

COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting between joint council and school board was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by Mayor Treig Pronschinske, who presided over the meeting held at Prevea Health, 250 State Hwy 37, Mondovi, WI.

ROLL CALL:

Council members present: Erickson, Conrad, Smith, Gunderson, Schultz and Nelson. Absent: Avery. Also present were 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, March 5, 2018 and it was posted in the public notice locations on Friday, March 9, 2018.

JOINT SESSION:

Discussion between Council and School Board on levy limits, comprehensive plan work, operational referendum for school and how to attract business and residents to our area. Mayor talked about city growth, good affordable housing and jobs in our area. Hanson talked about budget cuts (\$60,000.00 next year) and passing a referendum to decrease city debt. Corning (School Superintendent) discussed thoughts on an operational referendum and capital improvement plan for the school. It was mentioned to possibly get resident participation for the city and school through a survey.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Rita Brunkow had several questions on the WWTP, citizen and community input and regards to 3P (public, private and partnership). Hanson and Mayor Pronschinske responded to her questions.

REGULAR SESSION:

At 7:15 p.m. City Council resumed regular session.

1. Motion by Smith and seconded by Schultz to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1) (f) Forensic Audit. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Schultz and seconded by Nelson to return to open session at 7:29 p.m. Motion carried.
3. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION: Mayor Pronschinske entertained a motion to release from closed session information from the contribution agreement to the public. Motion by Conrad and seconded by Gunderson to release information to the public. Motion carried. Steve Biskupic (legal counsel for forensic audit) released public information from the contribution agreement between the city and Baker-Tilly. The city will receive \$75,000.00 from Baker-Tilly to help offset legal and accounting expenses that the city incurred with the North Creek Developers lawsuit and Forensic Audit.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Schultz and seconded by Gunderson to approve the consent agenda with additions to vouchers payable of check #43370 thru #43380 and manual checks #2018017 & 2018018 totaling \$43,423.34 for a grand total of \$179,626.76 and to remove the MAC. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

1. APPROVE & ADOPT RESOLUTION #R-18-03-01 EVOC STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE POV RESPONSE: Mayor informed council that Resolution #R-18-03-01 should be postponed for approval until the resolution and guidelines for POV response can be gone thru with the Fire Department getting their thoughts. Motion by Erickson and seconded by Schultz to postpone until we are more prepared and the guidelines can be discussed with the Fire Department. Motion carried.
2. PEESO CREEK TERRACE LOTS: Hanson informed council that the city has received an offer on a lot in PCT. City attorney advised that we need to get an appraisal of the lots first. JC Norby (Eau Claire) will do a market analysis for the city at a cost of \$500.00. Motion by Smith and seconded by Schultz to postpone lot offer. Motion carried.
3. RECYCLE CENTER HOURS: After some discussion on what hours and days for the recycle center to be open the Mayor informed that the county is getting money from the State for recycling but the city is not getting money from the county to run the recycling program at present. Motion by Smith and seconded by Erickson to give the same proposal to the county as before of having the recycle center open from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays every week which is more than doubling our current open hours with the county giving us \$7500.00 towards the program. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FEASIBILITY STUDY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Hanson said that (7) Engineering firms were present on Saturday, March 10, 2018 to give presentations on WWTP project. Smith wanted to know what the process will be for deciding who to choose to do the job. Hanson informed council that we do not have to go with the low bid but what is best for the city. A citizen commented that someone should check on referrals and customer satisfaction on the different firms that could be hired to do the job. Motion by Nelson and seconded by Smith to table the issue until the next council meeting on March 27, 2018 with the (2) council members on the Utility committee making up the criteria for hiring a firm. Motion carried.
2. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:
 - a. FEMA FLOODPLAIN MITIGATION GRANT APPLICATION DIRECTION: Hanson informed council that 10 communities are looking at applying for 2 million dollars worth of grant money. Motion by Gunderson and seconded by Schultz to approve seeking a grant writer for up to \$5,000.00 to get grant money for a retention pond. Motion carried with Conrad and Smith voting no with Nelson abstaining.
 - b. PARK BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECOMMENDATION TO PURSUE GRANT FOR PROPERTY ACQUISITION: Smith commented that we already have (5) parks and do not need any more land. After some discussion no action was taken on the \$1,500.00 grant for the Buffalo River trail grant.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS:

Hanson informed council of the part-time Administrative Assistant interviews, city insurance (Benefit Advisors) vitality program, supplemental insurance at no cost to city and that he talked with the city attorney on installing park playground equipment.

APPROVAL OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

Motion by Schultz and seconded by Conrad to approve operator licenses for Kari A. Kent (White Pig) and Joseph A. Palmer (Dollar General). Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Council thanked school for use of building for meeting with WWTP Engineers, Gunderson Foods for the food donation for the meeting and Smith noted the thank you in the paper for retired election official workers.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

Mayor informed council that March 27, 2018 will be the next regular council meeting date.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION:

Motion at 8:48 p.m. by Smith and seconded by Schultz to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1) (f) Forensic Audit. Motion carried.

Returned to open session at 9:39 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion by Conrad and seconded by Erickson to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Motion carried.



Bradley J. Hanson, City Administrator/Clerk

March 23, 2018