

Chilton, Wisconsin
March 1, 2016

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 of the Chilton City Hall at 42 School Street, Chilton, WI.

AGENDA POSTING:

On 2/26/16, 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 six members of the Council were present at roll call:

Council Member Richard Bosshardt	Council member Linda Bangart
Council Member Kevin Johnson	Council Member Clayton Thornber
Council Member Rick Jaeckels	Council Member Ron Gruett

Other city officials present were Police Chief Craig Plehn, Director of Public Works Todd Schwarz, City Attorney Derek McDermott and Deputy City Clerk Lisa Meyer. Absent and excused council member Kathy Schmitzer and Dan Hilton.

General attendance: City of Chilton resident Jeff Geurts and Faye Burg from Delta Publications.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Jaeckels, seconded by Bosshardt and carried to approve the minutes of the council meeting held on February 16, 2016.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Vanne spoke to Scott Kwiecinski, the Development Manager for Horizon Construction Group. The tax credits are changing and he would like to meet with the RDA to propose Phase II for the Uptown Commons on 49 West Main Street. He will make a presentation to the RDA next week Wednesday, March 9, 2016.

CITY CLERK REPORT:

- Voter turnout for the February 16 Primary was low. Only 292 of 1969 active voters voted for Supreme Court justice.
- The Spring Election is April 5, 2016
- Auditors Hawkins Ash have completed the in-house audit, draft prepared and currently reviewing before presenting to council.

APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORT:

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Thornber and carried to approve the March 1, 2016 financial report.

APPROVE OPERATOR LICENSES:

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Bosshardt to approve the license application to serve fermented malt beverages and intoxicating liquors from March 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016 for Paige Meyer. Motion carried. Deputy Meyer noted the applicant has been approved by the Chilton Police Department.

APPROVE LIQUOR LICENSE:

Moved by Jaeckels, seconded by Bangart and carried to approve the Class "B" Picnic license for the Chilton Lions Club on May 22, 2016. Person in Charge is Bonita Rowland.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

- Due to state budget cuts, the state will not pick up deer carcasses on roadways any longer. They will need to be removed by each municipality.

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- DPW Schwarz will be meeting next week to discuss the new highway facility with the Calumet County Highway Commissioner, the architects and Miron Construction who is overseeing the project.
- The Street department has been helping the sewer department to jet sanitary sewers.
- The two DO controllers and probes have been replaced at the Wastewater Treatment Facility due to a freeze up. Clerk Schmidkofer will submit a claim to the insurance for reimbursement.
- The State has not set a start date for the East Chestnut Street project as of yet.
- The water department has been replacing water meters.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: No comments were given at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairman Gruett presented the minutes of the February 18, 2016 Public Safety committee meeting.

Fire Chief Gary Halbach and First Assistant Fire Chief Ben Schoenborn attended the Public Safety Meeting and informed the committee that 4 to 5 years ago the department established a goal to replace Engine #101. In 2015, the truck committee regrouped and have determined that it would best serve the department to eliminate engine #102 (a 1986 Ford Fire Truck) and replace engine # 101 (a 1997 Pierce Saber Pumper). The estimated cost of a new engine would be \$380,000.00 to \$400,000.00.

The Department currently has \$171,000.00 set aside for a new engine; projecting in 2017 and 2018 an additional \$61,000.00 would be budgeted each year for the future fire truck account, which would result in \$293,000.00 available for the new engine. The Department is anticipating that similar to the last truck purchase in 2010 the Department would be able to acquire a loan from the City's general fund.

The committee discussed amending Chapter 16 of the Municipal Code as follows:

Add 16.04 Definitions:

- (1) YARD – STREET SIDE. Side yard, which adjoins a public or private street.
- (2) RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAY – Any impervious surface that leads directly from the street to a garage, carport or rear yard parking area.

Amend 16.10 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

(3) EXTERIOR STORAGE IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS. All materials and equipment shall be stored within a building or fully screened so as not to be visible from adjoining properties, except for the following; laundry drying and recreational equipment, construction, and landscaping materials and equipment currently being used on the premises, agricultural equipment and materials if these are used or intended for use on the premises, ~~off street parking of passenger automobiles and pick-up trucks~~. Boats and unoccupied trailers, less than 20 feet in length, are permissible if stored in the rear yard more than 5 feet from any property line **on an impervious surface and moved every 12 months**. Existing uses shall comply with this provision within 12 months following enactment of this ordinance.

ADD: No person shall park a vehicle, boat or trailer on a front yard or street side yard of any lot used primarily for residential purposes. All parking is required to be on an impervious surface and on an approved driveway per Municipal Code 16.10 Performance Standards.

A lengthy discussion then ensued with the council regarding back yard and side lot parking.

Alderman Thornber remarked that there are many residents in the City that park their boats/campers alongside their garage on a side yard on an impervious surface.

Alderman Johnson commented there are numerous campers over 20 feet in length parked in residents' yards during the summer. Technically, they are all in violation of this code and changes should be made to the code to allow them to park during the summer. Since we are making changes to the code, we should address everything at one time.

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Attorney McDermott suggested inserting the following: “Seasonal storage of boats and unoccupied trailers, less than 30 feet in length is permissible on a side yard (not street side) on an impervious surface.

Motion by Gruett, seconded by Jaeckels to endorse revisions to Chapter 16 as noted above and set a public hearing. Motion carried.

Alderman Gruett informed the council he is in favor of hiring a 7th police officer and allowed Chief Plehn to briefly discuss the situation.

