

COMMON COUNCIL
February 16, 2021

A meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 6:00 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.

Williams/Gustafson to adopt agenda. Carried.

No one spoke during public comment.

Bacon/Wiederanders to approve following bills: General Fund - \$354,830.47, Capital Fund - \$5,740.78, Cable TV - \$2,184.71, TID #4 - \$4,005.30, Solid Waste Enterprise Fund - \$15,547.56 for a grand total of \$382,308.82. Roll call: All voted aye. Carried.

Reeths/Bacon to approve consent agenda:

- a. Approval of 2/2/21 regular Common Council minutes.
- b. Place the following minutes on file:
 - (1) Community Protection & Services Committee – 1/7/21
 - (2) City Plan Commission – 1/20/21
 - (3) Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee – 1/26/21
 - (4) Parking & Traffic Committee – 1/26/21
- c. Consideration of: Approval of beverage operator license.
- d. Community Protection & Services Committee recommendation re: Approve amendments to Section 6.18 of the Fire Prevention Code related to variances, as presented.
- e. Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee recommendation re: Approve quote with APEX Safety & Compliance for \$14,300 for one year of occupational safety training and support.
- f. Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee recommendation re: Approve requesting an invoice and payment to Charter Communications in the amount of \$25,800 for extension of cable services to Canal Lane; contingent upon all Canal Lane property owners signing repayment agreements.

Carried.

There were no mayoral appointments.

RECOMMENDATION

We, the Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee, hereby recommend to approve the resolution delaying the payment for the fee for Combination Class B Beer and Liquor licenses into three installments for the 2021-2022 license year.

FINANCE/PURCHASING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

By: Helen Bacon, Chr.

Introduced by Bacon. Bacon/Williams to adopt. Carried.

RECOMMENDATION

We, the Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee, hereby recommend to waive the sidewalk café permit fee for 2021.

FINANCE/PURCHASING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

By: Helen Bacon, Chr.

Introduced by Bacon. Bacon/Gustafson to adopt. Carried.

RECOMMENDATION

We, the Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee, hereby recommend to support going forward with the room tax increase from 5.5% to 8%, the 70/30% revenue allocations and not to support the permit fees.

FINANCE/PURCHASING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

By: Helen Bacon, Chr.

Introduced by Bacon. Bacon/Wiederanders to adopt. David Elliot, Town Chair of Baileys Harbor and a member of the Tourism Zone Commission addressed the Council and summarized the room tax increase proposal. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the history of room tax in Door County, the Tourism Zone Commission's role in the administration and collection of the room tax and the conclusions from a UW-Whitewater study regarding the increase of room tax and its effect on lodging and overall tourism. Further discussion took place regarding the different towns and villages in Door County and the status of whether or not they agree with the room tax increase. The Council members asked questions of Mr. Elliott for more information and clarification, the impact and involvement of the innkeepers in Door County and the role of the Tourism Zone Commission if a room tax increase does not happen. Reeths/Statz to postpone this recommendation until the March 2, 2021 council meeting. It was noted that the Council would like the following documents: Draft resolution, UW -Whitewater study and findings, and the letter from Destination Door County. Carried.

RECOMMENDATION

We, the Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee, hereby recommend to enter into an annexation agreement with Fox Valley Storage, Inc. based on the eight parameters outlined in the draft agreement presented.

FINANCE/PURCHASING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

By: Helen Bacon, Chr.

Introduced by Bacon. Bacon/Williams to adopt. Carried.

City Administrator VanLieshout gave his report.

Mayor Ward gave his report.

Nault/Bacon to adjourn. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie L. Reinhardt
City Clerk/HR Director