

A Regular Meeting of the Boscobel Common Council
Monday, August 15, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Boscobel, Wisconsin, was called to order by President Barb Bell at 7:00 pm. Members Present: Alder Barbara Bell, Alder Gary Kjos, Alder Steve Fritz, Alder Stephanie Brown, Alder Krissy Schneider, Alder Milt Cashman, Alder Roger Brown, and Alder Brian Kendall. Absent: Mayor Brenda Kalish.

Others Present: Engineer/DPW Mike Reynolds, City Administrator Misty Molzof, Police Chief Jaden McCullick, City Attorney Ben Wood, Street Superintendent Luke Brown, Dial Editor Joe Hart, Mark Molldrem, Colton Rutherford, Troy Wilcox, Luke Brown, Jeanette Nauert, Rita Thompson, Tioni Tamling, and Melisa Cornell.

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 08/01/2022: Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Kjos to approve minutes of the August 1, 2022 Common Council meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments & Concerns: None.

Rubbish Pickup/Chipping Services: Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Cashman to refer discussion and recommendation to Improvements and Services Committee. Motion carried. Alder R. Brown stated that he received complaints from his constituents regarding how rubbish is being picked up and the damage that is being done to citizens' yards. R. Brown asked why we use three employees and three pieces of equipment when it used to take two employees and a pitchfork with a truck. Reynolds stated that our schedule does not always allow us to rubbish and/or chip on certain days because other things that take precedence come up, citizens should place patio blocks or something down on the area that they are piling their rubbish and not place it directly on their lawn. We have had four new street department employees within the last twelve months, and there is a learning curve. Troy Wilcox stated that when he worked with Denny Reiger rubbishing, there were times it would take them at least 45 minutes to clean up one pile, using the equipment. Piles like that now only take 15 minutes. Luke Brown stated that when he started under Ted Groom, they were using pitch forks for the first year, and since then, they have been using the equipment the same way they are now. Our rubbish has increased from an average of 1600 yards per year in 2006 when they had five street department employees to 1700 yards per year over the last ten years, and they now have only four employees. They just can't keep doing more work with less people. Wilcox stated that when they had five guys, they could split in teams of two for safety requirements, and Ted, Street Superintendent, could get his work done and still be available to help where needed. Now they do not have that option since they have an odd number of guys without the Street Superintendent being right there. Reynolds stated that when he started there were six employees in the street department, and now we are down to four, even though the City has grown.

DPW Report: Reynolds reported that the Lead Service Line Replacement Project bid has been advertised, and we are hopeful that we will get some in for approval before the next Council meeting. He met with the DNR for the Boat Landing Project and they have what they need to take for final approval to Fish & Wildlife. Strand is working on the reapplication which must be submitted by September 1st to cover the overage of actual bids versus estimated, and we may qualify for \$100,000-150,000 more in grant funds. There is an employee who is willing

to take the shelter a part and remove it on their personal time at no cost to the City if they can have the materials, and it will save the City money on demolition, removal, and disposal of the shelter. The micro-seal crews should be in town working on the approved streets within the next couple of weeks. Utility staff are working on installing the new meters for the AMI, electronic metering system.

Administrator's Report: Molzof sent report with packet which included information on the partisan primary election: 373 votes were cast, of which 55 were absentees that were returned. Accurate Assessors will be starting the City-wide Reevaluation next week, so as of August 22nd, their employees may be out taking pictures of properties and evaluating them for the assessment. This new valuation will take effect with the 2024 budget, the 2023 assessment year. Molzof then presented a 2021 year in review and final financial statements, along with a year to date through July 31, 2022, for the City General Fund, the Library County Funds, Donation Fund, TID #4 and #5 Funds, and the Capital Improvements Funds.

Library Director's Report: Miller sent a report with the packet.

Police Chief's Report: McCullick stated that he sent a report with the packet. He met with the DNR, who requested some type of a life saving buoy at the boat landing, out on the point, for when canoes/kayaks/boats tip or when people need something to get ahold of.

Licenses: Motion by Alder Cashman, second by Alder Kjos to approve 2022-2023 Licenses as follows. Operator Licenses: Hollis Lee Bloyer, Julie Diane Haffner, Lisa Ann Taylor, Helen Marie Jones, and Cheri Bell Dremsa. Motion carried.

Street Closings: Motion by Alder Cashman, second by Alder Fritz to approve street closings for the following: Wisconsin Avenue from LaBelle Street to Oak Street, October 30, 2022 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm for Trunk or Treat, Gina Miller; and W. LeGrand Street from 100 W. LeGrand to Wisconsin Avenue, September 24, 2022, Grand reopening block party for Willow & Ivy Design, The Energy Hut, and Tall Tails, Cas Kirschbaum. Motion carried.

CSM: Motion by Alder Fritz, second by Alder Kjos to approve CSM, splitting Parcel #206-01329-0053, 501 Cedar Road as presented. Motion carried. Reynolds stated that when Mueller purchased a lot for storage buildings, they could only split the lot three times, so this is splitting the remaining lots, and we have parties interested in Lot 4 and Lot 5. There may be offers to purchase of the split lots at the next Council meeting, and we are working with Jacob Bacon to get the fenceline and property line straightened out. Currently these properties go for about \$12,000 per acre.

Pay Request: Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Kjos to approve pay request to G-Pro in the amount of \$90,000.44. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0. Reynolds stated that earned to date is \$798,389.79, retainage is \$49,147.77, and paid to date is \$659,161.57, leaving \$90,000.44 due with this request.

Cash Balances: Motion by Alder Cashman, second by Alder Kjos to approve the July 2022 Cash Balances Report. Motion carried.

Monthly bills: Motion by Alder Fritz, second by Alder Cashman to approve monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$314,910.63, of which are \$111,562.35 general fund, \$164.17 out of Library County Funds approved by Library Board, \$1,283.98 from Donations Fund, \$68.35 from Room Tax Fund, and \$201,995.95 from Capital Funds. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

Adjourn: Motion by Alder Cashman, second by Alder S. Brown to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 pm.

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Brenda L. Kalish, Mayor

Misty Molzof, City Administrator