

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF HUDSON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018

The Common Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Rich O'Connor at 7 p.m. Mayor O'Connor led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mayor Rich O'Connor, Randy Morrisette II, Bill Alms, Paul Deziel, Jim Webber, Sarah Atkins-Hoggatt and Joyce Hall.

OTHERS PRESENT: Devin Willi, Catherine Munkittrick, Brenda Malinowski, Geoff Willems, Scott St. Martin, Michael Johnson, Tiffany Weiss, Kip Peters, Rebecca Mariscal and many others.

PRESENTATION BY THE HUDSON AMBASSADORS

Four members of the Hudson Ambassadors thanked several businesses for their sponsorship towards the Hudson Ambassador Program and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve the community and represent in various events.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Fire Chief, Scott St. Martin, announced that the Hudson Fire Department will be hosting their annual Open House on October 8th from 5-8 pm and invited all to attend.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve the regular meeting minutes of September 17, 2018.
- B. Approve claims in the amount of \$688,995.41.
- C. Contingent upon payment of any outstanding debt owed to the City and successful completion of a background check, approve the issuance of 7 Regular Operator Licenses for the period of October 2, 2018 to June 30, 2020.
- D. Approve the Temporary Class "B" Beer License for the St. Patrick Parish Fall Celebration
- E. Setting a Public Hearing date of November 12, 2018 for a zoning map amendment from B-2, General Business to RM-1, Multiple Family Residential and a comprehensive plan amendment from General Commercial to Medium Density Residential at St. Croix County Tax Parcel 236-2041-00-000 – Citizens State Bank
- F. Set a Public Hearing date of November 12, 2018 for a zoning map amendment from AR, Agriculture Residential to B-2, General Commercial for a 5.54 acre M/L portion of St. Croix County Tax Parcel 236-2068-00-000 (previously 040-1025-70-000) – LandDevCo of Hudson, LLC
- G. Approve fuel bid contract for 10/1/2018 to 9/30/2019.

MOTION: Morrisette made a motion, second by Webber, to approve the consent agenda items.

Roll Call Vote Taken: All ayes (6). Motion Carried.

PRESENTATION BY SEH REGARDING CARMICHAEL ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY

Glenn, with SEH, reviewed the final SEH report for the Carmichael Road Corridor Study in detail. Glen stated that SEH worked with the WisDOT and consultants and as a result, a more accurate traffic forecast plan was created. Mike Johnson recommended that the City partner with WisDOT moving

forward. He also stated that he'll incorporate the study into the future comprehensive plan. Glen answered questions from the Council regarding the study and potential costs involved.

PRESENTATION ON POTENTIAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS TO CONSIDER AS PART OF THE 2021 WisDOT HIGHWAY 35/2ND STREET PROJECT

Glen, with SEH, spoke of the need for a signal coordination. Discussion was held regarding bump outs and at several locations and decorative lighting and reducing the number of lights in the downtown district. Glen answered questions from the council.

MOTION: Morrissette made a motion, second by Webber, to approve including parts of the 2021 WisDOT Highway 35/2nd Street Project. Roll Call Vote Taken: 5-1 Motion carried. (Deziel opposed)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance 21-18 amending Municipal Code, Chapter 99- Animals, to allow beekeeping in the City of Hudson Tiffany Weiss highlighted the revisions made to the ordinance since the first hearing on September 4, 2018.

MOTION: Morrissette made a motion, seconded by Alms, to adopt Ordinance 21-18.

DISCUSSION: It was clarified that there would be a \$40 fee associated with the beekeeping license. Roll Call Vote Taken: All ayes (6). Motion Carried.

Discussion and possible action on convening into Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate regarding negotiation strategy relating to the adjacent municipalities' non-renewal of their contracts with the City of Hudson for St. Croix EMS Services and pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel regarding strategy the governing body may adopt in litigation in which the City is likely become involved relating to those contracts.

MOTION: Alms made a motion, second by Deziel, to enter into Closed Session.

Roll Call Vote Taken: All ayes (6) Motion carried.

Council entered into closed session at 8:21 pm.

MOTION: Morrissette made a motion, second by Atkins-Hoggatt, to reconvene in Open Session.

Roll Call Vote Taken: All ayes (6). Motion Carried.

Open Session reconvened at 10:17 pm.

No action was taken regarding the above items.

