

A Regular Meeting of the Boscobel Common Council Monday, January 16, 2023, 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 Barb Bell, Alder Gary Kjos, Alder Stephanie Brown, Alder Steve Fritz, Alder Milt Cashman, Alder Roger Brown, and Alder Krissy Schneider. Absent: Alder Brian Kendall (appeared virtually)

Others Present: City Administrator Patricia Smith, Jaden McCullick, Rita Thompson, Jeannette Nauert, Jennifer Day, Melisa Cornell and Tioni Tamling. Virtual: Joe Hart and Brian Kendall.

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 01/04/2023: Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Kjos to approve minutes of the January 4, 2023, Common Council meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Registered Comments & Concerns: Jennifer Day, Candidate for Grant County Circuit Court Judge who is running in the upcoming Primary Election on February 21, 2023, introduced herself and talked about her background as a UW Whitewater graduate. Candidate Day went to Washington University School of Law for law school. Day stated she is running on her experience and proven excellence. Day mentioned the other two candidates are criminal lawyers; one being the current prosecutor for Grant County and the other a criminal defense attorney for Grant County. Day discussed what she has that the other candidates don't have is experience. For nine years Day was Circuit Court Judge in Jefferson County. Prior to that Day was Circuit Court Commissioner, which in that county was like being a judge, such as family law. An item Day pointed out that she heard may cause concern is that her husband is a current Circuit Court Judge in Grant County. Day wanted to assure everyone that they both believe in judicial independence. They both do their own things and don't think alike. Day urged everyone to vote on Election Day and directed us to her website.

Alder Schneider and Alder Cashman both had outreach from a citizen in their district regarding a complaint on rubbish pickup. The City Street Department was out trimming trees and created a mess and did not come back to clean up the debris until the following day. Alder Cashman recommended that the street crew clean as they go or communicate when to expect the cleanup to occur. Alder Schneider comforted this course of action and Mayor Kalish and Administrator Smith will discuss the matter with Street Department personnel.

DPW Report: None

Administrator's Report: City Administrator Smith communicated that a team of six, including herself, attended Badger Book training in Richland Center on January 11, 2023. Badger Books is the new automated pollbook and will take the place of the paper pollbook. The new technology will aid in flow and wait time on Election Day. Badger Books will launch with the February 21, 2023, Primary Election. Smith also communicated she is starting the election process for both the Primary and Spring Election. Smith also stated she will be attending a seminar in February on municipal debt, tax increment financing, downtown revitalization projects, etc. which Smith is very passionate about for Boscobel, understanding key financial indicators for WI Municipalities and 2023 updates with the league of WI Municipalities. Smith will report back to Council on the learnings from the seminar. Smith also is planning for the upcoming audit the week of January 23, 2023. Smith also communicated work for the Sesquicentennial Event activities in July, 2023. Smith, along with Library Director Miller, will create PR content for the Boscobel Dial to publish monthly until June, 2023, when it will go weekly to generate excitement and enthusiasm for the July 1-8, 2023, events that will take place in Boscobel.

Police Chief's Report: Chief McCullick stated that in the upcoming Personnel Committee meeting, he will be creating a timeline and process for replacing retiring officer Kevin Copus. McCullick stated he

will not be in attendance for the upcoming Common Council meeting on February 6, 2023, as he will be at a Police Chief's conference.

Library Director's Report: None

Mayor's Report: Mayor Kalish communicated the Grant County Economic Development dinner will be hosted by Boscobel on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Old 61 Diner will cater the event. If any Alderperson and guest want to attend to please let Kalish know by the end of the current week. The members of the Board of Public Works are also invited. It was noted by Alder Kjos that the host city usually has strong representation from the Council and various committee members.

Discussion and Action to Obtain New Squad Car Bids for Police Department: Motion by Alder Cashman, second by Alder Kjos to approve Chief McCullick's request to obtain new squad car bids to replace a squad car in 2023, which is budgeted. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on Boscobel Sesquicentennial Request, Day 3, Farmer's/Rural Day, July 3, 2023: Motion by Alder Fritz, second by Alder R. Brown to approve Tom Jones's request for day three events for Farmer's/Rural Day at Kronshage Park. Motion carried.

Committee Board Meetings Updates/Reports: None

Accept Employee Retirement: Motion by Alder Kjos, second by Alder Cashman to approve accepting employee retirement for Kevin Copus, Assistant Chief of Police. Motion carried.

Approve Licenses (if any): Approve Application for Class A Beer License for Toors Boscobel Mart, Inc. , Sahibpreet Singh Toor, Agent , 601 Elm St. Boscobel, WI 53805. Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Cashman to approve beer license. Motion carried.

Pay Requests: None

Approve December Cash Balance Report: Motion by Alder Bell, second by Alder Kjos to approve December Account Balances Report. Motion carried.

Monthly bills: Motion by Alder Cashman, second by Alder Schneider to approve monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$109,315.72 of which are \$108,235.72 General Fund and \$1,080.00 from Donations Fund. Upon roll call vote, all alders present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Adjourn: Motion by Alder R. Brown, second by Alder Schneider to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:19pm.

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Brenda L. Kalish, Mayor

Patricia A. Smith, City Administrator