

A Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Boscobel Common Council Monday, March 17, 2025, 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 Steve Fritz, Alder Jessie Esser, Alder Brian Kendall and Alder Stephanie Brown. Absent: None.

Others Present: DPW/City Engineer Mike Reynolds, City Attorney Ben Wood, Chief of Police Travis Dregne, City Administrator Patricia Smith, Street Superintendent Luke Brown, Library Director Janelle Miller, Lisa Trumm and Jayzin Brandes-Esser. Virtual: Joe Hart.

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 March 3, 2025: Motion by Alder R. Brown second by Alder Kjos to approve minutes from March 3, 2025, Common Council meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Approve Proclamation #03-17-2025, A Proclamation Designating April as Sarcoidosis Awareness Month: Motion by Alder Kjos second by Alder Fritz to approve Proclamation. Motion carried.

Registered Comments & Concerns: None.

Business:

Administrative Reports:

DPW Report: DPW/City Engineer Reynolds stated that in the last Park Commission meeting Kevin Dempsey from Findorff, stated they were going to donate \$2,500.00 to the Boscobel Farmer's Market to go towards the Depot Park Shelter. Reynolds shared that there will be some street maintenance this year with 27,000 sq. yards compared to last year of 29,000 sq. yards. Reynolds informed the work may push the budget, however, he commented that if it is not done now, they will really fall behind. This scope of work does not fully keep up as they should be doing 5,000 more sq. yards each year, but it does keep them close. Reynolds communicated that the street workers are a little behind in tree cutting and trimming due to the electric workers who are working with the water department to get all new meters installed. Once the meters are installed, the electric workers will assist the street department using the bucket truck. Reynolds further shared that meter reading will take place next week so it will be another week further on the tree cutting and trimming. Reynolds closed that there will be 3 streets that will need work, 3 blocks of Wisconsin Avenue, 2 blocks of Brindley Street and 2 blocks of Parker Street. Reynolds is working to qualify these costs under partial grant funding.

Administrator's Report: City Administrator Smith communicated that the Room Tax Meeting will take place March 31, 2025, at 5:00pm. Application for grant funding request will end on Friday, March 28, 2025. Smith shared that in the absence of a Rec Director that the City employees worked the Summer Rec signup days. Smith updated that In-person Absentee Voting starts March 18, 2025, at City Hall. Smith informed that fulfillment has slowed down from the auditors, however, expect activity to increase when they are onsite March 24-26, 2025. Smith closed stating reconciliations continue, as well as work on the chart of accounts.

Police Chief's Report: Chief Dregne provided an update that he has been busy coordinating the interview process for the new Police Officer.

Library Director: Director Miller updated that she has hired a new Circulation Clerk, Leah Olund. Miller stated she will be gone to a conference in late April and early May. Miller also shared that the Library will be getting electric updates which are much needed. Miller communicated that Strange

Storytime starts in early April. Miller closed stating that funding will go down with Federal Funding for Libraries.

Mayor: None.

Review/Approve Spring Cleanup Date, May 17, 2025: Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder Fritz to approve the Spring Cleanup Date to be May 17, 2025. Motion carried.

Approve Certified Survey Map for Industrial Park: Motion by Alder Trumm second by Alder Kjos to approve the Certified Survey Map of the Industrial Park. Motion carried.

Approve Easement and Deed Purchases for Wisconsin River Trail: Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder Fritz to approve the Easement and Deed Purchases for the Wisconsin River Trail in the amount of \$50,460.00. Upon roll call vote, all Alders voted aye, 8-0. Motion carried.

Revisit Consideration of Speed Bumps at Swimming Pool Entrance: Motion by Alder Fritz second by Alder S. Brown to proceed with purchase of Speed Bumps that do not cause damage to the streets. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on Street/Alley Closing Requests:

- a. EMS Tractor Pull, May 9, 2025, 3:00pm to 12:00am, Oak St., in front of Piggly Wiggly Parking Lot, Wisconsin Ave., to Second Entrance to PW Parking Lot, No Parking Signs & Barricades. Duane Gebhard, Boscobel Antique Club.
- b. Boscobel Lions Club, Annual Easter Egg Hunt, April 19, 2025, 8:00am to 11:00am, Kronshage Park, Bridget Bender.
- c. Greg Bell Golf Outing, May 23, 2025, to May 25, 2025, 5:00pm to 11:00am, W. Oak St., to End of Pour House in Alley, Barricades and Picnic Tables, Todd Bell, Pour House.
- d. Firemen's Fundraiser, April 4, 2025, to April 6, 2025, 5:00pm to 11:00am, W. Oak St., to End of Pour House in Alley, Barricades and Picnic Tables, Todd Bell, Pour House.

Motion by Alder R. Brown second by Alder Kjos to approve all listed requests above from a – d. Motion carried.

Approve Licenses:

- a. Review/Approve Application for Alcohol Beverage Operator's License, Darcie Jean Cisneros, New Horizons.

Motion by Alder Fritz second by Alder S. Brown to approve Application for Alcohol Beverage Operator's License for Darcie Jean Cisneros. Motion carried.

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

- a. Approve Board of Public Works Recommendation to Increase Safety Director Pay. Motion by Alder Trumm second by Alder Esser to approve increase for Safety Director Pay. Upon roll call vote all Alders present voted aye, 8-0. Motion carried.
- b. Approve Park Commission Recommendation to Hire a New Rec Director. Motion by Alder Fritz second by Alder Kjos to approve the new Rec Director, Jake Bacon. Motion Carried.
- c. Approve Personnel Committee Recommendation to Hire a New Police Officer. Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder Trumm to approve hiring a new Police Officer, Lily Conley. Motion carried.

Approve Special Pay Requests: None.

Approve February Account Balance Reports: Motion by Alder Kendall second by Alder Cashman to approve February Account Balance Reports. Motion carried.

Approve Payment of Monthly Bills: Motion by Alder R. Brown second by Alder Fritz to approve monthly bills, as presented, with the invoice amount of \$58,663.25 of which was paid in the amount of \$58,663.25. Upon roll call vote, all Alders present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

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

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

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Brenda L. Kalish, Mayor

Patricia A. Smith, City Administrator