

Regular Meeting of the Boscobel Common Council

Monday, February 21, 2022 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, Engineer/DPW Mike Reynolds, City Administrator Misty Molzof, Police Chief Jaden McCullick, and Street Superintendent, Luke Brown. Virtually: Library Director Janelle Miller. Robin Baumeister arrived about 7:20 pm.

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 02/07/2022: Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Kjos to approve minutes of the February 7, 2022 Common Council meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments & Concerns: None.

2022 Tuffley Center Space Agreement: Motion by Alder Kjos, second by Alder Fritz to approve the 2022 Space Agreement with Grant County Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) for the Tuffley Community Center. Motion carried.

2022 Hildebrand Library Space Agreement: Motion by Alder Schneider, second by Alder Kalish to approve 2022 Space Agreement with Southwest Wisconsin Technical College (SWTC) for the Library Club Room. Motion carried.

2021 Fire District Financial Statements: No Action.

Geotechnical Services Agreement: Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Kalish to approve Geotechnical services proposal from CGC, Inc for the Boat Landing Project in the amount of \$10,120.00 for grant compliance. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried.

City Hall Heating & Air Conditioning: Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Kjos to approve ASAP Heating and Cooling bid for heating and air conditioner replacement in the amount of \$200,254.00 out of ARPA Funds, if it qualifies, or Capital Expenditures if not. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried.

Leaf Vac: Motion by Alder Kalish, second by Alder Schneider to approve RFQ, Request for Quotes, for a Leaf Vac. Motion carried. Reynolds stated that our current machine was replaced in 2003, and over the last couple of years there have been some issues, with the circuit board failing last year. We are hopeful to get something for trade and looking at \$15-25,000 estimate on a new one.

Licenses: None.

Street Closing Request: None.

DPW Report: Reynolds reported that the two new street department employees started today, just in time for the bad weather. The ATV/UTV approvals are working their way through the DOT as he recently received the sign information for ordering. There are a lot of funds available through COVID allocations; one of which Reynolds will be working on applying for. If awarded, would cover 80% of the cost of a possible 2023 project which will include Airport Road from Park Street to Chestnut Street and Chestnut Street from Airport Road to Grey Street. This project would not need any utility work done, so the city portion would be \$100,000 - \$150,000 estimated cost. This grant application will need to be submitted by a consultant who has the software required, which will be an additional estimated cost of \$2,000. This project would include a thicker base and additional asphalt as to accommodate the heavier traffic.

Administrator's Report: Molzof stated that the Election final results were 424 votes cast, 167 for Brenda Kalish, 130 for Robin Baumeister, and 127 for Kurt Hoepfer. Out of the 93 absentee ballots sent out, there were 59 returned, and 51 counted. Nine of them were rejected for one reason or another, including no signature, no witness signature, voter moved, or voter rejected the ballot. This election cost about \$2,550.00 to run. The recount, which ended in the exact same results, occurred on February 18, 2022 at 2:00 pm and cost about \$400.00. Since the margin was less than ten votes difference between Kurt and Robin, the municipality cannot charge the cost of the recount to the person filing the petition; therefore, this \$400.00 will be included in our 2022 election costs covered by the taxpayers. Financial Statements: December Pre-Audit Financial Statement Summary and Balance Sheet is enclosed along with January 2022 Balances. Nothing seems out of the ordinary, and we will be going through them in more detail tomorrow night at the Finance Committee meeting. Molzof booked a vacation over the weekend and will be flying out on March 9th and will be back on March 21st. I will check my emails daily and log in and do what needs to be done but will have limited access during business hours as I am hoping to be on the beach!

Zoning Items: I have issued a couple of signs permits and am waiting on some information for some others. Some of the permits require a Conditional Use Hearing by the Plan Commission and we are working on scheduling those. We do have one set for March 1st for a sign at the Hospital. We received a complaint on the Wiskus property on Hwy. 133 again pertaining to him running a salvage yard. I followed up with him and Chief McCullick has been making sure the officers are checking things out over there. Wiskus is wondering about putting up a sawmill and I am checking to see what he needs to do to accomplish that. Sounds like the World of Variety is sold, and I am hopeful that this will be closed soon, and the new owners will open the building.

Businesses: We have a few different types of businesses looking to relocate here or open another office in Boscobel. I have been working with Robin at the Chamber trying to find space as well as financing opportunities. The majority are looking for small office space.

Library Director's Report: Miller reported that the Library 2021 end-of-year figures were better than 2020, and they would like to start discussions on expanding into the empty lot.

Police Chief's Report: McCullick stated that his report was submitted, the Personnel Committee selected five candidates to proceed with testing, and out of the test results, the Personnel Committee will interview the top three or four candidates next week.

Mayor's Communications: None.

Mayor's Appointments: None.

Committee Board Meetings Updates / Reports: None.

Schedule Committee Meetings: Personnel – Wednesday, March 2nd at 1:30 pm.

January 2022 Financial Report: Motion by Alder Bell, second by Alder Kjos to approve January 31, 2022 Financial Report as presented. Motion carried.

Monthly bills: Motion by Alder Kalish, second by Alder R. Brown to approve monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$171,307.20, of which are \$104,827.31 general fund, and \$520.69 out of Library County Funds approved by Library Board, \$100.19 from Donations Fund, \$60,000 from UDAG, \$1,275.00 from Airport Fuel Farm, and \$4,584.01 from Capital Projects. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

Adjourn: Motion by Alder Kjos, second by Alder Kalish to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm.

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Stephen R. Wetter, Mayor

Misty Molzof, City Administrator