Chief Plehn compared his department with Kiel as they are in close proximity and their population is similar. Chief Plehn stressed the fact that his officers are over worked which causes overtime and comp time hours to increase. By hiring another officer, it will eliminate the open shifts. He is hoping to hire a 7th officer in October of this year, which only causes about a \$20,000.00 deficit this year.

DPW Schwarz remarked that other departments are in the same boat, short on money. In order to fund a full time officer for one year, taxes would have to go up 7.5%. It will take time to figure out where the money will come from. If you take money out of non-lapsing funds, it is fine if it is for a capital project, but once you use it, it is gone.

Mayor Vanne supports hiring a 7th officer. He is thinking that at the end of the first quarter, there will be money left from the insurance fund to give to the public works and fire department but there won't be as much to give to the police department. Next year (2017) the health insurance will be changing because of the Affordable Care Act so, we could maintain the officer through that fund. In 2018, we would fund the officer with the TIF #2 closing, however we will not receive the money until 2019 but even though the total cost of an officer is \$83,603.00, there will be a cost savings of \$30,000.00 by reducing the overtime hours.

DPW Schwarz commented that the numbers are incorrect and you never completely eliminate overtime because there will always be someone off or if someone gets injured you will need to fill open shifts. Currently the department is filling the open shifts with part time officers, which is a better cost savings then hiring a full time officer with benefits.

Mayor Vanne recommended the General Government committee ‘take a look at this and find out where the money will come from and the final decision will be made by the Council.’ DPW Schwarz interjected that it is not just a matter of where the money is to come from, but you need to sustain that money each year.

Deputy Meyer stated that the City is under budget restraints. Last year the city was only allowed to increase the total budget by \$15,000.00. The fire, police, parks, streets, city hall, sanitation and cemetery share this \$15,000.00. With the budget restraints, it is impossible to fund another full time officer unless the voters agree to a referendum but then their taxes will increase.

Mayor Vanne commented that, “every time this gets brought up it is shot down by a few people. I do think it's the mayor's decision and the council's decision to find out how to do it and then the administration should administer it.”

DPW Schwarz mentioned he looked back on the public works budget and maintaining his streets and equipment. “Over the last four years my street budget has gone down anywhere from \$400,000.00 to spending only \$95,000.00 a year. As for equipment replacement, trucks that were scheduled for replacing every nine years are now up to 15 or 16 and now we start to accrue maintenance charges. The older the equipment gets then the operating goes up that much.”

Alderman Bangart presented the minutes of the February 23, 2016 Culture and Recreation committee meeting.

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Candy Roberts was at the Culture and Recreation committee meeting to propose to the committee to install three Little Free Libraries on city owned property at the City Hall, greenspace to the east of Uptown Commons and in Klinkner Park, near the tree identification brochure mailbox. In addition, the Club will have two on private properties located at 621 Canary Avenue and 400 W. Main Street.

Motion by Thornber, seconded by Johnson to authorize the Chilton Optimist Club to establish "Little Free Library" on city owned property at 42 School Street, east of 49 W. Main Street and in Klinkner Park. The Club will be responsible for installation, management and maintenance. Motion carried.

The Nennig Park soccer field area has drainage issues including 2 to 3 inches of standing water that affected last season's soccer games. DPW Schwarz recommended that the City would address the drainage issue verses volunteers from the soccer club. Suggestion is to put in a drainage pipe from the field to the storm sewer manhole on Dove Avenue.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Thornber to authorize the Director of Public Works to install a drainage pipe at Nennig Park from the manhole on Dove Avenue to the soccer field and use funds from parks operating 2016 budget. Motion carried.

Since the council voted to create a pickleball court, DPW Schwarz suggested that the Street Department paint a pickleball court at Morrissey Park. Funds could be used from the 2016 parks operating account due to the fact this would be a minimal expense.

DPW Schwarz suggested the old fence and gates from the tennis courts at Nennig Park that were removed several years ago be installed in the tennis court area at Morrissey Park by the Street Department. This would reduce misuse on the newly renovated courts.

DPW Schwarz provided rules that may possibly be posted for the double tennis court area as follows:

- No bikes
- No Skateboards
- No roller blades

Moved by Thornber, seconded by Bosshardt and carried to complete the following three projects at Morrissey Park for approximately \$1,000.00 to be used from the 2016 park-operating budget:

- Paint pickleball court on double tennis court area
- Install gate and fence for double tennis court area
- Order and post sign for rules at double tennis court area

Arbor Day is scheduled for May 10, 2016 along the Riverwalk.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Attorney McDermott informed the council that an "Order to Raze or Repair and Remove Personal Property Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 66.0413(1) (b) and (i) has been served on Scott and Sue Salzsieder for the property located at 107 W Main Street.

Attorney McDermott is working on getting copies of tax certificates issued by Calumet County for the properties located at 415, 420 and 476 East Main Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Thornber, seconded by Johnson to approve CDBG application for Loan #16-01 for \$15,000.00 at 0% interest to make repairs to the home including windows, insulation, electrical and plumbing. Roll call vote.

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

Six votes cast. Six votes aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION:

Distributed monthly building/plumbing report and the Chilton Chamber of Commerce minutes.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

Gruett – yes Bangart – yes Bosshardt – yes Thornber – yes

Jaeckels – yes Schmitzer – absent Hilton – absent Johnson - yes

Six votes cast. Six votes aye. Motion carried. Voucher No.78356 through Voucher No. 78420 or accounts payable and payrolls totaling \$86,357.90.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Jaeckels and carried to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. on March 1, 2016.

Lisa Meyer
Deputy City Clerk