Becker suggested a reduction to 30 m.p.h. as a less of a drastic drop.

Cm. Johnson referred to the study that showed over 60% of drivers were over 35 mph. The street seems designed for higher traffic and speeds. Johnson does see a problem requiring the reduction and feels it may be unnecessary. He stated he is to serve the public and he has not heard that the public wants the speed reduction.

Cm. Scherer stated the data may not reveal a problem, but if you were to go to Janesville Avenue and attempt to cross, you may experience difficulty and an unsafe environment.

Cm. Becker moved, seconded by Cm. Scherer to table the Ordinance amending the speed limit on Janesville Avenue. Motion carried.

b. Existing Employer Update Resolution Wisconsin Public Employer's Group Health Insurance Program.

Clerk Ebbert reviewed the resolution necessary following the revised manual of the Employer's Group Health Insurance. No changes to the health insurance are being made.

Cm. Johnson moved, seconded by Cm. Becker to approve and adopt Resolution for Wisconsin Public Employer's Group Health Insurance Program. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

a. Minutes of Sex Offender Residence Board meeting held August 8, 2019.

b. Minutes of Tourism Commission meeting held May 16, 2019.

c. Minutes of Historical Society Board meeting held July 18, 2019.

Cm. Scherer moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to approve the Reports of Officers, Boards and Committees. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Update to design of mural proposed to be put on south wall (facing the river) of the Water Utility Service Center.

Rodger Thomann of the Beautification Council was in attendance to review the changes to the planned mural. The revision will highlight the agricultural theme and transportation history. A revised picture was shared with the Council with minor adjustments. October 12th is the anticipated deadline for completion.

Cm. Becker moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to approve the update to design of mural proposed to be put on the south wall (facing the river) of the Water Utility Service Center. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Review and approve bid and Rental Agreement for lease of agriculture land at Klement Business Park.

Engineer Selle reviewed the solo bid from GCW Schultz Farm for a three year rental.

2020 - \$210.00/acre \$5,796.00 – total bid

2021 - \$215.00/acre \$5,934.00 – total bid

2022 - \$220.00/acre \$6,072.00 – total bid.

Cm. Becker moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to approve the bid and Rental Agreement of lease of agriculture land at Klement Business Park for the period of 2020-2022 with GCW Schultz Farm at the noted rates. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

b. Review and approve construction of south downtown entry feature.

Manager Trebatoski reviewed the Council action in 2017 approving the installation of an entrance feature at the corner of the Creamery Building. The feature was designed to match the existing masonry throughout the downtown and was intended to be one of two features. The second located at the NE corner of S. Main Street and S. Third Street. Funding is available in the Downtown TIF District. The estimated cost with contingency is \$10,234.

Cm. Becker and Cm. Johnson discussed a few alterations to the sign including position and a reverse side to the sign. Staff will obtain an updated quote and provide various sign positions.

Cm. Becker moved, seconded by Cm. Scherer to table this item to the next meeting. Motion carried.

c. Review and approve Agreement for long line painting.

Engineer Selle discussed the long line painting that took place last year by Dane County. We are requesting to utilize Dane County again for the painting on streets highlighted as presented to Council. They will also be painting a double yellow line on Hackbarth Road from Janesville Avenue to South Main Street and the cost will be shared by the Town of Koshkonong. The final billing will be based on actual labor and material cost to paint the streets. The actual cost should be lower than estimated.

Cm. Johnson moved, seconded by Cm. Becker to approve the agreement for long line painting with Dane Council not to exceed \$14,400 and to authorize signatures on the agreement. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

d. Review and approve emergency repairs to Well #6.

Water Supervisor Tim Hayden reviewed the emergency repairs necessary for the well. The soft start has failed rendering the well inoperable. Electrician Armstrong suggested installation of a variable frequency drive (VFD). A VFD is standard on new installations and allows pumps to slowly ramp up to a speed and monitor and adjust the speed by use of the SCADA system. The VFD and associated materials will cost \$17,460. Focus on Energy will be providing a cash rebate for approximately \$4,000. The programming modifications will be completed at time and materials not to exceed \$7,000. No residents have been affected by this.

Cm. Becker moved, seconded by Cm. Scherer to approve the emergency repairs to Well #6 and to purchase the equipment from Altronex not to exceed a cost of \$24,640. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

a. Temporary Class "B" beer and/or wine license for St. Joseph's Fall Festival on September 8, 2019.

Cm. Scherer moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to approve the Temporary Class "B" Beer/wine license for St. Joseph's Fall Festival on September 8, 2019 contingent upon purchasing beverages from a wholesaler and having licensed operators. Motion carried.

b. Granting operator licenses.

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

c. City, Sewer, Water and Stormwater Utility Financial Statements as of July 31, 2019.

Cm. Becker moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to approve the City, Sewer, Water and Stormwater Utility Financial Statements as of July 31, 2019. Motion carried.

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

Cm. Becker moved, seconded by Cm. Scherer to move into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e), Wisconsin Statutes, to consider purchase of public property. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Council will not reconvene into open session.

CLAIMS, APPROPRIATIONS AND CONTRACT PAYMENTS

a. Verified claims.

Cm. Becker moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson 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. Johnson moved, seconded by Cm. Scherer to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Michelle Ebbert, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL