

COMMON COUNCIL
December 15, 2020

A meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Mayor Ward. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Bacon, Statz, Williams, Gustafson, Nault, Wiederanders and Reeths were present. Ald. Bacon, Statz, Williams, Gustafson, Nault, and Reeths and Mayor Ward appeared in person. Ald. Wiederanders appeared virtually via Zoom.

Nault/Williams to adopt the agenda. Carried.

No one spoke during public comment.

Bacon/Wiederanders to approve following bills: General Fund - \$220,902.92, Capital Fund - \$77,562.15, Cable TV - \$74.93, TID #3 - \$475.00, TID #4 - \$98,616.36, and Solid Waste Enterprise Fund - \$1,075.99 for a grand total of \$398,707.35. Roll call: All voted aye. Carried.

Gustafson/Reeths to approve consent agenda:

- a. Approval of 12/1/20 regular Common Council minutes.
- b. Place the following minutes on file:
 - (1) Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee – 11/24/20
- c. Place the following reports on file:
 - (1) Fire Department Report – October 2020
 - (2) Fire Department Report – November 2020
 - (3) Bank Reconciliation – November 2020
 - (4) Revenue & Expense Report – November 2020
 - (5) Inspection Department Report – November 2020
 - (6) Police Department Report – November 2020

Carried.

There were no mayoral appointments.

Mayor Ward introduced and read in title only second reading of ordinance re: Repeal and recreate Section 20.175(1) of Municipal Code. Wiederanders/Williams to approve. Carried.

Mayor Ward introduced and read in title only second reading of ordinance re: Section 2.01 of the Municipal Code (Replacing Vacant Aldermanic Seat.) Nault/Bacon to approve. Carried.

RECOMMENDATION

We, the Communication Protection and Services Committee, hereby recommend to approve deactivating the emergency warning sirens in the City of Sturgeon Bay.

COMMUNITY PROTECTION AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

By: Dan Williams, Chr.

Introduced by Williams, stating the sirens intended use was to warn people outside. In recent years, cell phones have alerted us sooner than the sirens. Fire Department, Sturgeon Bay Utilities and Bay Electronics check different functions of the sirens to make sure they are operating properly. Two sirens are in need of substantial repairs and within the next couple of years all will need to be replaced with an approximate cost of \$25,000 each. Other communities around the state have been eliminating their sirens. Sturgeon Bay Utilities will remove sirens at no cost to the City. Williams/Reeths to de-energize the Warning Sirens in the City of Sturgeon Bay and provide education to the public as to where accurate and timely information regarding emergency notification can be obtained. Additional discussion took place in regards to timeframe of educational mailings and use of operating funds not utilized. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION

We, the Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee, hereby recommend to approve the second amendment to the development agreement between the City of Sturgeon Bay and the Sturgeon Bay Historical Society.

FINANCE/PURCHASING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

By: Helen Bacon, Chr.

Bacon/Williams to approve. City Attorney Kalny gave a brief background of the development agreement and first amendment between the City of Sturgeon Bay and Sturgeon Bay Historical Society. With the addition of the second amendment, most of the first amendment is still in effect. Mr. Kalny continued to outline the second amendment to the agreement. Carried with Nault and Reeths voting no.

City Administrator VanLieshout gave his report.

Mayor Ward gave his report.

Bacon/Nault to adjourn. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Spittlemeister
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer