

COMMON COUNCIL
November 19, 2019

A regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Ward. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Bacon, Hayes, Williams, Avenson, Nault, Wiederanders and Reeths were present.

Nault/Bacon to adopt agenda. Carried.

The following people spoke during public comment: Pat Blizel, 69 W. Pine St; Rich Wickman, 609 W. Oak St; George Husby, 1111 N. 5th Ave; Bryan Wodack, 5907 Cedar Creek Pl; Will Gregory, 187 N. 9th Ave; Chad Schmelzer, 336 Florida St; David Pape, 1643 Rhode Island St; Carl Bridenhagen, 1028 W. Maple St; Kelly Catarozoli, 344 N. 3rd Ave; Ken Pabich, 535 E. Walnut Pl.

Mayor Ward and Ald. Reeths presented Sturgeon Bay High School Athletic Director Todd Meikle with a Certificate of Recognition to Sturgeon Bay Boys Soccer Team for Division 4 Championship.

Sergeant Albertson gave a presentation regarding school safety and active shooter events.

Bacon/Williams to approve following bills: General Fund - \$301,333.68, Capital Fund - \$31,805.76, Cable TV - \$203.15, TID #4 - \$4,672.08 and Solid Waste Enterprise Fund - \$167.77 for a grand total of \$338,182.44. Roll call: All voted aye. Carried.

Bacon/Hayes to approve consent agenda:

- a. Approval of 11/4/19 special and 11/5/19 regular Common Council minutes.
- b. Approval of the following minutes:
 - (1) Aesthetic Design & Site Plan Review Board . 10/7/19
 - (2) Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee . 10/29/19
 - (3) Police & Fire Commission . 11/4/19
 - (4) Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Council . 11/4/19
- c. Place the following report on file:
 - (1) Fire Department Report . October 2019
 - (2) Inspection Department Report . October 2019
 - (3) Police Department Report . October 2019
 - (4) Bank Reconciliation . October 2019
 - (5) Revenue & Expense Report . October 2019
- d. Consideration of: Approval of Beverage Operator Licenses.
- e. Consideration of: Approval of Street Closure Application for Sturgeon Bay Visitor Center for Fire Art Fair.
- f. Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee recommendation re: Extend offer to purchase the City owned parcel on N. 14th Avenue from Ted Zieman until December 31, 2020.

Carried.

There were no mayoral appointments.

Williams/Reeths to read in title only for first reading of ordinance to repeal and recreate Section 20.31(4)(b) of the Municipal Code (Zoning Code) re: resurfacing of parking lots and access driveways. Carried.

Hayes/Bacon to read in title only and adopt the second reading of the ordinance re: rezone from Single Family Residential (R-2) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) for property known as West

Side School/West Side Field. Avenson/Hayes to amend the motion to add a minimum of 50% of housing be affordable and compliant with Section 42.+ Discussion took place regarding the land use agreement, community-built baseball field, and location. Vote taken on amendment. Carried with Nault and Reeths voting no. Vote taken on original motion as amended. Carried with Nault and Reeth voting no.

RECOMMENDATION

We, the Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee, hereby recommend to approve the offer to purchase the West Side Field by Northpointe Development Corporation.

FINANCE/PURCHASING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

By: Helen Bacon, Chr.

Bacon/Wiederanders to adopt. City Administrator VanLieshout summarized the offer to purchase of \$850,000 with 3.68% interest after a term of 15 years. It was noted that the payment is deferred for 15 years, the City is second in line on mortgage, if the developer doesn't get the tax credits then the sale doesn't go through. Discussion then took place regarding fixed assets on the property that the City may be interested in retaining for future use. It was also noted that the \$850,000 selling price was for the land and for the cost of building a new ballfield. Nault/Reeths to counter the offer to purchase with condition that City retain rights to lighting, improvements to concessions, bleachers, score board, announcers stand, and fencing and removed by April 2021. Vote taken on the amendment. Carried. Vote taken on the original motion as amended. Carried.

Williams/Bacon to adopt resolution approving application for urban wildlife damage abatement and control grant. Carried.

City Administrator VanLieshout summarized the recommendation for the City to join the WI Department of Employee Trust Funds health insurance. Avenson/Williams to adopt. Carried with Nault abstaining.

Discussion took place regarding disbanding the Ad Hoc West Waterfront Committee. It was noted that this would be revisited at a future time.

Discussion took place regarding a resolution to participate in Green Tier Legacy Community Programs. Ald. Hayes reviewed the items that he requested be included in the Council packet. Further discussion took place regarding talking with Will Erickson, DNR, the level of staff participation/work, cost vs. benefit analysis, that the program is currently voluntary, and that there is a volunteer group currently looking into sustainability options in the City. Avenson/Hayes to invite Will Erickson, WI Department of Natural Resources, to a future Council meeting to discuss becoming a Green Tier Community. Carried.

City Administrator VanLieshout reviewed a letter that he sent to Sturgeon Bay Historical Society. Discussion took place regarding the use of the building, the lakebed lease, and setting up future meetings with Sturgeon Bay Historical Society. No formal action took place.

An update on the Ad Hoc West Waterfront Planning Committee recommendation was presented. No formal action took place.

The following items were requested for future agendas: (Reeths) . Park & Recreation . Invite Jim Parent to give ballfield ideas to Committee.

There was not a City Administrator report.

The Mayor gave his report.

After Mayor Ward announced the statutory basis, Hayes/Avenson to convene in closed session in accordance with the following exemptions: a. Conferring with legal counsel for governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(g). Consideration of: Consideration of: Next steps to take in Door County Case No. 16-CV-129, Stone Harbor excessive tax assessment matter. ~~b. Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e).~~ Consideration of: Offer to Purchase Property known as West Side Field portion located at 37 W. Redwood Street. Carried. The Council moved to closed session at 9:57 p.m. and the meeting adjourned at 11:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie L. Reinhardt
City Clerk/HR Director