

REGULAR MEETING OF COMMON COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Chippewa Falls was held on Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 6:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Gregory Hoffman presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CLERK CALLS THE ROLL

Council Members present: Michael Dahlby, Brian Flynn, Jane Lardahl, Bill Hicks, Susan Zukowski.
Absent: CW King, Chuck Hull.

City Staff present: Police Chief Wendy Stelter, Sergeant Dave Johnson, Fire Chief Tom Larson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(a) Motion by Zukowski/Flynn, all present voting aye, to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of May 18. **Motion carried.**

PERSONAL APPEARANCES BY CITIZENS

(a) Russ Blair, Oak Knoll Drive, Chippewa Falls, commented on the list of appointments being presented by Mayor Hoffman. He asked the Mayor not to appoint Tom Hubbard to the Plan Commission due to a conflict of interest.

(b) Pat Popple, Summit Avenue, Chippewa Falls, expressed concerns about the sand processing plant now owned by EOG. She wonders who is responsible – i.e. CSP, EOG, DNR, Mayor, Council - if something happens such as the oil spill that BP is dealing with in the Gulf. She is concerned about decreasing property values in that area as well as air and water quality. She is wondering if the leadership has done their homework about these health issues and concerns and hopes that EOG will be willing to discuss these matters with concerned citizens.

(c) Sue Holm, Columbia Street, Chippewa Falls, had the following comments on the sand processing plant: she wanted them to delay building in residential areas until the DNR sets standards; she would like the decision makers available on a regular basis; she wanted a fee established for accidents; and overall wanted the project and process to be transparent. She is also concerned with protecting rural children from big trucks.

(d) Dr. Chisholm, Spruce Street, Chippewa Falls, wondered where Gary Stone and CSP are? He is concerned that corporate powers are taking over 100 acres for heavy industrial. He is angry and stated "the road to hell was paved with good intentions."

(e) Brian Nodolf, Columbia Street, Chippewa Falls, spoke on behalf of EOG who purchased the property rights from CSP for the sand processing plant. He verified the property was properly transferred and indicated his clients are moving forward with this project.

(f) Curt Parsons, Texas, General Manager of EOG, indicated they intend to operate as cleanly as they can and believe they provide a valuable service to Americans. They intend to be good corporate citizens and good neighbors and were voted one of the 100 best companies to work for in 2010 by Fortune 500.

(g) Dale McGraw, 44th Avenue, Chippewa Falls, stated he was angry at the City for bringing the sand plant to Chippewa Falls. He compared this situation to mining in Ladysmith where jobs were created but now the mining company is gone and metals are leaching into the water.

(h) Karen Moe, First Avenue, Chippewa Falls, indicated she was glad that someone from Texas was allowed to speak and hopes that anyone in the future will be allowed to speak at city council meetings.

(i) Lois Fadness, 68th Avenue, Chippewa Falls, indicated she had many concerns about the sand processing plant including pollution, water degradation, cutting down trees and hills, and truck traffic. She stated the State of Wisconsin is a beautiful place and wants it to stay that way.

(j) Claudia Cayo, Summit Avenue, Chippewa Falls, wanted to know if EOG executives were aware of a request for the DNR to do an environmental impact study.

(k) Rick Flynn, Perry Street, Chippewa Falls, asked if the County Health Department had any concerns with the sand plant. He indicated the Concerned Citizens have lost their law suit and the City needs these jobs.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(a) Mayor Hoffman opened a public hearing at 7:00 PM regarding the Beer Garden License Application of Margo Harshman, Margo's Sunbeam Tavern, 1310 E. Park Avenue. **Claudia Cayo**, Summit Avenue, Chippewa Falls, lives up the hill from the Sunbeam Tavern and is concerned with the noise associated with having an outdoor beer garden. **Russ Blair**, Oak Knoll Drive, Chippewa Falls, also lives up the hill from the tavern and is concerned with the noise and how the police department will be able to enforce it. No one else spoke for or against and the hearing was closed at 7:11 PM.

