

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF COMMON COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Chippewa Falls was held on Tuesday, August 17, 2010, at 6:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Gregory Hoffman presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CLERK CALLS THE ROLL

Council Members present: Michael Dahlby, Brian Flynn, CW King, Chuck Hull, Jane Lardahl, Bill Hicks and George Adrian.

City Staff present: Public Works Director/City Engineer Rick Rubenzer and Police Chief Wendy Stelter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Motion by Flynn/King, all present voting aye to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of August 3 and amending "Lieutenant" John Liddell to "Captain." **Motion carried.**

PERSONAL APPEARANCES BY CITIZENS

(a) Laura Baalrud, new Executive Director of the Chippewa Falls Main Street, Inc., appeared to introduce herself and to find out how the city operates.

(b) Rick Flynn, 1304 Perry Street, appeared to ask the council if they are aware that on every telephone bill there is a 75 cent Police and Fire Protection Fee charged. Flynn asked the council if the City has received any this money to help finance the local police & fire department's budgets as it was intended.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(a) The Mayor opened a Public Hearing at 6: 35 PM regarding the Beer Garden Application for Tip Top Tavern, 310 Allen Street.

Duane Geissler, 116 E. Spring Street, property owner of 322 Allen Street appeared to object to the operating of a beer garden but not objecting to the construction of a smoking area. He is trying to sell his property and is afraid the value will go down because of it being located in the area of the proposed beer garden. He is afraid for the safety of neighborhood children.

Michael Ballweg, Bar Manager, felt that the problem of his customers wandering around outside the bar area would be solved by corralling the customers into a fenced in area that can only be accessed through the tavern.

Paul Virijevich, 10 S. Rural Street, appeared to object to the beer garden. He is concerned about the noise and does not believe that will be solved with a beer garden. At least the customers go back into the bar when they are finished smoking outside.

Deborah Jurek, 102 S. Rural Street, appeared to object to the beer garden. She has to call the police department frequently to have the tavern quiet down or close the doors. As soon as the police leave, the doors are opened again. She asked the council to refer to the police log to see how many calls come in complaining about the tavern. Police Chief Stelter confirmed there are many calls complaining about the tavern.

Richard Leverenz, 16 S. Rural Street, appeared to object to the beer garden. He said the customers that congregate outside the tavern are prone to fighting at all hours and littering. No one else spoke for or against and the hearing was closed at 6:44 PM.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS

(a) Motion by Flynn/Lardahl, all voting aye in a roll call vote, to approve the Plan Commission meeting of August 9 with an amendment to add “and 17.26(7)n” to Item No. 3, second sentence. **Motion carried.**

APPLICATIONS

(a) Motion by Flynn/King, all voting aye to approve Operator (Bartender) Licenses as recommended by the police department.

Michelle Ziegert, appeared to ask the council to approve her application for a bartender license as recommended for denial by the police department. **Motion** by Flynn/Hicks, a roll call vote was taken with Flynn, King, Lardahl & Adrian voting aye, Dahlby, Hull & Hicks voting no. **Motion carried** to approve the bartender license application.

(b) Motion by Lardahl/Hicks to deny the Beer Garden Application of Tip Top Tavern, 310 Allen Street. No one else voted. After discussion, Committee No. 3, Transportation, Construction, Public Safety & Traffic will consider a new procedure and develop new criteria for approving Beer Garden Applications i.e. referring to the Police Department complaint calls logged on each tavern. **Motion** by Dahlby/Flynn to table this application until the September 7 council meeting. After a roll call vote, Dahlby, Flynn, King & Adrian voting aye, Hull, Lardahl & Hicks voting no. **Motion carried** to table this item.

(c) Motion by Flynn/King, all voting aye to approve the Application of Northern Wisconsin State Fair Association for a Temporary Class B Beer Retailers License for a Monster Truck Show on August 27 & 28. **Motion carried.**

(d) Motion by Hull/Flynn, all voting aye to approve the Street Use Permit Application for Hmoobfest on August 21 & 22 on the corner of West Canal Street & Old Eau Claire Road. **Motion carried.**

PETITIONS

None

MAYOR ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Motion by Flynn/Lardahl, all voting aye in a roll call vote to approve the minutes of Committee on Committees meeting of August 12. **Motion carried.**

(b) Motion by Flynn/Lardahl, all voting aye in a roll call vote to approve the minutes of Committee No. 2, Labor Negotiations, Personnel, Policy & Administration meeting of August 5 at 7:30 AM. **Motion carried.**

(c) Motion by Lardahl/Hull, all voting aye to approve the minutes of Committee No. 2, Labor Negotiations, Personnel, Policy & Administration meeting of August 5 at 10:00 AM. **Motion carried.**

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS cont'd

(d) Motion by Lardahl/Flynn, all voting aye in a roll call vote to approve the minutes of Committee No. 4, Recycling/Computerization/Building/Intergovernmental Services meeting of August 5.

Motion carried.

(e) Park Board Meeting minutes of August 9 were presented.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

None

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

OTHER NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

None

CLAIMS

(a) Motion by Dahlby/King, all voting in a roll call vote to approve the claims as recommended by the claims committee as follows:

City General Claims, Authorized & Handwritten Claims:	\$393,031.82
Department of Public Utilities Claims:	\$896,465.80
Total Claims	\$1,289,497.62

CONTEMPLATED CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

(a) Motion by King/Hicks, all voting aye to adjourn at 7:37 PM. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by:

Julia Marshall
Deputy Clerk