

Chilton, Wisconsin
December 1, 2015

The regular meeting of the Chilton Common Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Gerald Vanne presiding in the council chambers of the Chilton City Hall at 42 School Street, Chilton, WI.

AGENDA POSTING:

On 11/25/15, copies of the agenda were delivered to the Mayor, Aldermen, City Attorney, and City Department Heads, were made available to the media, and posted on the City Hall bulletin board and city web page.

ROLL CALL: COMMON COUNCIL:

Mayor Gerald Vanne and eight members of the Council were present at roll call:

Council Member Richard Bosshardt	Council member Kathy Schmitzer
Council Member Kevin Johnson	Council Member Clayton Thornber
Council Member Rick Jaeckels	Council Member Ron Gruett
Council Member Linda Bangart	Council Member Dan Hilton

Other city officials present were Police Chief Craig Plehn, Director of Public Works Todd Schwarz, City Attorney Derek McDermott and City Clerk Helen Schmidlkofer.

General attendance: City employees Travis Boll, Troy Duchow and Tim Keuler.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Hilton, seconded by Jaeckels and carried to approve the minutes of the council meeting held on November 17, 2015.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

MAYOR REPORT:

- Received an invitation from Premier to look over the plans of their new building this Friday. Alderman Gruett will be joining me and an invitation was extended to all council members.
- The hospital (This is for Todd's information too) they are interested in possibly building an after care unit when you have surgery at the hospital and maybe like an assisted living for that purpose. They were going to come to the plan commission for December but they will not have stuff ready and looking at January to come.
- January 5, 2016 council meeting – it was decided that the council meeting will not be held after conferring with Council President Johnson.

CITY CLERK REPORT:

- Elections:
 - Notice of Spring Election for expiring terms for mayor and council members are as follows:

Mayor – Rick Jaeckels filed papers	(Incumbent – Vanne)
District One – Bangart filed non-candidacy papers	
District Two – Greg Kubichka filed papers	(Incumbent-Bosshardt)
District Three – Schmitzer	
District Four – Johnson – filed papers	

Circulation of nominations papers began today, December 1, 2015 and filing of nomination papers is due by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. Notification of Noncandidacy must be filed no later than 5:00 PM on December 28, 2015.

- Recycling carts have been delivered to residents and some businesses with the city. There have been a few complaints however; Administrative Assistant Thiel has been managing requests from residents and business owners. Advanced Disposal has been very responsive to these requests and solving issues as they arise in a timely manner. A detailed flyer regarding what to recycle and not to recycle is available on the city web page or in the office.
- Tax comparison from 2015 to 2016 was distributed for review

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- Levy information has been provided to Calumet County Treasurer and he anticipates that tax bills will be mailed next week.
- Staff is preparing the annual city newsletter

APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORT:

Moved by Hilton, seconded by Thornber and carried to approve the December 1, 2015 financial report.

APPROVE OPERATOR LICENSES:

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Bangart to approve the two-year license applications to serve fermented malt beverages and intoxicating liquors from December 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 for Amanda M. Ecker and Stacy A. Buechel. Motion carried. Clerk Schmidlkofer noted the applicants have been approved by the Chilton Police Department.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

- The Street Department – sweeping streets and cleaning out catch basins
- Well #10 – pump has been rebuilt and plan to have it reinstalled and operational by end of next week
- Wastewater Dept. – hosting WWOA Lake Michigan district meeting on December 10th at the Eagles Club in Chilton.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Attorney McDermott provided an update regarding the properties at 107 and 111 West Main Street and possible abatement. McDermott reviewed the list of requirements there were to be completed by December 31, 2015. The property owners were reminded of this on August 12, 2015 and as of today, you can see the items are not completed. It was recommended that the council proceed with a raze and repair order under a certain section of the WI Statutes. An inspection warrant was already completed which notes the deficiencies and a conclusion by the building inspector as to the cost exceeding 50% value of the property. The next step would be a raze and repair order at the December 15, 2015 council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business

Mayor Vanne inquired if the council would allow for closed session at this time to review wages and anybody that would like to come in and speak can do so.

