

**CITY OF FORT ATKINSON**  
**City Council Minutes ~ September 4, 2018**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

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

ROLL CALL.

Present: Cm. Kotz, Cm. Johnson, Cm. Lescohier, Cm. Hartwick and Pres. Becker. Also present City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk/Treasurer, City Engineer, Police Chief and Fire Chief.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2018 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Cm. Hartwick moved, seconded by Cm. Kotz to approve the minutes of August 21, 2018 regular council meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. *Public hearing on request to rezone Lots 1 and 2 from C-1 (Service Business District) to R-2 (Two Family Residential) and Lot 3 from C-1 (Service Business District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential) in the Second Addition to Highland Heights Subdivision.*

After three calls, President Becker closed the public hearing without comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

a. *Resolution combining Wards for the November 6, 2018 General Election.*

Cm. Hartwick moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to approve and adopt Resolution combining wards for November 6, 2018 General Election. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

a. *Appointment of Steve Mahoney to Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to fill unexpired term to 2019.*

Cm. Lescohier moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to approve the appointment of Steve Mahoney to Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to fill unexpired term to 2019. Motion carried.

b. *Minutes of Planning Commission meeting held August 28, 2018.*

Cm. Hartwick moved, seconded by Cm. Lescohier to accept and file the reports of Officers, Boards and Committees. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. *Recommendation from Planning Commission to rezone Lots 1 and 2 from C-1 (Service Business District) to R-2 (Two Family Residential) and Lot 3 from C-1 (Service Business District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential) in the Second Addition to Highland Heights Subdivision and Ordinance.*

Engineer Selle stated these are the last remaining lots in this subdivision, zoning is consistent with the area and proposed residential development.

Cm. Kotz moved, seconded by Cm. Hartwick to move the ordinance to its second reading. Motion carried.

*b. Progress report on adult care facilities.*

Cm. Kotz moved, seconded by Cm. Hartwick to remove this item from the table for discussion and possible action. Motion carried.

Chief Bump reviewed the progress of the group and provided charts that reflected calls per quarter for the Police, Fire and Ambulance. Call volume appears to be steady or increasing across the three services and confirms that the best run facility will still require a base level of emergency service for their population. At this time, it is recommended for the moratorium to remain in place with another review in five months.

Cm. Hartwick asked on the relationship with Jefferson County Services. Has there been a reduction in time the Officers have spent at the hospital following the relationship. Bump noted a struggle across the State on the lack of facilities that can give attention to emergency detention situations. Bump confirmed some progress has been made with eliminating the Officer quicker from the situation at the hospital where the facilities/group home employee could be available at the hospital to stay with the resident/patient requiring attention.

Cm. Lescohier asked if Chief anticipates a rough deadline for when the moratorium could be lifted. Bump confirmed the data provides a continuous need for additional services on top of a heavy workload faced by the Police, Fire and EMS. Discussion continued on the temporary status and how often to review the data. Bump confirmed it could take a few months to finalize the initiatives and goals of the group.

Cm. Kotz asked if Bump feels that the Department is not providing adequate services to all members of the community as time is spent responding to various calls outlined in the study results. Bump does not feel the community is lacking emergency personnel as there will always be an Officer, Fire Personnel or EMS that can and will respond to calls.

Michael Zore owner of Someplace Nice, addressed the Council and shared a power point created to present call data. FACC suggests to discontinue tracking 911 calls as they continue to work towards a sustainable long term plan for adult care.

Council discussed various topics including types of facilities, population levels and services levels at current Staff levels of Police and Fire.

Cm. Hartwick moved to continue the moratorium for two months. Cm. Johnson seconded the motion. Cm. Kotz asked if two months is enough time? Hartwick stated it forces FACC to report back in two months with an update on ordinance creation and action on initiatives. Motion carries on a roll call vote with Kotz and Lescohier opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. *Review and approve Memorandum of Understanding with Ryan Bros. Ambulance for operation of EMS response unit in Fire Department.*

Chief Rausch reviewed the MOU that formally spelled out how the FAFD and Ryan Brothers interact and operate. The document does not modify how each agency works to provide services but instead recognizes the expanded capabilities of the FAFD. Ryan Bros. still remains the primary 911 emergency provider and still works with Fort HealthCare to provide interfacility transfers to and from the hospital. This agreement has no financial impact, no changes on the existing contract and no changes on dispatch.

Cm. Lescohier moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to approve the memorandum of understanding with Ryan Bros Ambulance for operation of EMS response unit in Fire Department. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

a. *Granting operator licenses.*

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

CLAIMS, APPROPRIATIONS AND CONTRACT PAYMENTS

a. *Verified claims.*

Cm. Lescohier moved to approve the list of verified claims submitted by the Director of Finance and authorize payment. Motion seconded by Cm. Kotz and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Cm. Johnson moved, seconded by Cm. Hartwick to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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Michelle Ebbert, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

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PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL