

A Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Boscobel Common Council Monday, December 9, 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 Roger Brown, Alder Gary Kjos, Alder Milt Cashman, Alder Cody Trumm, Alder S. Brown, Alder Brian Kendall and Alder Steve Fritz. Absent: Alder Jessie Esser .

Others Present: DPW/City Engineer Mike Reynolds, Chief of Police Travis Dregne, City Administrator Patricia Smith, Library Director Janelle Miller, John Larsen and Joe McDaniel. 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 November 18, 2024: Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder Kjos to approve minutes from the November 18, 2024, Common Council meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Registered Comments & Concerns: None.

Business:

Public Hearing on 2025 General Fund Budget and 2024 Property Tax Levy: Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder Kjos to open Public Hearing. Motion carried.

Administrator Smith presented on the budget process, options for the 2025 budget and final recommendations from Finance Committee. Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder R. Brown to close Public Hearing. Motion carried.

Approve 2025 General Fund Budget and 2024 Tax Levy: Motion by Alder Fritz second by Alder Cashman to approve the 2025 General Fund Budget and 2024 Tax Levy and to approve securing GO Debt in the amount of \$94,569.00 for a term of 1 year and 1 day, callable at any time. Upon roll call vote, all Alders present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Administrative Reports:

DPW Report: DPW/City Engineer Reynolds stated that he met with the UW Platteville Engineering students last week. They are putting together some information for Phase 2B for WRTO Trail. From the trailer park all the way into Woodman. The preferred option was to stay close to the highway except near 132 where it goes south of 133 for about ½ a mile, which takes it a little from the traffic. Reynolds stated if it is built by 2028 it will be \$2.5 million. Reynolds communicated he did get the electric rate increase initial data request to WPPI for them to flower up and submit to the PSC. The increase will take place sometime mid to late 2025. Reynolds concluded that the WWTP rates will be next as costs are increasing in that area of the business.

Administrator's Report: City Administrator Smith communicated that the 2025 Budget has been the priority and now that the budget is approved it will be tax processing for the rest of the week. Smith shared she is still doing cleanup and review on the current financials before the close of 2024 so to be prepared for the audit. Smith also shared that she is still working on the Chart of Accounts Project.

Police Chief's Report: Chief Dregne updated that they have received the tasers and the old ones will be sold back. Dregne shared that the new squad is complete and in service. Dregne also shared that the old K9 squad will go to Wisconsin Surplus this week.

Library Director: Director Miller shared she is applying for a \$10,000 grant to improve electrical in the library and create a sensory room. Miller shared that circulation is running about the same as last year. Miller further shared that program planning has started with her team for 2025.

Mayor: None.

Approve Contracting with an Appraiser and Real Estate Specialist for the WRTO Phase 2A Project: .
Motion by Alder R. Brown second by Alder Kjos to approve contracting with an appraiser and real estate specialist for the WRTO Phase 2 Project. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on Street/Alley Closing Requests: None.

Approve Licenses: None.

Approve Mayor's Appointments:

- a. Library Board – Nicole Mullikin to replace Helena Robinson
- b. Police Committee Re-Appointment – Jim Reynolds

Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder Fritz to approve Mayor Appointments. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on Committee Recommendation/Committee/Board Meetings Updates/Reports:

- a. Approve Personnel Committee Recommendation to Approve 2025-2027 City Wage Rates. Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder Kjos to approve 2025-2027 City Wage Rates. Motion carried.
- b. Approve Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Language Amendments for Chapter 7, Tractor Trailer Parking on City Street & Municipal Code Section 17.24(7) Mandatory Lot Line Attached Units Regarding Width Requirements. Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder Trumm to approve language amendments to Tractor Trailer parking on City Streets. Motion carried. Motion by Alder S. Brown second by Alder Kjos to approve Mandatory Lot Line Attached Units regarding Width Requirements. Motion carried.

Approve October 2024 Financial Reports: Motion by Alder R. Brown second by Alder Cashman to approve October 2024 Financial Reports. Motion carried.

Approve November 2024 Account Balance Reports: Motion by Alder Fritz second by Alder Kjos to approve November 2024 Account Balance Reports. Motion carried.

Approve Payment of Monthly Bills: Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder R. Brown to approve monthly bills, as presented, with the invoice amount of \$299,872.66 of which was paid in the amount of \$299,872.66. Upon roll call vote, all Alders present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Adjourn: Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder Kendall to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:46p.m.

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Brenda L. Kalish, Mayor

Patricia A. Smith, City Administrator