(b) Mayor Hoffman opened a public hearing at 7:12 PM regarding the Beer Garden License Application of Paul Peters, Town Pump Tavern, 616 N. Bridge Street. Paul Peters summarized his plans for the beer garden area. No one else appeared for or against and the hearing was closed at 7:14 PM.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS

None

APPLICATIONS

(a) Motion by Zukowski/Flynn, all present voting aye, to approve the four Operator (Bartender) Licenses as recommended by the Police Department. **Motion carried.**

Stacy Rutsch, Main Street, Chippewa Falls, appeared to ask the Council to consider approving her Application for an Operator License that was recommended for denial by the Police Department.

Motion by Zukowski/Flynn to approve the Operator License Application of Stacy Rutsch. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

(b) Motion by Zukowski/Lardahl to deny the Beer Garden License Application of Margo's Sunbeam Tavern, 1310 E. Park Avenue, effective July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. **Said motion passed after the following roll call vote: Aye – Zukowski, Lardahl, Hicks; Nay – Dahlby, Flynn.**

(c) Motion by Flynn/Zukowski to approve the Beer Garden License Application of Town Pump Tavern, 616 N. Bridge Street effective July 1 2010 to June 30, 2011. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

(d) Motion by Dahlby/Hicks to approve the Class B Beer/Class B Liquor License Application of Wesley Partlo, Every Buddy's Bar & Grill, 19 W. Central Street contingent upon final inspection by City Inspector Paul Lasiewicz. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.** (Clerk Bauer explained that if the Council granted the application contingent upon final inspections that Mr. Partlo would not get his license until the electrical concerns of the City Inspector were addressed.)

(e) Motion by Zukowski/Flynn, all present voting aye, to approve the Temporary Class B Retailer's License Application for the Notre Dame Church Picnic, 22 S. Prairie Street, on August 21 & 22. **Motion carried.**

(f) Motion by Zukowski/Flynn, all present voting aye, to approve the Class E Dance License Application of Notre Dame Church on August 21. **Motion carried.**

(g) Motion by Flynn/Zukowski, all present voting aye, to approve the Temporary Class B Retailer's License Application of Knights of Columbus Honoring Visiting Dignitary event, 236 Pumphouse Road, on June 25. **Motion carried.**

(h) Motion by Zukowski/Flynn, all present voting aye, to approve the Class E Dance License Application of the Valley Art Association to be held at the Rutledge Mansion, 505 W. Grand Avenue on June 19. **Motion carried.**

PETITIONS

None

MAYOR ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS

(a) The Mayor presented a list of Mayoral appointment recommendations for Boards and Commissions for the Council to review. Action on these appointments is scheduled for June 15.

MAYOR'S REPORT

(a) The Mayor read a Proclamation by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States regarding the annual distribution of Buddy Poppies.

(b) The Mayor announced there will be a "leash" cutting ceremony at Happy Tails Dog Park on June 12.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) **Motion by Flynn/Hicks** to approve the minutes of the Joint Committee No. 1, Revenues, Disbursements, Water & Wastewater and Committee No. 2, Labor Negotiations, Personnel Policy & Administration meeting of May 20. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

(b) **Motion by Zukowski/Lardahl** to approve the minutes of the Committee No. 4, Recycling, Computerization, Buildings, Intergovernmental Services meeting of June 3. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

REPORT OF OFFICERS

None

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

OTHER NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

(a) **Motion by Zukowski/Hicks** to approve the Release & Assignment of the Annual Concrete Patchwork contract by Samuel E. Motzer d/b/a Apple Valley Concrete in April, 2007. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

(b) The Council discussed set a date of August 19 for orientation session with the Police Department. Additional orientation session dates will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

(c) The Council discussed rescheduling the July 6 council meeting. No action taken.

CLAIMS

(a) The Claims Committee met at 6:00 PM before the regular meeting to review the claims submitted by the various departments of the City for payment. **Motion by Zukowski/Dahlby** to approve the payment of the claims listed below. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

Total City General and
Authorized/Handwritten Claims: \$35,881.68

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Zukowski/Lardahl, all present voting aye to adjourn at 7:54 PM. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by,
Lynne Bauer, City Clerk