Mayor O'Connor announced that due to the time, he would allow item 9C to be moved up for discussion ahead of 9A and 9B.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on final development plans, certificate of compliance and downtown overlay district design review for Second Street Condominiums at 517 Second Street – Clear View Developers, LLC

MOTION: Morrissette made a motion, seconded by Alms, to approve the final development plans, certificate of compliance and downtown overlay district review for Second Street Condominiums at 517 Second Street-Clear View.
Roll Call Vote Taken: All ayes (6). Motion Carried

Discussion and Possible Action on St. Croix EMS Director and/or Interim Director position and current and future status of St. Croix EMS.

Council member Alms announced that the Town of Hudson voted to end their contract with the St. Croix EMS. The Town of Hudson will contract with Lakeview beginning January 1, 2019. A representative from the Village of N. Hudson stated that N. Hudson would also like to contract with Lakeview. Alms suggested that an interim director be put in place until a director is hired. Alms stated that the immediate goal is to stabilize the EMS department with an interim director. Possible options were discussed.

MOTION: Alms made a motion, seconded by Webber, to advertise a Request for Proposal with the intent as written for contracting with a provider the City of Hudson's EMS services in whole or in part. Additionally, to invite our other governmental partners to join us in this search as we are stronger together. To revise this RFP to reflect coverage area additions should some/all of our partners decide to join. Lastly, to conduct interviews with a committee.

DISCUSSION: There was some discussion about how to attract the right candidate and the process involved with writing an RFP for the services, particularly for Hudson's EMS staff. There was also concerns about who would be involved with providing input and who would be able to vote on the proposals. Atkins-Hoggatt voiced concerns about Hudson's own EMS department and who would be able to assist the staff in crafting an RFP. She stated that their skills lies in saving lives, not writing RFP's. She suggested putting this off until the next meeting and not rush into a decision.

Roll Call Vote Taken: 4-2 Motion Passed (Opposed by Atkins-Hoggatt and Deziel)

Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance 25-18: Amending Chapter 106-17 of the Municipal Code

MOTION: Morrissette made a motion, second by Hall, to suspend the rules. Roll Call Vote Taken: All ayes (6). Motion Carried

MOTION: Morrissette made a motion, second by Hall, to adopt Ordinance 25-18. Roll Call Vote Taken: All ayes (6). Motion Carried

Common Council members

A. City Attorney and/or City Staff

City Administrator, Devin Willi, announced that in-person absentee voting is underway. There will be a Finance Meeting on Monday. Morrissette stated that sports updates.play-offs.

Discussion and Possible Action on convening into closed session.

- A. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(g) to confer with legal counsel regarding litigation in which the City is likely to become involved relating to a sewer back-up claim at 1532 Northridge Drive, Hudson, WI.
- B. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(c) to discuss compensation for EMS Operations Supervisor

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) and (1)(e) to deliberate regarding Joe Elkin's grievance of his termination from City employment as a paramedic and possible negotiating strategy relating thereto.

MOTION: Morrissette made a motion, seconded by Webber, to enter into Closed Session.

Roll Call Vote Taken: All ayes (6). Motion Carried.

Council entered into closed session at 11:05 pm.

Discussion and Possible Action on reconvening into Open Session

MOTION: Morrissette made a motion, seconded by Atkins-Hoggatt to reconvene into Open Session.

Roll Call Vote Taken: All ayes (6). Motion Carried

Council reconvened into Open Session at 11:40 pm.

MOTION by Morrissette, second by Alms, to suspend the rules toward adoption of Resolution 15-18.

Roll Call Vote Taken: Ayes (5). Noes (1 – Hall). Motion Carried

MOTION by Morrissette, second by Alms, to adopt Resolution 15-18. 5-1 (Opposed by Hall)

Motion Carried

MOTION by Hall, second by Alms, to authorize a weekly stipend for EMS Operations Supervisor of \$500 until the Common Council directs otherwise, with the stipend retroactive to September 17, 2018.

Roll Call Vote Taken: All ayes (6). Motion Carried

MOTION by Deziel, second by Webber, to direct the City Attorney to prepare a written decision on behalf of the Common Council to be signed by Mayor O'Connor to affirm the Council's previous decision to terminate the employment of Joe Elkin. Roll Call Vote Taken: All ayes (6).

Motion Carried

MOTION by Deziel, second by Webber, to authorize the City Attorney to prepare a settlement offer with Joe Elkin. Roll Call Vote Taken: All ayes (6). Motion Carried

MOTION by Alms, second by Atkins Hoggatt, to adjourn at 11:45 p.m. Roll Call Vote Taken: All ayes (6). Motion Carried

Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the City Clerk has submitted the foregoing minutes to me and hereby by my signature approve said minutes and all acts of the Common Council as set forth therein.

Rich O'Connor, Mayor



Date approved by Council: 10-22-18