

Regular Meeting of the Boscobel Common Council
Monday, January 4, 2021 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, Police Chief Jaden McCullick, and Engineer/DPW Mike Reynolds. Virtually present were Denise Fisher, Linda Haney, and Tonia Vial.

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 12/07/2020: Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Kjos to approve minutes of the December 7, 2020 Common Council meeting as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

Citizen Comments & Concerns: None.

Forgive 12 months Theater Lease Payments: Motion by Alder Bell, second by Alder Kendall to approve forgiving 12 months of lease payments from State Theaters from May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

WRTO Agreement: Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder S. Brown to approve the State Municipal Agreement for Transportation Alternatives Program Project Grant for Wisconsin River Trail (WRTO) Multi-Use Path, contingent upon an agreement with WRTO for payment of services rendered that is agreeable by Mayor Wetter and Attorney Wood. Upon roll call vote: Kjos-No, Fritz-No, S. Brown-Yes, Schneider-Yes, Kalish-No, R. Brown-Yes, Kendall-No, and Bell-Yes. Upon tie vote, Mayor Wetter voted yes to approve the agreement. Motion carried 5-4. Discussion regarding City responsibility for a trail that is located outside of City limits was had. Reynolds assured Council that WRTO has agreed to pay all the costs, and the only cost from now until bid letting would be engineering fees. The City would still be able to back out up until the time that the bids are received and prior to award. At that time, the City would be required to complete the project and would be held liable if WRTO did not have enough money. Vial and Fisher assured the Council that they would make sure the money was raised prior to this point, and that they would do everything they could to ensure the City would not be liable for any of the costs. Reynolds stated that this TAP Grant is one of the largest grants ever awarded and the State would like to see the funds used and the project completed. The timeline is to start with the design phase now, and project start in 2024 with estimated completion in 2026. Fisher stated that she is looking at other funding sources and plans to write other grants to come up with the entire amount needed to cover the trail and asked the Council to support these efforts as this is an asset to the community, and her hometown.

Operator Licenses: None.

DPW Report: Reynolds reported that there were about 60 trees taken down before Christmas, and there are about 100 left to come down this year. Kendall asked where the wood goes, and Reynolds replied that the property owner has first chance to keep it or get rid of it, and if they do not, there is a list of people who have expressed interest in the wood and usually take it all. Reynolds stated that the water and sewer have been extended for the Bremmer Project, the Auditors will be here later this month, and the CDBG Project (LeGrand Street) will be finalized soon.

Administrators Report: Molzof reported that tax bills went out; however, there have been some issues with the mailing, and some people have not received theirs.

Library Director's Report: None.

Police Chief's Report: McCullick stated that New Years was busy, part-time officer Cody McCollough is working out well, there was a COVID case within the department, and the Police building is now owned by the City.

Mayors Appointments: Motion by Alder Fritz, second by Alder Kjos to approve mayoral appointments: Room Tax one-year terms – Alisha Knoble, Karl Krogen, Kelly Trumm, and Brian Kendall; and Library Board 3-year term – John Larsen. Motion carried 8-0.

Committee Reports: Boat Landing Commission is meeting Monday, January 11th, to discuss planning for the improvements so that the grant applications can be submitted.

Mayor Communications: None.

Schedule Committee Meetings: None.

Monthly bills: Motion by Alder Kalish, second by Alder Kjos to approve monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$1,403,023.23, of which are \$1,392,919.16 general fund, and \$3,132.08 out of Library County Funds approved by Library Board, \$26.99 from Donations Fund, \$6,000.00 from Room Tax Funds, and \$945.00 from TID #5. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm.

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Stephen R. Wetter, Mayor

Misty Molzof, City Administrator