

Regular Meeting of the Boscobel Common Council
Monday, April 5, 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, Engineer/DPW Mike Reynolds, Robin Baumeister, and Tom Pelz. Virtually Present: Library Director Janelle Miller, Linda Haney, and Matt Honer SWWRPC.

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, and it was noted that the Amended Agenda was posted on Friday afternoon.

Minutes 03/15/2021: Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Kjos to approve minutes of the March 15, 2021 Common Council meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments & Concerns: Molzof stated that we received a request from Antique Club earlier today regarding their plan to have a Tractor Pull on Saturday, May 1, 2021, and they are hoping to close Oak Street from about 10:30 am until finished. This request will be on the next Council agenda but wanted to bring it up tonight in case there were concerns. Alder Bell stated that the Depot is asking for volunteers to help clean the Depot for Depot Days on April 13th and 15th at 1:00 pm.

Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Picnic License: Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Kalish to approve Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Picnic License for In the Beginning Childcare, Beth Mikrut, for Jamm'n on the Wisconsin Event, August 6, 2021. Motion carried.

National Library Workers Proclamation: Molzof read the Proclamation, and members expressed gratitude for the Library workers and all they do in the City. No action taken.

Introduction of Alley Vacation: Attorney Wood explained that Gundersen Hospital and William and Susan Gies have reached an agreement and are now requesting that the City vacate the alley that the Gies' garage was built on before zoning was in place. Plan Commission will meet to hold the hearing on vacating the alley, then the Resolution will come back to Council for final approval, and finally Gies and Gundersen will resolve garage issue with agreement. No action taken.

City of Boscobel Public Participation Plan: Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Fritz to approve the City of Boscobel Public Participation Plan as presented. Motion carried.

4th of July Firecracker Run: Motion by Alder Fritz, second by Alder Kjos to approve the request from Boscobel Education Foundation and Chamber of Commerce for the annual 4th of July Firecracker Run. Motion carried.

Mediacom 3-year Internet Contract: Motion by Alder Kjos, second by Alder Schneider to ratify the contract with Mediacom for Internet service for three years. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried.

Police Squad Car Repairs/Purchase: McCullick presented Council with an estimate of repairs for \$7,409.31 on the squad car he drives. We can either put this into this squad or try to find a

used one for about \$14-15,000. Consensus was to have McCullick bring back some used car options. No action taken.

City Hall Opening: Molzof stated that the plan at this point is to wait until May 6, 2021 to open City Hall and other Municipal buildings to the public as most staff will have had the opportunity to receive both vaccines by the end of this week. If we wait two weeks after that, we would be looking at May 3rd and then need to close on the 5th for safety training.

Close City Hall May 6th and June 2nd: Motion by Alder Fritz, second by Alder Kjos to approve closing City Hall on May 5th and June 2nd so that all staff may attend the required safety training. Motion carried.

TAP Grant & Multi-Use Path: Motion by Alder Kalish, second by Alder R. Brown to approve the Public Involvement Plan for TAP Grant Multi-Use Path. Motion carried.

Tree Planting Incentive: Motion by Alder Schneider, second by Alder Fritz to approve the Tree Planting Incentive, 50% of replacement tree up to \$50.00 and a maximum of 2 trees per resident based upon how many trees they lost out of the right-of-way. Motion carried.

New Employee: Motion by Alder Bell, second by Alder Kalish to approve Nathan Updike as full-time employee in the Parks & Maintenance Department and assisting the Street Department as needed at \$21.75 per hour with a start date of April 19, 2021. Upon roll call vote, Kendall-aye, R. Brown-aye, Kalish-aye, Schneider-aye, S. Brown-abstain, Fritz-aye, Kjos-aye, and Bell-aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Operator Licenses: Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Kjos to approve Laura Lee Ramirez' operator license. Motion carried.

DPW Report: Reynolds reported that the CDBG public hearing for the 2022 Street Projects will be held April 19th, the ADA project bids are due by April 29th, and we will be approving a contract May 3rd, and there was a diving team from WI DOT here today diving the culvert under Hwy 61 at Sanders Creek who found no blockage under the highway.

Administrator's Report: Molzof reported that the Mayor signed a letter in support of the Associates of Arts Degrees and Associate of Science Degree being developed at SWTC in Fennimore. This will be a great opportunity for people to obtain their degree more affordably through hands-on training. Molzof also reported that there was a copy of the newsletter that will be sent out this week with Utility bills in the packet. Some topics of interest are the generous donations we have been afforded for the Fireman's Park Ball Diamond in hopes of getting some community matching funds, the Comprehensive Plan Update Survey is out, and people have started taking it, a list of employee extensions on the new phone system, street department rubbish and chipping schedule, and City-Wide Clean-up scheduled on May 15, 2021.

Library Director's Report: Miller reported that the Library is busy providing services, and user numbers have doubled since they opened to the public. They are working on getting hot spots for check out as well as a Library App that will provide users with the ability to receive curbside services. They had a scavenger hunt the last couple of weeks and over 50 kids participated. They are now working on a Bike Rodeo, Book Club, Adult Craft-N-Chat, and some other programming.

Police Chief's Report: McCullick stated that there has been an increase in public nuisance complaints and letters have started going out; he will encourage people to take advantage of the City-Wide Clean-Up. He has applied for two traffic safety grants.

Mayors Appointments: Motion by Alder Fritz, second by Alder Bell to approve Rob Scherrer to replace Milt Cashman on Park Commission. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: None.

Mayor Communications: None.

Schedule Committee Meetings: Common Council should meet on the 3rd Tuesday in April; however, there is a publication for a Public Meeting on the 3rd Monday, April 19th. We will have our regular monthly meeting on the 3rd Monday of April.

Monthly bills: Motion by Alder Kalish, second by Alder Bell to approve monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$210,400.53, of which are \$161,099.71 general fund, and \$11,731.33 out of Library County Funds approved by Library Board, \$99.00 from Donations Fund, \$8,904.05 from CDBG Funds for a loan that was paid off, \$150.00 from TID 4, \$150.00 from TID #5, and \$28,266.44 from Capital Improvements funds. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 7:50 pm.

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Stephen R. Wetter, Mayor

Misty Molzof, City Administrator