

Regular Meeting of the Boscobel Common Council
Monday, June 21, 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 Gary Kjos, Alder Steve Fritz, Alder Stephanie Brown, Alder Krissy Schneider, Alder Brenda Kalish, Alder Roger Brown, and Alder Brian Kendall (Virtual was Alder Barb Bell). Absent: None.

Others Present: City Administrator Misty Molzof, Police Chief Jaden McCullick, Engineer/DPW Mike Reynolds, Building & Zoning Administrator Dennis Hampton, City Attorney Ben Wood, Phil Hansen WPPI Energy, Street Superintendent Luke Brown, Maintenance Superintendent Dean Harville, Board of Public Works: Jerry Wagner and Lionel Schlump, Residents: Marleen Schlump, Jeremy Faust, Vicky Faust, Gene Freymiller, Thomas Pelz, Wendi Stitzer, and virtual was Sharon Winger and Paul with Johnson Controls.

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 06/07/2021: Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Kjos to approve minutes of the June 7, 2021 Common Council meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Wetter stated that we would re-order some items on the agenda in effort to accommodate the needs of the people present.

Citizen Comments & Concerns: Wendi Stitzer, on behalf of the Boscobel School Board, asked the Common Council to consider replacing or repairing the curb and gutter in front of the Elementary School as it is in terrible shape and is a safety hazard. Stitzer passed out pictures of the curb and gutter and asked the Common Council to consider repairing it. Reynolds informed the Council that the City made some repairs 4-5 years ago at the schools request and the continued deterioration is the result of the schools heavy use of salt. Reynolds also stated that the city does not get maintenance funding from the State for this street as it is closed most of the time and the school should take on some responsibility for the repairs. Alder R. Brown asked that this be discussed at Committee level and be brought back to Council.

Public Nuisances/Abatement/Condemnation: Discussion was had regarding current Public Nuisances / Property Abatements, including Policy, Procedure, Current Violations, and update on Various Properties (805 Wisconsin-Lacey Swanson, 826 Wisconsin-Lionel Schlump, 909 Wisconsin-Jeremy & Vicky Faust, and 701 Morrison-Gene Freymiller):

Motion by R. Brown, second by Schneider to allow Swanson one year until we start the condemnation process. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Marlene Schlump stated that they are working on getting 826 Wisconsin Avenue tore down, but now are waiting for the gas company to complete abatement of the gas lines before they can proceed. They do have someone hired to tear the building down and will get it started as soon as the gas company is done, likely withing three weeks. *Motion by Alder Kjos, second by Alder Kendall to give Schlump's a 60-day extension to get the building completely tore down. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.*

Jeremy Faust stated that he has spoken with the Amish and they are set to start on Wednesday this week in hopes of having it completely down by the end of the week, so they should be able to comply with the July 1st deadline. *No action taken.*

Gene Freymiller was present and stated that he is in the process of putting a new roof on, and the materials in front of the shop are for that purpose. This project should start on or before July 1st. The other loose stuff around the property will be taken care of within a week. McCullick stated that letters were sent on April 17th, citations were issued on June 7th, and court appearances are set for Monday June 28th, which is when the items in question should be removed. Freymiller stated that he will have it done by Monday with the exception of the roof materials. Mayor Wetter asked Freymiller for future plans of the building, and Freymiller stated that when he retires, he intends to bring his hobby back and do some cabinet making out of the shop again. *No action taken.*

WPPI Energy Report: Phil Hansen, Chief Information Officer of WPPI Energy, presented Common Council with Shining Through Power Point Presentation.

Police Chief Report: McCullick stated that he had sent a copy of his report. No questions were asked on the report.

Public Hearing: Mayor Wetter opened the Public Hearing at approximately 8:07 p.m. regarding Vacating and Closing Public Ways, a portion of Block 44 of the Original Plat. No public comments were given.

There being no further comments, Mayor Wetter asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing at approximately 8:08 p.m. Motion by Alder Kjos, second by Alder Kalish to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried.

Resolution #06-21-2021: Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Kalish to approve Resolution #06-21-2021, A Resolution to Vacate and Discontinue Public Ways, A parcel of land located in Block 44 of the Original Plat of the City of Boscobel, in the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 27, T8N, R3W, City of Boscobel, Grant County, Wisconsin described as the West 16' of Lot 10 including that portion of vacated alley and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning in the Southwest Corner of Lot 10 of Said Block 44; thence Easterly along the South Line of Lot 10, 16.00 ft.; thence N 00° 04' 56" W, 132.18 ft.; thence N 89° 54' 11" W, 16.00 ft.; thence Southerly along the West line of said Lot 10 to the Point of Beginning. Containing 2,115 square feet, more or less. Motion carried.

Resolution #06-21-2021A: Motion by Alder Kjos, second by Alder Kendall to approve Resolution #06-21-2021A, An Annual Compliance Maintenance Resolution for the 2020 CMAR Report. Motion carried. Reynolds stated that we received 100 points out of 100 possible.

