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"Wild Goose Center of Wisconsin"

Waupun Common Council Minutes of Meeting Tuesday, April 14, 2015

The Waupun Common Council met on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers with Mayor Kyle Clark presiding.

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was heard, followed by a moment of silence.

Members present on roll call are Mayor Clark, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Bastian, Alderman Vanderkin, Alderman Mielke, Alderman Nickel, and Alderman Kaczmariski. No members are absent.

City Staff present are City Attorney VandeZande, City Clerk Hull, Utility Manager Posthuma, Fire Chief Demaa, Police Chief Heeringa, Public Works Director Flynn, and Library Director Jaeger.

Those present in the audience are Jay Graff, Mike Cochran, and Dodge County Sheriff Dale Schmidt.

No Public Hearing is heard.

Jay Graff, Vice President of the Waupun Historical Society, provided an annual update of the Waupun Historical Society. There are many costly upgrades needed in which they are researching fund raisers and grant application. Consideration of hiring a Director to prepare the grants is being discussed.

Dodge County Sherriff Schmidt appeared before the Council due to the recent sports event escort lead by Dodge County Sherriff's department through the City of Waupun. Chief Heeringa received calls of safety concerns from the public. Mayor Clark stated the Council is in the process of reviewing the sports related escort issue and a policy is being considered.

Motion Vanderkin, second Nickel to approve the March 17, 2015 minutes of the regularly scheduled Common Council meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Bastian, second Johnson to approve the Boards, Committee, and Commission minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

Heeringa informs the Council of a possible future resignation of a Police Officer and requests to advertise to fill this vacancy and create an eligibility list if the resignation is received. The Dodge County Law Enforcement Memorial will be held on May 13 at 11:15a at the Dodge County Administration Building Memorial Site. Heeringa asks for Council to attend if possible. Council is to reply to Hull if attending.

Motion Kaczmariski, second Nickel to approve the advertisement, create an eligibility list, and the hiring of a Patrol Officer if a resignation is received. Motion carried 6-0.

Demaa informs the Council there was a sprinkler line break at Whispering Oaks which was confined to the basement. A Fire Fighter retirement resignation was received at the end of March and another one for April. Demaa asks to advertise, create an eligibility list, and hire two Fire Fighters.

Motion Johnson, second Mielke to approve the advertisement, create an eligibility list, and hire two Fire Fighters. Motion carried 6-0.

Jaeger informs the Council of the programs held this week for National Library Week.

Flynn informs the Council that the Main Street Project continues. North Madison and South Madison Street Projects will begin 2017 and 2018. Grants will be applied for consideration of funding. Talked to the State regarding funding for the bridge but doesn't appear we will as the rating numbers are not high enough.

Motion Vanderkin, second Bastian to approve consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Clark comments that the employee banquet was well attended. Senator Gudex made contact with Clark regarding the proposal to close the correctional guard towers for third shift. Gudex met with Joint Finance and was able to have them reconsider closing the towers at WCI due to the proximity of its location in our community. Special Common Council meeting to be held April 21 to seat the newly elected Council.

A resolution to oppose the elimination of personal property tax is provided for consideration. The impact for the City would be a loss of a quarter of a million dollars in tax revenue. Half of that loss would be realized in our tax incremental financing districts which we count on to pay the debit we borrowed for infrastructure. This resolution also opposes the elimination of the computer aid tax that the State provides funding to municipalities.

Motion Nickel, second Johnson to approve Resolution 04-14-15-01 Opposing the Elimination of Personal Property Tax. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Nickel, second Vanderkin to authorize the City Clerk to make payment of the monthly expenses. Motion carried 6-0 on roll call.

Motion Vanderkin, second Johnson to approve the Operator License to Hannah Zirbel and the Temporary Class B Retail License to Waupun Festivals Inc. for Decades of Country Music on May 9 at the Waupun City Hall Auditorium. Motion carried 6-0.

Clark says the Cajun event last weekend was well attended. The Waupun School District will be involved in the Billy Branch Blue's in the Schools event this weekend. CBS News will be here Friday and Saturday, attending the rehearsal and event

No closed session.

Demaa reminds of the State wide mock tornado drill on Thursday, April 16th at 1:00pm followed by a 1:45p mock tornado warning. If inclement weather, this will be rescheduled for Friday, April 17.

Motion Nickel, second Mielke duly carried the meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Angela Hull, Clerk