

Regular Meeting of the Boscobel Common Council
Monday, September 21, 2020, 7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Boscobel, Wisconsin, was called to order by Mayor Steve Wetter at 7:00 pm. Members Present: Mayor Steve Wetter, Alder Barbara Bell, Alder Gary Kjos, Alder Steve Fritz, Alder Krissy Schneider, Alder Brenda Kalish, Alder Roger Brown, and Alder Brian Kendall. Absent: Alder Stephanie Brown.

Others Present: City Attorney Ben Wood, City Administrator Misty Molzof, Library Director Robin Orlandi, Police Chief Jaden McCullick, Engineer/DPW Mike Reynolds, The Boscobel Dial Dave Krier, Street Superintendent Luke Brown, and Tom Pelz.

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 09/09/2020: Motion by Alder Roger Brown, second by Alder Gary Kjos to approve minutes of the September 9, 2020 Common Council meeting as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Citizen Comments & Concerns: Alder Brian Kendall stated that he has had many questions regarding tree replacement programs. Reynolds stated that this was a budget item that was cut many years ago, and there isn't enough funding to provide replacement trees.

Improvements and Services:

4-Way Stop at intersection of Bluff Street and WI Avenue & Parking Stalls at intersection of Bluff Street and WI Avenue: Motion by Alder Brenda Kalish, second by Alder Barb Bell to approve changing the intersection of Bluff Street and Wisconsin Avenue into a 4-way stop, and add handicap stalls as proposed. Motion carried 7-0.

Streets Capital Improvement Plan: Motion by Alder Steve Fritz, second by Alder Gary Kjos to adopt the proposed Street Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Fire Department Request: Motion by Alder Barb Bell, second by Alder Krissy Schneider to approve request from Boscobel Fire Department for payment of COVID-19 equipment in the amount of \$397.00 out of CARES Grant Funds. Motion carried 7-0.

Advertising Bids City Equipment/Bikes: Motion by Alder Barb Bell, second by Alder Roger Brown to advertise bids for sale of surplus City equipment. Motion carried 7-0.

Phone System at City Hall: Presentation by Rich Braband, Crexendo Systems. Molzof explained that this phone system will make work from home possible as the need arises, as well as be a monthly cost savings for years to come. Council was favorable to using COVID-19 CARES Act Grant funds to purchase the system. Molzof will bring final information to Council for approval at the next meeting. No official action taken.

ACH Agreement with Clare Bank: Motion by Alder Roger Brown, second by Alder Gary Kjos to approve ACH Agreement with Clare Bank. Motion carried 7-0.

Copy Machine Lease Buy-out: Motion by Alder Roger Brown, second by Alder Brenda Kalish to approve copy machine lease buy-out for no more than \$2,330.79. Motion carried 7-0.

Fehr Graham-2021-Safety Proposal: Motion by Alder Gary Kjos, second by Alder Brenda Kalish to approve the 2021 Safety Proposal with Fehr Graham, including excavation training, in the total amount of \$5,822 to be split with Utilities 50/50. Upon roll call vote, all alders present, voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Landfill Well Testing Proposal: Motion by Alder Brenda Kalish, second by Alder Gary Kjos to approve the Landfill Well Testing Proposal in the amount of \$6,050 per year over the next three years. Motion carried 7-0.

Community Partner Agreement: Motion by Alder Roger Brown, second by Alder Krissy Schneider to approve the Community Partner Agreement with UW-Platteville for the feasibility study with WRTO. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve pay request for 2020 Street Maintenance Project: Motion by Alder Gary Kjos, second by Alder Steve Fritz to approve pay request from Fahrner for the micro-slurry seal 2020 Street Maintenance Project in the amount of \$52,618.60. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve pay request for 2020 LeGrand Street Improvement Project: None.

Operator Licenses: None

DPW Report: Reynolds asked the Council to compare the south end of Wisconsin Avenue to Doc Mac Drive from Windsong Court to Old C for the difference between chip seal and slag slurry. While slag slurry is more expensive, Reynolds believes that it is a better maintenance solution with a longer life. Play equipment at Bluff View Park has been installed, and City crews will be working on the alley behind City Hall tomorrow to fix the drainage issues.

Administrator's Report: Molzof gave a report on the City Financial Statements through August 31, 2020.

Library Director's Report: Orlandi reported that the Library Board is meeting tomorrow to discuss five potential candidates; Orlandi will be here for another month. The outside WiFi extender is installed and being used. Curbside pickup is busy. Some of the Library Clubs have started back up, and they may look to use the Scout Cabin this winter. The library is offering virtual story times, craft activities, and encouraging outdoor activities.

Police Chief's Report: McCullick stated that he would like to see Halloween proceed as usual with a change to the hours since it is on a Saturday. McCullick feels that citizens should take their children out if they feel comfortable with it, and residents should turn their lights on and hand out treats only if they are comfortable with the decision. It is important to respect one another and their decisions either way. If they change the hours from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm, there would be two officers on duty. Alder Krissy Schneider asked McCullick if there was an option for closing Wildwood Court since they usually have over 300 kids trick-or-treating in the neighborhood and many cars driving around the circle. McCullick stated that they will try to patrol the area a little heavier to ensure safety.

Mayor's Appointments: None.

Committee Reports: Plan Commission – Wednesday, September 23rd at 5:00 pm, Joint Review Board – Tuesday, September 29th at 1:00 pm.

Mayor Communications:

Schedule Committee Meetings.

August Financials: Motion by Alder Gary Kjos, second by Alder Brenda Kalish to approve the August financials as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Monthly bills: Motion by Alder Barb Bell, second by Alder Gary Kjos to approve monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$74,626.32, of which \$63,422.09 are general fund, and \$321.31 out

of Library County Funds approved by Library Board, \$10,676.57 from Donations Fund, \$4,000 and \$206.35 from TID #5. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Adjourn: Motion by Alder Roger Brown, second by Alder Gary Kjos to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 8:15 pm.

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Stephen R. Wetter, Mayor

Misty Molzof, City Administrator