

Council Minutes  
December 12, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor Treig Pronschinske, presiding over the meeting at the Marten Center, 120 S. Franklin Street, Mondovi, WI.

ROLL CALL:

Council members present: Schultz, Smith, Gunderson, Erickson, Nelson, Avery and Conrad. Also present was Mayor Pronschinske and City Administrator/Clerk Hanson.

OPEN MEETINGS LAW COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION:

City administrator advised Council that the Mondovi Herald was provided the agenda notice and publication on Monday, December 4, 2017 and it was posted in the public notice locations on Friday, December 8, 2017.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Dwight Winberg had a question he directed to the council of a comment that was made by a council member about an employee between the end of a regular council meeting and going into closed session.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Removals under new business: #2 (Hudson Street Winter parking) #4 (Police Chief job description) #9 (Sex offender residency appeal), to move (n) adjourn into closed session regarding forensic audit in front of (h) (unfinished business from previous meeting) and to add on additions to Finance report of checks #43105 thru #43108 totaling \$2,776.80 and check #43042 totaling \$285,622.50 for a grand total of \$427,536.66. Motion by Smith and seconded by Gunderson to approve the consent agenda with the removals and corrections made. Motion carried.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION:

At 6:42 p.m. motion by Smith and seconded by Schultz to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1) (f) regarding forensic audit. Motion carried. The closed session was held at City Hall due to no separate room at the Marten Center.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

At 7:17 p.m. motion by Smith and seconded by Gunderson to resume into open session. Motion carried.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Avery and seconded by Nelson to grant permission to release report from closed session on forensic audit. Motion carried.

City Administrator/Clerk Hanson disclosed that the settlement on the claim indicated that the 33 lots owned by Peeso Creek Developers will be transferred to the City (worth in excess of \$660,000.00 being valued at a minimum of approx. \$20,000.00 per lot) with the City paying them no more than \$30,000.00 for expenses in clearing the title on the lots. The document is a public document and copies will be available to anyone at no charge to them after the meeting. Attorney Steven Biskupic spoke briefly explaining why this settlement is in the best interest of tax payers. This case goes back to 2005 and being over 10 years old has many reasons to be difficult to settle. The North Creek Developers promise before December 31, 2017 to have their lawyers prepare necessary legal documents to transfer to the city full ownership free and clear title the 33 lots described in the law suit. Within 30 days the City will reimburse the Developers not more than \$30,000.00 towards their expenses. The Mayor announces that the legal counsel for the City has advised to postpone the public release of forensic audit information and the total loss amounts at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

No unfinished business from previous meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMP TIME CARRY OVER INTO 2018 FOR JOE LARSON:

Motion by Gunderson and seconded by Smith to allow Joe Larson to carry over his approx. 3 hours of comp time into 2018. Motion carried.

APPROVE & ADOPT RESOLUTION #R-17-12-01 TO INCREASE PART-TIME POLICE RESERVES MAXIMUM SALARY TO \$16.50/HOUR:

Motion by Smith and seconded by Nelson to approve Resolution #R-17-12-01 to increase the part-time reserve officers salary to a maximum of \$16.50 per hour effective on 1/1/18. Motion carried with Conrad voting no.

PUBLIC RELEASE OF FINANCIALS INVOLVING FORENSIC AUDIT:

Mayor again reminded council that legal counsel for the City has advised to postpone the public release of forensic audit information.

APPROVE & ADOPT ORDINANCE #O-17-12-01 2017 BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Motion by Avery and seconded by Schultz to approve Ordinance #O-17-12-01 for 2017 budget amendment changes allocating wages and expenses to different departments. Motion carried.

APPOINT PERSON TO FILL VACANCY ON THE POLICE CHIEF HIRING COMMITTEE:

Motion by Avery and seconded by Schultz to affirm appointment of Duane (Dewey) Bauer to the police chief hiring committee. Motion carried.

APPROVE SEH WORK FOR THE MULTI-DISCHARGE VARIANCE (MDV) FOR THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT:

Motion by Gunderson and seconded by Schultz to approve SEH filing the application for a Multi-Discharge Variance request with a lump sum fee of \$850.00 for expenses and equipment for work on waste water treatment plant (our permit expires in the summer of 2018). Motion carried.

APPROVE & ADOPT RESOLUTION #R-17-12-03 TO APPOINT CHIEF ELECTION INSPECTORS AND SPECIAL VOTING DEPUTIES FOR THE 2018-2019 TERM:

Motion by Conrad and seconded by Smith to approve and adopt Resolution #R-17-12-03 listing the chief election inspectors and special voting deputies for the 2018-2019 election term. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS:

City Administrator/Clerk Hanson updated council on several items that will be discussed at the next regular council meeting on 1/9/18.

APPROVAL OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

Motion by Smith and seconded by Schultz to approve operator licenses for Harlijo E. Linberg and Cassandra J. Kees (both at Buzz's) and Temporary Class "B" Beer Picnic license for Mondovi-Gilmanton Sno-Blazers on 1/13/18 (tent on Buffalo Co. Fairgrounds N. Harrison St. (David Green). Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Council member Avery commented on what an excellent Holiday Christmas Parade was held in the city.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

Mayor informed council of the next scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Conrad and seconded by Nelson to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

