

**A Regular Meeting of the Boscobel Common Council
Monday, December 27, 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 Brenda Kalish at 7:00 pm. Members Present: Alder Barbara Bell, Alder Gary Kjos, Alder Stephanie Brown, Alder Steve Fritz, Alder Milt Cashman, Alder Roger Brown, Alder Brian Kendall and Alder Krissy Schneider. Absent: None

Others Present: Engineer/DPW Mike Reynolds, City Administrator Patricia Smith, Police Chief Jaden McCullick, City Attorney Ben Wood, Street Superintendent Luke Brown, Linda Haney, Dirk Brown, Melisa Cornell, Tioni Tamling, Kurt Hoeper, Cindy Loomis, Robin Baumeister and Joe Hart. Virtual: None.

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 12/05/2022: Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Cashman to approve minutes of the December 5, 2022, Common Council meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments & Concerns: Mayor Kalish communicated that in 2023, all citizens who wish to make comments in this area of the agenda will need to register with the city prior to the meeting noting the topic they wish to discuss. As well, meeting agenda and packets for Common Council meetings will no longer be sent to the requester email list. The agendas will be properly posted in the three public places: City Hall, Library and Post Office. The agenda will also be posted on our website, as well as, minutes from previous council meetings. The reason being by Mayor Kalish is that there are a lot of questions regarding agenda delivery, resending agendas, questions, etc., that creates a lot of re-work within the City. Alder Kendall asked why people need to register in advance. Mayor Kalish responded that in previous meetings, topics would be put out there and then in turn it goes to a big argument. The process should be that citizens go to their Alders to discuss the topics so the Alderperson can quantify if it is a bigger issue and bring forward as an agenda item. As well, Attorney Wood mentioned that if a citizen doesn't register and wants to communicate to the council, we cannot discuss, only listen, due to that topic not being properly posted as an agenda item. The topic would then need to be added to a future Common Council meeting agenda so can be properly discussed and/or decisioned.

Public Hearing: Motion by Alder Cashman, second by Alder Bell to move to Public Hearing on the 2023 General Fund Budget and 2022 Property Tax Levy meeting. Motion carried.

Public Hearing: Mayor Kalish opened the 2023 Budget Public Hearing at 7:04 pm.

Smith presented a power-point showing the 2023 budget and 2022 tax levy. Citizen Linda Haney inquired regarding the TID District showing an increase of 55% on the tax bill. Haney asked why the citizens are getting taxed on the TID District. After discussion the topic was given to Smith to clarify the TID District taxing process. Engineer/DPW Mike Reynolds clarified that part of our deficit is the \$\$'s for the new police officer hired in 2022 under borrowing is now in the police budget impacting our deficit. The reason Reynolds is bringing this up is, as the City plans to go to referendum in 2024, it will be a selling point to the citizens to understand the reason we are asking for the increase, in part, for the new police officer which provides safety for the city, as well as, the other services the City offers to the citizens have seen cost of living increases which is also part of our deficit. Reynolds also commented that even though Ehlers has recommended we don't borrow for general operating

expenses, the City needed to do so in order to continue operating services without having to cut services for the citizens of Boscobel. Citizen Haney also asked if we were receiving funds from the Boscobel School District for police services from the City. Chief McCullick did confirm we receive \$10,000 per year from the school district.

Close Public Hearing: There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Kalish asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Motion by Alder Cashman, second by Alder Bell to close the Public Hearing on the 2023 Budget. Motion carried at approximately 7:20 p.m.

2023 General Fund Budget: Motion by Alder Cashman, second by Alder Kjos to approve the 2023 General Fund budget as presented and to set the 2022 tax levy. Upon roll call vote, all Alders present voted aye, 7-0, Alder Kendall absent. Motion carried.

DPW Report: Engineer/DPW Reynolds communicated that the Lead Service Line Replacement Project has been completed. Reynolds has submitted paperwork for the \$36,500 grant reimbursement. We also have a grant for updating our fluoridation for Well #4 and Well #3. The paperwork has been submitted and it's approximately a \$10,000 grant. We did receive the 2nd reimbursement from the CDGB for our 2022 Streets Improvement Project. We are up to \$610,000 that we received to date for grant funds. We will have a new format for the utility bills coming out in February; bills will reflect January usage. Other than that, getting ready for the upcoming audit and planning the 2023 projects.

Administrator's Report: City Administrator Smith communicated finalizing reports to the Department of Revenue and to the county. Badger Books were received. Badger Book training will take place on 1/11/23. The Chief Election Inspector and three other poll workers will attend. This will be a train the trainer concept for future poll workers. Municipal Clerk Election training will take place on 1/12/23 and is a half-day training. Smith is also preparing for the upcoming Spring Election that will take place on 4/4/2023. It currently looks like we will have no primary in the City of Boscobel. Smith also mentioned that the team is finalizing year-end activities that will take place well into January, 2023. In closing, Smith mentioned the designer of our webpage is working on an issue with the web calendar that is not functioning correctly and will deliver the 2023 meeting schedule when complete.

Police Chief's Report: Chief McCullick stated just got through holiday weekend. McCullick is working on a technology grant. McCullick is also working with Library Director Janelle Miller on a joint program for hot topics with the Police Department that will start in January. Alder Kjos inquired as to not all citizen sidewalks are being shoveled and Chief McCullick stated that he does have door hangers that the department can pass out to citizens for reminders.

Library Director's Report: None to report.

Mayor's Report: None to report.

Committee Recommendations: None

Approve Application for Cigarette and Tobacco products retail license for Toors Boscobel Mart Inc., 601 Elm St., Boscobel, WI 53805: Motion by Alder Cashman, second by Alder Kjos to approve the application for cigarette and tobacco products retail license for Toors Boscobel Mart Inc. Motion carried.

Approve Licenses (if any): None.

Approve Mayor Appointments: Motion by Alder Fritz, second by Alder Kjos to approve Mayor's appointments of Kevin Boarts to the Boscobel Housing Authority, Room Tax reappointment of Karl Krogen, Kelly Trumm, Mary Ann Lee and Peg Wienke, Library reappointment Sara Strang and Tom Pelz. Motion carried.

Pay Requests: None

Approve November Cash Balance Reports: Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Cashman to approve November Cash Balance Reports. Motion carried.

Monthly bills: Motion by Alder Cashman, second by Alder Schneider to approve monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$432,262.61 of which are \$334,122.93 General Fund, \$70.00 from Donations Fund and \$98,069.68 from TID #4 Bank Payments. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:56pm.

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Brenda L. Kalish, Mayor

Patricia Smith, City Administrator