

Regular Meeting of the Boscobel Common Council
Monday, August 2, 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 Brenda Kalish, Alder Roger Brown, and Alder Brian Kendall. Absent: Alder Stephanie Brown and Alder Krissy Schneider.

Others Present: City Attorney Ben Wood, City Administrator Misty Molzof, Police Chief Jaden McCullick, Engineer/DPW Mike Reynolds, Street Superintendent Luke Brown, and Tom Pelz.

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 07/19/2021: Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Kjos to approve minutes of the July 19, 2021, Common Council meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments & Concerns: Alder Brian Kendall asked if there was a communication method used when storms, disasters, and other unforeseen circumstances where Alders could be in the loop. Discussion regarding communication was had, and it was determined that we do not have the capability of putting out information similar to larger communities and larger utilities; however, Molzof has been trying to keep information updated in the Dial and on the Facebook page.

Ordinance #2021-02, Chapter 9.03: Motion by Alder Bell, second by Alder Kalish to approve Ordinance #2021-02, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 9.03 of the Boscobel Municipal Code, Offenses Against the Public Interest, related to Open Containers of Alcohol Beverages. Motion carried.

Credit Card Use Policy/Agreement: Motion by Alder Bell, second by Alder Kjos to approve Credit Card Use Policy/Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

Street Closings: None.

CDBG-PF Award Acceptance: Motion by Alder Kjos, second by Alder Fritz to approve accepting the CDBG-PF Grant in the amount of \$643,205 for the proposed 2022 Streets Improvement Project including portions of E. Oak Street, Valley Street, Park Street, Center Street, and Warah Street. Upon roll call vote, all Alders present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Dumpster Permit: Motion by Alder Fritz, second by Alder Bell to proceed with implementing the requirement of a permit and fee for dumpsters placed on City streets or in the right-of-way to be brought back to the next Council meeting. Motion carried.

COVID Planning: Discussion was had as it relates to the uptick in COVID cases and the possibility of masking, closing, etc. again. No action taken.

Taste of Boscobel: WRTO sent a letter requesting sponsors for the Taste of Boscobel. The City does do some in-kind donation, for example, the use of barricades, street closings, other miscellaneous employee time for setting up and cleaning up. I put this in the packet as informational so that you have the details, and in case you wanted to help out with anything. No action taken.

Raffle for Donations: Larry Larsen was in and offered to donate an almost life-size reproduction of a Babe Ruth poster that was found at Taylor Lumber Company in 1983. He thought that if the City was interested in raffling it off, we could sell tickets at \$20/each or 3 for \$50 and raise

between \$4-5,000 to go towards North Side Park or the Fireman's Park Ball Diamond Improvements. After consulting with Attorney Wood, the City cannot legally do raffles; however, members asked if we could find another organization who may want to head it, and Alders would be happy to sell the tickets. Molzof will work on this. No action taken.

Fire District Meeting: On July 21, 2021, Molzof presented a Power Point at the Fire District Meeting outlining the importance of a future plan as their budget directly affects our budget and can affect not only our levy, but also our expenditure restraint dollars. I assisted them with a very basic capital improvement working document that they can work on, update, and hopefully come up with a document that reflects their future needs and costs of those needs. There were quite a few there from the other taxing jurisdictions that make up the department, and I heard quite a bit of positive feedback. The Finance Committee will need to start discussing this as well as we look at our future budgets. Alder Fritz explained the importance of replacing or updating vehicles and equipment, and how the prices have increased drastically over the years, and we have not allowed them to increase their budget enough to cover inflationary costs let alone put aside money for capital improvements.

Heating & Cooling: Reynolds stated that Johnson Controls are planning to meet with Dean and Nathan either the 30th or 31st of August to go through all of the buildings and come up with a future plan. We will know more in September and will be looking at various funding options.

Operators' Licenses: Motion by Alder Kalish, second by Alder Kjos to approve operator licenses for Randa Jaclyn Bell and Jordon Allan Wood. Motion carried.

DPW Report: Reynolds reported that he met with the Boscobel School Board, and they are on board with paying 50% of the costs to repair the curb on Buchanan Street. The Park Commission will be discussing the proposed improvements at Fireman's Park Ball Diamond and deciding on which path to pursue, and a recommendation will come back to the next Council meeting. There is a Waterway meeting on August 10th for one of the grants we applied for, and all we are waiting on is the easement from the DOT, which we should have tomorrow. Reynolds has been busy preparing for 2022 Projects as it will be a busy year.

Administrator's Report: Molzof stated that she sent her report with the packet and there were no questions or comments.

Library Director's Report: None.

Police Chief's Report: McCullick submitted his report, and there were no questions or comments. McCullick stated that the squad car was posted on Wisconsin Surplus today, and bids will be accepted until August 16th, so we will know how much it sold for at the next Council meeting.

Mayor's Appointments: None.

Committee Reports: None.

Mayor Communications: None.

Schedule Committee Meetings: In September we will start scheduling budget meetings and personnel meetings for employee wage and benefit negotiations.

Monthly bills: Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Kjos to approve monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$262,326.19, of which are \$251,569.99 General Fund, and \$1,540.17 out of Library County Funds approved by Library Board, \$1,290.65 from Donations Fund, \$510.00 from TID #5, and \$7,415.38 from Capital Improvements Funds. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Adjourn: Motion by Alder Kjos, second by Alder Kalish to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 pm.

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Stephen R. Wetter, Mayor

Misty Molzof, City Administrator