

CITY OF PITTSVILLE
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 19, 2023
6:00pm – Pittsville Community Hall

The council meeting was called to order by Mayor, Dale Nichols at 6:00p.m.

Alderspersons present by roll were: Mark Darr, Mike Hobbs, Brian Kissner, Casey Krohn, Bob Schooley and Dennis Todd.

Also attending the meeting: Chief Duerr, Peter Petersen, Dan and Diana Schooley, Ashley and Jason Schultz, George and Sue Duerr, Julie Strenn, Jon Chasteen, Wally Shute and Jordan Rayburn.

Mayor Nichols led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public appearance by Jason and Ashley Schultz. Ashley provided handouts of pictures and ordinance violation issues. Their main concerns are the fire safety, rain water runoff and to uphold the ordinance violations. The water runoff will be addressed with gutters, there is a temporary fence which will be taken down and there was not a citation issued by the county sheriff's dept. regarding the sign posted on private property. The mayor suggested addressing issues not resolved here in a civil court.

Motion by Todd, second by Hobbs to approve Council Minutes from 11/21, 2023 and the Public Hearing and Special Council Minutes from 11/27/22. Motion carried.

The following reports were presented for approval: Clerk/Treasurer's Reports, Water/Sewer Treasurer's Reports and Minutes from 12/13/23, Police and Street Superintendent's Reports. The mayor asked to pull the water/sewer minutes, the street report and the police report. He had presented an ordinance to the water/sewer commission at the 12/13 meeting. An ordinance pertaining to waste permits. The attorney is reviewing it and will be discussed at the January council. It was asked to limit hours at the compost site in the street report. The unlimited hours have been abused by garbage such as mattresses, tires and appliances being dropped off. This will be placed on the January agenda. The mayor also asked to have plans for the '95 Ford Dump Truck and the loader backhoe on that agenda. Carry over vacation hours were reviewed. It previously was agreed to limit carry over vacation hours to 40 hours. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the DPW's larger carry over hours were approved along with those under 40 hours. Motion by Todd, to maximize carry over hours to 40 hours. Motion died for lack of a second. Motion by Todd, second by Kissner to apply a maximum of carry over vacation hours to 40 hours starting in 2024. This will be reflected in the personnel manual. Motion carried. Motion to approve reports as presented by Darr, second by Todd. Motion carried.

Julie Strenn was present to discuss plans associated with the new economic development group, "CenterWood", for the purpose of revitalizing the downtown community. They are asking for City Council approval to support a partnership to demolish the brown space, on the corner of Monroe Street and Hwy 80, and prepare for a new build on the parcel next to it. This was asked to be placed on the January council agenda.

The council discussed available updates to the Park Improvement Project. Peter said that the information he has received for retrofitting the current restroom building strongly suggests a demo, not to save the building, but to build new. A quote to demo the building, not including materials, is for \$2500 from Shawn Dupee Construction. Motion by Krohn to approve the building demolition quote from Shawn Dupee Construction and to move forward with building new restrooms. Second by Darr. Motion carried.

Aldp. Kissner shared 3 options he received for playground equipment. The mayor would like to see more equipment ideas for handicapped accessible pieces. Fundraising ideas need to be brought forward and seriously worked on for the park improvement project to proceed. This will be on next month's agenda.

Chief Duerr addressed ordinance issues. Chief asked to have it documented that neither he nor his department show favoritism to family or friends while enforcing city ordinances. He felt it was erroneously said at the last council meeting, and he considers it slander, that he wasn't enforcing ordinances for family. Chief said that he holds his family to the highest standards for following the ordinances. Chief reinforced that all involved in city government, Mayor and Alderpersons should be leaders in following ordinances and set the standard to follow. He encouraged all of them to invite him onto their property to abate any violations there may be.

Motion by Hobbs, second by Krohn to approve Resolution #2023-11 a resolution authorizing application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Assessment Monies for the property at 5347 Second Avenue. Motion carried.

Motion by Darr, second by Hobbs to explore options for a powered entrance door at the community hall. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Spring Creek Subdivision covenants. There was some confusion between "hardship" and "Impractical" in determining whether a basement is required. In the covenants, it states that "Impractical" shall be defined as a subsoil condition that would result in extreme and greatly unreasonable costs in constructing a basement as compared to the cost of typical basement construction. By way of illustration and not limitation, the discovery of bedrock within 6 feet of the ground surface, and throughout all reasonable basement locations on a lot, shall be deemed "Impractical". The mayor said that the city has no choice but to follow the covenants.

The mayor provided initial maps and brief discussion regarding a new TID IV. Potentially an extension of 3rd, 4th and 5th Streets, and a north utility extension of Scott Avenue.

Motion by Hobbs, second by Kissner to approve an hourly wage of \$18.00 for emergency services of an alderperson if the need arises. The hourly wage was needed in order for the attorney to draft the resolution. Motion carried with Darr and Todd recusing themselves.

Motion by Todd, second by Schooley to approve operator license for Amanda Oliver. Motion carried.

Motion by Krohn, second by Hobbs to approve a gathering license for St Joachim's Holy Name Society on February 8, 2024 at the Pittsville Community Hall. Motion carried.

Motion by Schooley, second by Todd to approve the appointment of election officials for the 2024-2025 term. Motion carried.

Motion by Hobbs, second by Todd to approve and pay vouchers from 11/22/2023 (#24223) through 12/19/2023 (#24278). Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Kissner, second by Darr. Motion carried.

Tami Hahn, City Clerk/Treasurer