Resolution #06-21-2021B: Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Kjos to approve Resolution #06-21-2021B, A Petition for 2022 Grant County Appropriation for the Improvement of a Highway. Motion carried.

Advertising for Expert Appraiser Services for City-Wide Revaluation: Motion by Alder Kjos, second by Alder Fritz to approve advertising bids for an Expert Appraiser for the services of a City-Wide Revaluation for the 2022 tax roll. Motion carried.

City Hall A/C & Temporary Hours Change: Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Kalish to approve repairing City Hall A/C Unit with bid as submitted by Johnson Controls at \$20,000 for a rebuilt condenser with a 30-day warranty and to research and request bids for replacing HVAC at City Hall. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0. The unit should be here and installed within 3 weeks, and City Hall may have temporary office hours depending on the temperature and may also involve some work-from-home hours for staff.

Fuel Supplier: No action taken. Molzof reported that she received a call from New Horizons on Tuesday afternoon last week that the BP Station would be closing temporarily for remodeling and that we would need to figure out something for fuel supply due to the procedure we used. We have transitioned to the New Horizons Cenex Store temporarily and she has asked both New Horizons and Kwik Trip to provide us with fuel bids. The process will change somewhat, and we will need to bring this back to the next meeting for action. We were currently getting our fuel tax exempt along with a 1% discount on fuel purchases.

Pool Employees: Motion by Alder Kalish, second by Alder R. Brown to approve Shaeden Carlin at \$12.00 per hour as swim team coach, and Maddi Fritz at \$8.00 per hour as returning guard. Motion carried with Fritz abstaining.

Temporary Office Help: Motion by Alder Fritz, second by Alder Schneider to approve hiring Linda Haney at \$15.00 per hour as temporary office assistant to help with answering phones and waiting on customers. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Picnic License(s): Motion by Alder Kalish, second by Alder Kjos to approve Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Picnic Licenses for Boscobel Fire Department for their annual 4th of July Celebration on July 3 & 4, 2021 at Kronshage Park, and for Wisconsin River Trail Organization for their annual Chicken BBQ and Music in the Park on July 3, 2021 at Kronshage Park. Motion carried.

Street Closing Request: Motion by Alder Fritz, second by Alder R. Brown to approve street closing request for Double K's on July 17-18, 2021 for Music in the Parking Lot on Saturday, July 17, 2021 from 7 pm until 12 midnight in the parking lot between 840 and 900 Wisconsin Avenue. Motion carried.

Operator Licenses: Motion by Alder Kalish, second by Alder Kjos to approve Operator Licenses for Charlotte Ceceila Allen, Christopher Raymond Mezera, Mathew R Predmore-Miller, Amanda Danielle Caya, Samantha Jo Verhein, Gary Dean Compton, Cody Jarett Ralph, Hershel G Marks, Chantel M Thompson, and Duane W Gebhard. Motion carried.

DPW Report: Reynolds reported that the end loader was delivered last week, Sprague's are in town stump grinding this week. We are working with Zirbel's and Kurt Muchow at Vierbicher for a Developer's Agreement and/or a Memo of Understanding (MOU).

Administrator's Report: Molzof stated that the City of Boscobel is entitled to \$327,403.24 in ARPA – American Rescue Plan Act Funds and are set to receive 50% this year and 50% in 2022. Eligible uses are to support public health expenditures, address negative economic impacts, replace lost public sector revenues, provide premium pay for essential workers, and invest in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. I have printed out some information for your reference. I didn't get the May Financial presentation ready, hopefully next month. We are still working at getting donations, and every little bit will help. We averaged about 40 people each week at the Comprehensive Plan Update Public Input Sessions with about 67 total people, some returned each week, and there were some new ones each week. Thank you to all of those that came out for it. Reminder that this Friday we are having a retirement celebration for Rick Ritter and Ben Wellner here at City Hall from 9 am until 11 am. Hopefully, you can make it. Also, a reminder that the Grant County Economic Development meeting is Wednesday at 5:30, for those that RSVP'd.

Library Director's Report: Miller sent a written report.

Mayor's Communications: None.

Mayor's Appointments: Motion by Alder Fritz, second by Alder Kjos to approve Mayor Appointments: Helena Robinson to the Library Board and Phil Molldrem to the Board of Review. Motion carried.

Committee Board Meetings Updates / Reports: None.

Schedule Committee Meetings: Molzof will schedule Boat Landing, Protection and Welfare, and Improvements and Services Meetings. Note that Alder R. Brown wants to be at Improvements and Services Meeting.

May Financials: Motion by Alder Kjos, second by Alder Kalish to approve the May Financials as presented. Motion carried.

Monthly bills. Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Kjos to approve monthly bills, as presented, in the amount of \$266,526.03, of which are \$148,622.61 general fund, and \$228.42 out of Library County Funds approved by Library Board, \$429.00 from Donations Fund, \$675.00 from TID #4 funds, and \$117,000.00 from Capital Projects. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm.

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Stephen R. Wetter, Mayor

Misty Molzof, City Administrator