

Chilton, Wisconsin
December 2, 2014

The regular meeting of the Chilton Common Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Gerald Vanne presiding in the council chambers at the Chilton City Hall.

AGENDA POSTING:

On 11/26/14, copies of the agenda were delivered to the Mayor, Aldermen, City Attorney, and City Department Heads, were made available to the media, and posted on the City Hall bulletin board and city web page.

ROLL CALL: COMMON COUNCIL:

Mayor Gerald Vanne and eight members of the Council were present at roll call:

Council Member Kathy Schmitzer	Council Member Ron Gruett
Council Member Rick Jaeckels	Council Member Richard Bosshardt
Council Member Dan Hilton	Council Member Kevin Johnson
Council member Clayton Thornber	Council Member Linda Bangart

Other city officials present were Director of Public Works Todd Schwarz, City Attorney Derek McDermott, Police Chief Craig Plehn and City Clerk Helen Schmidlkofer.

General attendance: Faye Burg, Delta Publications

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Hilton, seconded by Thornber and carried to approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 11/18/2014.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

MAYOR REPORT:

- Presented a newspaper article to the council regarding Fox Cities Regional Partnership. The article-referenced communities dropping out of the partnership because they are paying too much money and not receiving direction. Calumet County is a member and the City should be receiving benefits through the County.
- After conferring with Council President Johnson, it was agreed that the December 16, 2014 and January 6, 2015 council meetings would not be held unless necessary.

CITY CLERK REPORT:

- Distributed tax bill informational flyer; highlighted taxing entities mill rates, tax credit, lottery credit and first dollar credits along with refuse container rates.
- Chilton Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade is this Saturday starting at 5 PM
- The annual Chilton Chamber of Commerce meeting is January 28th
- The annual city newsletter was distributed with water/sewer invoices the last week
- Aldermanic candidates for the 2015 Spring election may circulate nomination papers starting December 1, 2014; candidates are:
 - Aldermanic District One – Ron Gruett
 - Aldermanic District Two – Clayton Thornber
 - Aldermanic District Three – Rick Jaeckels
 - Aldermanic District Four – Dan Hilton (has taken out papers)

APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORT:

Moved by Jaeckels, seconded by Bangart and carried to approve the December 1, 2014 financial report.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

- Department is putting up Christmas decorations and snow fence
- Advertisements for the two vacant positions have been posted

POLICE CHIEF REPORT:

- Meeting business owners within the City
- Familiarizing myself with city streets, wells and parks

- ↻ Learning computer system
- ↻ Reviewing personnel files

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Moved by Thornber, seconded by Johnson to introduce, adopt and waive the reading of Resolution No. 1687, a resolution establishing salaries for City of Chilton Fire Department personnel effective January 1, 2015. Roll call vote.

Gruett – yes	Bangart – yes	Bosshardt – yes	Thornber – yes
Jaeckels – yes	Schmitzer – yes	Hilton – yes	Johnson - yes

Eight votes cast. Eight votes aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Schmitzer to introduce, adopt and waive the reading of Resolution No. 1685, a resolution establishing salaries and benefits for City of Chilton employees other than City Officials effective January 1, 2015. Roll call vote.

Gruett – yes	Bangart – yes	Bosshardt – yes	Thornber – yes
Jaeckels – yes	Schmitzer – yes	Hilton – yes	Johnson - yes

Eight votes cast. Eight votes aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hilton, seconded by Bangart to introduce, adopt and waive the reading of Resolution No. 1686, a resolution establishing benefits for City of Chilton Department of Public Works Employees effective January 1, 2015. Roll call vote.

Gruett – yes	Bangart – yes	Bosshardt – yes	Thornber – yes
Jaeckels – yes	Schmitzer – yes	Hilton – yes	Johnson - yes

Eight votes cast. Eight votes aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hilton, seconded by Bosshardt to introduce, adopt and waive the reading of Ordinance No. 1113, an ordinance establishing salaries for City of Chilton Officials effective January 1, 2015. Roll call vote.

Gruett – yes	Bangart – yes	Bosshardt – yes	Thornber – yes
Jaeckels – yes	Schmitzer – yes	Hilton – yes	Johnson - yes

Eight votes cast. Eight votes aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Hilton to approve the annual building/plumbing inspector agreement with P. Birschbach for an annual sum of \$18,401.00.

Bosshardt asked, “What the relationship is between the City and the inspector? What is the dialog? We do not hear too much about it, especially when he goes out several times for inspections.” Mayor Vanne replied, “So far it has been good.”

Gruett inquired if the position pays for itself and Mayor Vanne indicated yes.

Mayor Vanne stated, “The question I have is the pay increase. I think it is unfair that we take a subcontractor and pay him a 2.9% increase and everyone else is at 1.57%. The difference is \$250.00.

Bosshardt inquired, “Who negotiated that number.” DPW Schwarz stated that he spoke with the inspector.

Clerk Schmidlkofer added that this was presented to the General Government committee at the start of the budget process along with all city employees proposed wages. Mayor Vanne stated he forgot to mention this when finalizing wages.

Gruett, Bangart and Thornber stated they agreed with the mayor’s suggestion.

Schmitzer inquired, “If this is something that the council can change at this point. If this figure was negotiated between you and the inspector is this something we can come back and change?”

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Mayor Vanne, "I think you need to change it. The contract has not been entered into and he has to sign it. If he doesn't want to sign after this change then we will have another meeting."

Thornber asked, "Was there any consideration given to pay him a percentage of the building permit fees?" Mayor Vanne stated, "That was never discussed."

DPW Schwarz replied, "When the city first hired him that was discussed but would not work out here."

Schmidlkofer added, "The Administrative Assistant to the Director of Public Works provides assistance to the building/plumbing inspector in processing paperwork efficiently and for this reason a percentage of the permit fees would not work. This topic has been discussed at past committee meetings."

Mayor Vanne stated, "We have the agreement on the floor; do we want to make any changes?"

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Hilton to amend the Employment Agreement with the Building/Plumbing Inspector, Section IV: Compensation from \$18,401.00 to \$18,146.20. Roll call vote.

Gruett – yes	Bangart – yes	Bosshardt – yes	Thornber – yes
Jaeckels – yes	Schmitzer – yes	Hilton – yes	Johnson - yes

Eight votes cast. Eight votes aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Jaeckels, seconded by Thornber to introduce, adopt and waive the reading of Resolution No. 1688, a resolution amending the City of Chilton Personnel Policy.

Clerk Schmidlkofer informed the council at the last council meeting they approved benefit revisions for the Department of Public Works employees and those revisions are presented at this meeting in resolution format to be included in the City of Chilton Personnel Policy Manual. Schmidlkofer then referenced the DPW Agreement that will expire on December 31, 2014 highlighting the items that will be included in the personnel policy. Roll call vote.

Gruett – yes	Bangart – yes	Bosshardt – yes	Thornber – yes
Jaeckels – yes	Schmitzer – yes	Hilton – yes	Johnson - yes

Eight votes cast. Eight votes aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

COMMUNICATION: Distributed monthly building/plumbing report.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Moved by Hilton, seconded by Johnson to pay the bills. Roll call vote.

Gruett – yes	Bangart – yes	Bosshardt – yes	Thornber – yes
Jaeckels – yes	Schmitzer – abstain	Hilton – yes	Johnson - yes

Eight votes cast. Seven votes aye. Motion carried. Voucher No. 76246 through Voucher No. 76305 or accounts payable and payrolls totaling \$238,678.28.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Hilton, seconded by Bangart and carried to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. on December 2, 2014.

Helen Schmidlkofer, MMC
City Clerk