

A Regular Meeting of the Boscobel Common Council Monday, February 19, 2024, 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 p.m. Members Present: Alder Barb Bell, Alder Milt Cashman, Alder Roger Brown, Alder Gary Kjos, Alder Jessie Esser, Alder Brian Kendall, Alder Stephanie Brown and Alder Steve Fritz. Absent: None.

Others Present: City Engineer/DPW Mike Reynolds, City Administrator Patricia Smith, Library Director Janelle Miller, Joe Hart, and Dave Zirbel. 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 02/05/2024: Motion by Alder R. Brown second by Alder Kjos to approve minutes of the February 5, 2024, Common Council meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Registered Comments & Concerns: None.

Administrative Reports:

DPW Report: City Engineer Reynolds stated that TID 5 was created in 2020 with base value of \$11,816,900.00. In the first year the TID lost value in the amount \$12,800.00. This was due to the ratio going down. Reynolds stated that in 2022, the value rose \$2,400,000.00 and in 2023, the value grew \$6,100,000.00. Reynolds stated that the TID brings in \$137,000 in tax dollars. The big part of why the amounts jumped is because of the new assessments. Reynolds stated our TID 5 is doing what it is supposed to do. Reynolds further discussed the salaries for the Alder Persons will need to wait for their raises until 2025. City Attorney Wood stated it needed to be approved prior to papers being taken out which was December 1, 2023. The budget was approved on December 11, 2023. Reynolds communicated he is applying for an electric rate increase which won't go into effect until the end of the year. Reynolds communicated he is waiting for the WWTP audit report to determine next steps in that area.

Administrator's Report: City Administrator Smith communicated that the Spring Primary Election is ready for Tuesday, February 20, 2024. There is a small election just for Wards 1 & 5. It will be a good start for the 2024 election year. Smith stated there is still some follow-up work being done for the 2023 audit. Smith also shared that Room Tax Committee will take place in March 2024.

Police Chief's Report: Chief Dregne did provide a report in the packet.

Library Director: Library Director Miller shared circulation numbers and also stated that e-books are skyrocketing with convenience being the primary driver. Miller stated before Covid circulation was 3,000 to 5,000. 2023 reflected 23,000 in circulation. Miller also stated the increase is due to consistent hours, social media communications along with special events such as puzzles and guest speakers.

Mayor: None.

Review/Approve Bids for New Police Vehicle: Motion by Alder Kendall second by Alder Bell to table the approval in request of further breakdown of vehicle equipment per bid. Motion carried.

Zirbel Property Assessment Review:

Motion by Alder Cashman, second by Alder Bell to approve support to further understand the assessment logic for County W Farm LLC, Dave Zirbel's, assessment on new apartment complex in the City of Boscobel. City Administrator Smith will work with Accurate Assessor to determine methodology. Motion carried. Alder R. Brown abstained.

Approve Incentive Payment to County "W" Farm, LLC., in Accordance with Development

Agreement: Motion by Alder Kjos second by Alder Cashman to approve incentive payment in the amount to \$21,625.41. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0. Alder R. Brown abstained.

Approve Licenses:

- a. Application for Alcoholic Beverage Operator's License, Megan Raye Leis, New Horizons. Motion by Alder R. Brown second by Alder Kjos to approve license for Megan Raye Leis. Motion carried.
- b. Application for Peddlers, Canvassers and Transient Merchants Permit, Jose's Authentic Mexican Restaurant, 90 Day. Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder R. Brown to approve 90-day permit for Jose's Authentic Mexican Restaurant. Motion carried.

Approve Street/Alley Closing Requests:

- a. Boscobel Fire Department Annual 4th of July Fundraiser, 5:00pm on April 5, 2024, to Noon on April 7, 2024, Pour House back alley, twelve picnic tables. Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder Kjos to approve Street/Alley Closing Request on April 5, 2024. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on Committee Recommendation /Committee/Board Meetings Updates/Reports: None

Approve Special Pay Requests: None.

Approve Account Balance Reports: None.

Approve Payment of Monthly Bills: Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Kjos to approve monthly bills, as presented, with the invoice amount of \$1,289,432.37, of which was paid in the amount of \$1,289,432.37. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

Adjourn: Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder Kjos to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40p.m.

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Brenda L. Kalish, Mayor

Patricia A. Smith, City Administrator