

A Regular Meeting of the Boscobel Common Council Monday, July 22, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Boscobel, Wisconsin, was called to order by Mayor Brenda Kalish at 7:00 p.m. Members Present: Alder Cody Trumm, Alder Roger Brown, Alder Gary Kjos, Alder Jessie Esser, Alder Milt Cashman, Alder Stephanie Brown and Alder Steve Fritz. Absent: Alder Brian Kendall.

Others Present: DPW/City Engineer Mike Reynolds, City Administrator Patricia Smith, Library Director Janelle Miller and Joe Hart. Virtual: None.

Agenda: Proof in the form of a certificate of public notice given as required by § 19.84, Wis. Stats., as to the holding of this meeting, was presented by the Clerk.

Minutes 07/08/2024: Motion by Alder R. Brown second by Alder Kjos to approve minutes of the July 8, 2024, Common Council meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Registered Comments & Concerns: Administrator Smith shared feedback from Cathy & Jeff Mark regarding how well the condition of Boscobel Streets and Parks were maintained compared to other communities they have traveled to.

Administrative Reports:

DPW Report: DPW/City Engineer Reynolds communicated that the WWTP and Street Department employees started training for the GIS/Mapping Project. The following week will be the Water and Electric employees. Reynolds stated it will be a large process but well worth it for the City. All sanitary manholes, storm manholes and the underground electric, which will be the hardest. Reynolds stated when we install the new AMI Meters it already locks in the coordinates, which will be helpful for the overall project. Reynolds shared he was asked for additional information on the Substation Project which he has submitted. Reynolds further communicated the electric rate increase will not happen until 2025 due to 2024 numbers being late. Target for the rate increase is Spring of 2025. Reynolds stated that the Substation Project will be included in the calculation for the increase so looking more like a 10% increase versus the estimated 8%. Reynolds also shared that the Boscobel High School expansion project is keeping our departments busy as they have requested some items through Park Commission. The items are as follows, allow the school to use the open area in Kronshage Park to practice football. They want to move the baseball press box to the visitor's side of the football field which was approved by Park Commission just so they provide care to the sewer and water services which are shallow. The offset is that they will pour a handicap access sidewalk from the parking lot to the visitor side to the football field. They will also put new concrete around the concession stand. Reynolds shared in closing that he needs to work on the letter to the railroad regarding fixing the HWY. 61 crossing within the City.

Administrator's Report: City Administrator Smith communicated that the City is still waiting for the audit results. Smith shared that work continues for the upcoming Partisan Primary Election which will be August 13, 2024. Smith further shared she is working on some prospective businesses in town and one will be going to UDAG Committee. Smith is also working to match up mid-year revenues from the State match, to the budget.

Police Chief's Report: None.

Library Director: Library Director Miller communicated that attendance and numbers are up for Library activity. Miller also shared the Grant was submitted successfully and on time and thanked the Common Council for their support in pursuing the monies. The timeline will be August or September to see if they will be awarded. Miller also shared there will be an Annual Book Sale August 8-10, 2024, the monies will go to the Friends Group which is a non-profit. Miller closed that there will be movies every Tuesday at 10:00am in August.

Mayor: None.

Review/Approve Placement of Security Cameras at Street Department: Motion by Alder R. Brown second by Alder Kjos to approve placement of security cameras at the Street Department. Exploration of other alternatives at the Boat Landing will take place. Motion carried.

Approve Water/Wastewater Mutual Assistance Agreement with Fennimore: Motion by Alder Fritz second by Alder Esser to approve Water/Wastewater Mutual Assistance Agreement with Fennimore. Motion carried.

Approve MOU, 2025 Cost Sharing Agreement WisVote Self Provider, with Grant County: Motion by Alder Esser second by Alder Kjos to approve MOU, 2025 Cost Sharing Agreement WisVote Self Provider. Motion carried.

Approve Request Bids for New Dump Truck and Accessories: Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder R. Brown to approve requesting of bids for new dump truck and accessories. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on Street/Alley Closing Requests:

- a. Block Party on W. LeGrand St., Willow & Ivy, The Energy Hut, Tall Tails & Mr. Tom's Sunday, August 11, 2024, 9:00am – 5:00pm, Wisconsin to Elm St., 10 picnic tables, Cas Kirschbaum.
- b. Boscobel Trunk or Treat, Saturday, October 5, 2024, 3:30pm – 7:30pm, Wisconsin Ave., Superior St., to Oak St., may need picnic tables, Gina Miller.
- c. Boscobel Youth Baseball, Nevada St., from W. Du Bay to W. Kansas, July 16, 17 & 22 (added additional days from previous request) 4:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M., Karen Lomas.

Motion by Alder Trumm second by Alder S. Brown to approve the Street Alley Closing Requests. Motion carried.

Approve Licenses:

- a. Application for Temporary Class B/Class B Retailer's License, Boscobel Baseball July 16, 17 & 22 (added additional days from previous request), 2024, Fireman's Park, Fundraiser for Baseball Equipment, Teesha Bacon and Karen Lomas.
- b. Application for Temporary Class B/Class B Retailer's License, Block Party on W. LeGrand St., Willow & Ivy Design, The Energy Hut, Tall Tails & Mr. Tom's, Sunday, August 11, 2024, Cas Kirschbaum.
- c. Application for Temporary Class B/Class B Retailer's License, Antique Club Farmer's Day Pull, Saturday August 10 & Sunday August 11, 2024, Antique Club Location, Audrey Ariss.
- d. Approve Operator's License for Audrey Jeanette Ariss, self.

Motion by Alder Kjos second by Alder Fritz to approve licenses. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on Committee Recommendation/Committee/Board Meetings Updates/Reports: None.

Approve Special Pay Requests: None.

Approve Payment of Monthly Bills: Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder Kjos to approve monthly bills, as presented, with the invoice amount of \$289,846.61 of which was paid in the amount of \$289,846.61. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Adjourn: Motion by Alder R. Brown second by Alder Trumm to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:33p.m.

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Brenda L. Kalish, Mayor

Patricia A. Smith, City Administrator