

Regular Meeting of the Boscobel Common Council
Monday, December 7, 2020 at 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 Stephanie Brown, Alder Krissy Schneider, Alder Brenda Kalish, Alder Roger Brown, and Alder Brian Kendall. Absent: None.

Others Present: City Attorney Ben Wood, City Administrator Misty Molzof, and Engineer/DPW Mike Reynolds, and Josh Straka from Strand & Associates. Virtually present were: Chief Jaden McCullick, Dial Editor Dave Krier, Scott Teuber, Robin Baumeister, Bret Heffernan, and Linda Haney.

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 11/17/2020: Motion by Alder Roger Brown, second by Alder Gary Kjos to approve minutes of the November 17, 2020 Common Council meeting as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

Citizen Comments & Concerns: Robin Baumeister, Boscobel Chamber of Commerce, thanked Council for their support and assistance with the Christmas in Boscobel event last weekend.

Ordinance #2020-12, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 9, Subchapter IV, Section 9.25 relating to the regulation of animals: Motion by Alder Steve Fritz, second by Alder Stephanie Brown to adopt Ordinance #2020-12, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 9, Subchapter IV, Section 9.25 relating to the regulation of animals, as presented. Motion carried 7-1 with Roger Brown opposing. Discussion was held regarding types of animals that this will apply to. Alder Roger Brown stated concern over turtles, lizards, or other non-venomous animals not being allowed as pets and suggested using the wording “exotic animals.” After reviewing the definition of exotic animals, the only pets that would be allowed would be dogs and cats.

Street Closing Request, BMZ Church: Motion by Alder Gary Kjos, second by Alder Brenda Kalish to approve Street Closing request as requested from BMZ Church for the City-owned parking lot on West Oak Street. Motion carried 8-0.

Fire Department Grant Funding: Motion by Alder Barb Bell, second by Alder Krissy Schneider to allow the Boscobel Fire Department to use City 501(c)(3) status and federal identification numbers to apply for grant funding. Motion carried 8-0.

Boat Landing Improvements: Motion by Alder Brian Kendall, second by Alder Barb Bell to approve proceeding with applying for grants for boat landing improvements as recommended by Boat Landing Committee and Park Commission at a cost not to exceed \$65,000 in up front engineering and planning fees. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0. Josh Straka, Strand & Associates, explained that there are currently two grants that could cover up to 100% of the costs including engineering fees for a boat landing project. The Federal Grant Program has a Sport Fish Restoration Grant (SFR) that could cover up to 75% of the total project costs, and the WI DNR has the Wisconsin Recreational Boating Facility Grant (RBF) that could cover up to 50% of the total costs, and together, they could cover up to 100% of the project costs. The SFR has a February 1, 2021 deadline, and the RBF has a June 1, 2021 deadline. The commitment needed tonight would be to proceed at committee level to develop a plan to move forward with grant applications.

Red Cross Blood Drive – City Facilities Use: Motion by Alder Brenda Kalish, second by Alder Gary Kjos to approve use of the Blaine Gym for Blood Drives. Motion carried 8-0.

City Buildings COVID-19: Discussion regarding opening up City buildings and their use was held. Discussion favored leaving City buildings closed until such time as the threat lessens to a point we feel it is safe again due to COVID-19. No action taken.

Iverson Construction invoice for Alley Reconstruction: Motion by Alder Steve Fritz, second by Alder Gary Kjos to approve invoice for Iverson Construction in the amount of \$7,000 for alley reconstruction project blacktopping. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

TAP Grant certification training completed and forthcoming SMA: No action taken. Reynolds updated Council on the forthcoming agreement for the TAP Grant and explained that by signing the agreement as the sponsor, the City would be committing to coming up with upwards of \$558,000 towards the project, and it may be necessary to have an agreement with Wisconsin River Trails to ensure that the City is not liable for the funds per the agreement.

Maestro 2021 Discovery Renewal Contract: Motion by Alder Roger Brown, second by Alder Gary Kjos to approve 2021 Discovery Contract with Maestro offering flexible spending to employees at no cost. Motion carried 8-0.

Operator Licenses: Motion by Alder Gary Kjos, second by Alder Krissy Schneider to approve operator licenses for Eric Michael Bradley-Bartleson, Crystal Lynn Mezera, Felicia Dawn Willhoite, and Natalie Beth Beeman. Motion carried 8-0.

DPW Report: Reynolds reported that the street department is working on leaves, brush, and tree removal, Alex Karsten started today as a lineworker. TID #5 should be all set after one more update to the maps. The 2nd pay request for the 2020 Street Project has been received. The LMI letters for the grant application for the 2022 Street Project will be going out in the next couple of weeks, due back by January 15, 2021. Auditors will be here in January. Thursday of this week Reynolds will be on a 2 hour virtual meeting with UW-Platteville students that have been doing studies on deconstruction and reconstruction of the Lone Rock bridge for Wisconsin River Trail Organization.

Administrators Report: Molzof reported that the information was sent to Grant County today for tax bill processing, included in the packet are the final figures for 2020 tax roll, a pie chart showing how much someone with a house assessed at \$100,000 pays towards each City service, a comparison of 2019 and 2020 tax bills, a listing of Alders' properties and the amount of their tax bills, and November 30, 2020 financial statements.

Library Director's Report: Matthews submitted a report on youth, teen/adult, and adult programming, and public Wi-Fi hours.

Police Chief's Report: McCullick stated that the new part-time officer, Cody McCollough, has started training. The snakes reported were tracked down and are no longer in the City limits.

Mayor's Appointments: None.

Committee Reports: None.

Mayor Communications: None.

Schedule Committee Meetings: Motion by Alder Brenda Kalish, second by Alder Gary Kjos to cancel the second December meeting regularly scheduled 12/21/2020. Motion carried 8-0.

November Financials: Motion by Alder Roger Brown, second by Alder Gary Kjos to approve the November Account Balances Report as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

Monthly bills: Motion by Alder Brenda Kalish, second by Alder Gary Kjos to approve monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$239,167.22, of which \$235,934.63 are general fund, and \$1,297.48 out of Library County Funds approved by Library Board, and \$1,935.11 from Donations Fund. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

Year-End Bills: Motion by Alder Gary Kjos, second by Alder Roger Brown to approve payment of year-end bills. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

Adjourn: Motion by Alder Brenda Kalish, second by Alder Gary Kjos to adjourn. Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 pm.

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Stephen R. Wetter, Mayor

Misty Molzof, City Administrator