

**Regular Meeting of the Boscobel Common Council**  
**Monday, April 19, 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 Roger Brown, and Alder Brian Kendall (Virtual). Absent: Alder Brenda Kalish.

Others Present: City Administrator Misty Molzof, City Attorney Ben Wood, Police Chief Jaden McCullick, and Engineer/DPW Mike Reynolds, Vierbicher and Associates – Mark Steward, Luke Brown, Kelly Trumm, and Mark Molldrem. Virtually Present: Library Director Janelle Miller and Dial Editor Dave Krier.

*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 04/05/2021:* Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Kjos to approve minutes of the April 5, 2021 Common Council meeting as presented. Motion carried.

*Citizen Comments & Concerns:* None.

*Public Hearing:* Mayor Wetter opened the Public Hearing at approximately 7:01 p.m. regarding the proposed application for Community Development Block Grant – Public Facilities (CDBG-PF) Funds.

Mark Steward with Vierbicher identified total potential funds, explained eligible CDBG activities, presented identified community development needs, identified other areas of any community development needs by public, and presented the activities proposed for CDBG application, including potential residential displacement. During the explanations, Alders asked questions regarding possible funding, future funding, and other areas of interest. There was no other citizen input regarding proposed and other CDBG activities.

There being no further comments, Mayor Wetter asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing at approximately 7:20 p.m. Motion by Alder Bell, second by Alder Kjos to close the Public Hearing. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried.

*Resolution #04-19-2021:* Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Bell to approve Resolution #04-19-2021, An Authorizing Resolution to Commit Match Funds as presented. Motion carried.

*Resolution #04-19-2021A:* Motion by Alder Kjos, second by Alder Fritz to approve Resolution #04-19-2021A, An Authorizing Resolution for the Submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application. Motion carried.

*Resolution #04-19-2021B:* Motion by Alder Bell, second by Alder R. Brown to approve Resolution #04-19-2021B, A Resolution Adopting the Policy to Prohibit the Use of Excessive Force and to Enforce Applicable State and Local Laws Prohibiting Physically Barring Entrances/Exits for Non-Violent Civil Rights Demonstrations. Motion carried.

*Street Closing Request:* Motion by Alder Kjos, second by Alder Fritz to approve Street Closing Request from Midwest Pulling Sled, 100 Block of W. Oak Street on Saturday, May 1, 2021 beginning at 10:30 am until finished. Motion carried.

*606 E. Kansas St Alley Use Request:* Motion by Alder Bell, second by Alder Kjos to approve request from Kelly Trumm/Mark Molldrem to use alley behind 606 E. Kansas Street once agreement drawn up by Attorney Wood is signed and recorded regarding future alley maintenance. Motion carried. Reynolds stated that there is an alley platted between E. Kansas Street and E. Legrand Street which is wider on the east end, and the request is to use the alley to access a new garage. The City would do the curb cut-out and Kelly Trumm/Mark Molldrem would put the alley in and maintain it.

*Stump Removal Project Bid Ads:* Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Fritz to approve advertising for Stump Removal Project bids. Motion carried. Reynolds stated that there are 150 stumps to be removed this year, approximately 4,000” diameter in total. If bids come in at \$1.00/inch, cost should be about \$4,000 this year.

*Street Maintenance Project Bid Ads:* Motion by Alder Bell, second by Alder R. Brown to approve advertising for Street Maintenance Project bids using all three options: Slag Slurry, Micro Slag Slurry, or Chip Seal for the streets as presented: 400-700 Block of Cedar Road, 100-300 Block of Mary Street, 100 Block of Parker Street, 300 Block of Superior Street, Fremont Street from Chestnut Street to east side of Bridge, and Doc Mac Drive from Oakes Road to Windsong Court. Motion carried.

*Bid Proposal for Tennis/Basketball Courts:* Motion by Alder Kendall, second by Alder S. Brown to approve bid proposal for tennis/basketball court resurfacing by Midwest Seal Coat for approximately \$36,000 with the use of Capital Funds. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried. Reynolds stated that in 2005 the same project cost us \$14,000, and in 2013 it was \$29,500; costs have increased drastically while budgets remain the same or with very little increases.

*Squad Car:* Motion by Alder Kjos, second by Alder Schneider to approve purchasing the 2016 Chevrolet Impala through Les Mack in the amount of \$15,662. Upon roll call vote, Kendall-aye, R. Brown-abstain, Schneider-aye, S. Brown-aye, Fritz-aye, Kjos-aye, and Bell-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

*Police Officer Event Pay:* Motion by Alder Fritz, second by Alder S. Brown to approve \$25.00 per hour for event pay for officers. Charges to the organization will be \$30.00 per hour to cover employment benefit costs. Motion carried.

*Update on buildings for Demolition on Wisconsin Avenue: 826 Wisconsin Avenue (Snick Schlump), 805 Wisconsin Avenue (Lacey Swanson), 909 Wisconsin Avenue (Jeremy/Vicky Faust):* Molzof reported that Building and Zoning Administrator Dennis Hampton sent letters to Schlump and Faust, and both replied that they would do their best to have buildings down by July 1, 2021.

*Operator Licenses:* None.

*DPW Report:* Reynolds reported that Nathan Updike started today as the Maintenance Assistant / Street Department Laborer hybrid position. James Marks has accepted the WWTP Laborer position. He is working on the endloader and snowblower specs. Kjos asked about fixing the railroad crossings, and Reynolds replied that the railroad would like us to close the railroad crossings, so it will be difficult to get them to fix them if they are not in dire need.

*Administrator's Report:* Molzof stated that she has had various discussions with community members, Alders, the Mayor, and DPW, and decided to request the DOT lower the speed limit on both sides of the City for many reasons including safety, ATV/UTV use, etc. Currently the

speed increases to 55 mph heading south towards Fennimore between Gassers and Fillbacks. That is about where it lowers as well, and we often get complaints of people speeding when entering Wisconsin Avenue from Hwy. 61 headed north, hopefully this would alleviate that. Also, the other request was to reduce it from City Limits headed north out to the stop sign at the end of the bridge. The DOT is going to add us to their speed study list, but at this point, it does not look promising. Financial Statements were included in the packet, and she did not notice anything out of the ordinary. Pdf copies of the Audit will be sent out shortly. May 2-8, 2021 is Municipal Clerks Appreciation Week and there was a proclamation from the Governor included in the packet. Molzof informed the Council that Sue Bacon emailed regarding the status of the Beautification Committee and she is going to be stepping down and was wondering if there was anyone interested in either heading it up or participating in the group. She also asked if the City could find a way to fund some of the decorating for various holidays and events. I told her that I would bring it up in case any of you knew anyone interested or would like to help out. As of this morning, there have been 336 surveys submitted for the Comprehensive Plan Update. That is an amazing response; hopefully, we can get just as many people out to some of the meetings and to start being more involved. Reminder that the Comprehensive Plan Update meetings will be held every Thursday starting May 20<sup>th</sup> through June 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Blaine Gym. Each session will cover a different topic, and people do not need to attend the entire three hours; they can just come in whenever they want during those three hours and provide input, feedback, their opinions, etc. to staff from Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning. She met with Paul Beck and Charlie Baumeister today regarding the financial standing of the Fire District, the difference between the department and district and some of their needs. The Fire District funds the Fire Department, and the fundraising of the Fire Department is separate from the Fire District. The Fire District needs money for equipment, building repairs and maintenance, building operational costs, and to pay wages of the volunteer firefighters. They have been putting away \$50,000 into a Truck Fund for Truck Replacement for many years and have replaced trucks out of that fund in the past. The cost of trucks is a lot more today than they were when those funds were originally agreed upon, and with all the budget cuts, or only being allocated the same amount every year for the last eight years or so, the Fire District is asking that we work together and try to figure out a way to continue. There are a couple of options, including borrowing, increasing the levy requested from the municipalities, grant writing, and fundraising. She plans to work with them over the next couple of weeks, and there may be some information at the next Council meeting. Molzof explained the appropriate channels for complaints, comments, and concerns, and that the best option is for Alders to contact Reynolds, McCullick, or Molzof first; if there is no satisfaction in our answer, then it goes to the Mayor who sets the agenda and can decide if it should be placed on the agenda, or the Alder or citizens should bring it up under Citizen Comments and Concerns listed on the agenda. Also, there is an item towards the end of the agenda, there is a section labeled committee/board updates and reports. This is the section where Alders who are on committees should be reporting back to the Common Council what is happening in those departments or on those boards. For example, Fire Board, Tuffley Board, Library Board, etc.

*Library Director's Report:* Miller reported that the Library is holding the Bike Rodeo at Kronshage Park this Saturday from 9 am until 12 pm (noon). Children can come, ride the course, get a free helmet, and get their bicycle certified by WRTO. Gundersen representatives will also be in attendance.

*Police Chief's Report:* McCullick stated that we are now in compliance with Wiley Ag which makes us eligible for grant funding. Officer Dregne is going to be taking an instructor course as well as a firearms instructor course.

*Mayor's Communications:* Mayor Wetter stated that we have been preliminarily awarded \$250,000 for the Boat Landing Project from the first grant we applied for and this leaves us in a good place to receive funds from the other sources as well. We have received a few letters of support to be submitted with the other applications, and the project is looking promising.

*Oath of Office:* Alder Gary Kjos, Alder Steve Fritz, and Alder Brian Kendall were sworn in.

*Resolution #04-19-2021C:* Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Kjos to approve Alder Barb Bell as Council President and adopt Resolution #04-19-2021C, A Resolution Electing Council President. Motion carried.

*Resolution #04-19-2021D:* Motion by Alder Bell, second by Alder Kjos to approve Resolution #04-19-2021D, A Resolution Designating the Official City Newspaper: The Boscobel Dial. Motion carried.

*Resolution #04-19-2021E:* Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Fritz to approve Resolution #04-19-2021E, A Resolution Designating Official City Depositories: Clare Bank, Community First Bank, Peoples State Bank, Local Government Investment Pool. Motion carried.

*Mayor's Appointments:* Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Schneider to approve Mayor Appointments: Finance Committee: Steve Fritz, Barb Bell, Gary Kjos, Roger Brown, Improvement & Services: Brenda Kalish, Brian Kendall, Stephanie Brown, Krissy Schneider, Protection & Welfare: Roger Brown, Brian Kendall, Krissy Schneider, Stephanie Brown, Personnel: Barb Bell, Steve Fritz, Brenda Kalish, Gary Kjos, Fire Board: Gary Kjos; Board of Public Works: Roger Bohn; Planning Commission: Karl Krogen. Motion carried.

*Committee Board Meetings Updates / Reports:* None.

*Schedule Committee Meetings:* None.

*March Financials:* Motion by Alder Bell, second by Alder Fritz to approve the March Financials as presented. Motion carried.

*Monthly bills:* Motion by Alder Kjos, second by Alder R. Brown to approve semi-monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$177,336.30, of which are \$150,379.79 General Fund, and \$588.02 out of Library County Funds approved by Library Board, \$31.49 from Donations Fund, and \$26,337.00 from Capital Projects. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

*Adjourn:* Motion by Alder Bell, second by Alder Kjos to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm.

Date Published: \_\_\_\_\_

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Stephen R. Wetter, Mayor

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Misty Molzof, City Administrator