CLOSED SESSION:

Moved by Hilton, seconded by Thornber to go into closed session at 6:42 PM under WI Statutes 19.85(1) (c) to review wages for city employees and 19.85 (1) (e) to negotiate the purchasing of public property. Roll call vote.

Gruett – yes	Bangart – yes	Bosshardt – yes	Thornber – yes
Jaeckels – yes	Schmitzer – yes	Hilton – yes	Johnson - yes

Eight votes cast. Eight votes aye. Motion carried.

Council conferred with the city attorney and director of public works regarding industrial park land. Following this discussion Schwarz exited the room. Two minutes later Schmidlkofer exited the room.

Mayor Vanne, Attorney McDermott and council members reviewed wages for city employees.

Moved by Jaeckels, seconded by Bangart to return to open session at 8:37 PM.

Roll call vote.

Gruett – yes	Bangart – yes	Bosshardt – yes	Thornber – yes
Jaeckels – yes	Schmitzer – yes	Hilton – yes	Johnson - yes

Eight votes cast. Eight votes aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairman Jaeckels presented the minutes of the November 24, 2015 General Government

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meeting. Jaeckels said, at the committee meeting DPW Schwarz presented a proposal for supplemental investigation for the McNeely and Schneider properties located at 415, 420 and 476 East Main Street. The DNR’s consultant firm, Sigma, has the understanding that the City is working with potential owner(s) that intend to either repurpose the existing building, construct a new building to house commercial activities or demolish the existing buildings and construct new buildings.

Moved by Jaeckels, seconded by Thornber and carried to authorize Director of Public Works Schwarz to:

1. Speak with the two interested parties or potential owners
2. Check to see if grant money is available from the Department of Natural Resources
3. Council shall approve of any supplemental investigation before the City would proceed (It would not be necessary to seek advisement from the General Government Committee rather present directly to council for approval)

Jaeckels noted the committee reviewed the health insurance report from Rae Anne of the Horton Group. The recommendation of the Horton Group is that effective January 1, 2016 the City of Chilton do the following:

- Eliminate the health reimbursement account for all employees and all provisions of same, with the exception of those employees covered by the Chilton Professional Police Assoc. Local #471 and the Wisconsin Professional Police Association collective bargaining agreement for the time-period of January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017.
- Eliminate the opt-out payments for all employees and all provisions of same, with the exception of those employees covered by the Chilton Professional Police Association Local #471 and the Wisconsin Professional Police Association collective bargaining agreement for the time period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017.

The committee had a brief discussion regarding what the City can and cannot eliminate for Police Union employees and the following recommendation was made.

Moved by Jaeckels, seconded by Schmitzer to discontinue the health reimbursement account (HRA) for all city employees effective January 1, 2016. Roll call vote.

Gruett – yes Bangart – yes Bosshardt – yes Thornber – yes
 Jaeckels – yes Schmitzer – yes Hilton – yes Johnson - yes
 Eight votes cast. Eight votes aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Jaeckels, seconded by Bangart to discontinue the opt-out provision for city employees except for those covered by the Wisconsin Professional Police Association effective January 1, 2016. Roll call vote.

Gruett – yes Bangart – yes Bosshardt – yes Thornber – yes
 Jaeckels – yes Schmitzer – yes Hilton – yes Johnson - yes
 Eight votes cast. Eight votes aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Vanne announced no ordinances or resolution would be presented at tonight’s meeting and will be brought back at the December 15, 2015 council meeting.

Moved by Jaeckels, seconded by Schmitzer that wage increases for city employees except for members of the Wisconsin Professional Police Association have changed from the General Government committee recommendations and proposed wage increases are:

Mayor	\$	-
Aldermen	\$	-
City Attorney	\$	-
Clerk/Treas. Admin Coord.	\$	750.00/yr.
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer	\$	750.00/yr.
Election Official	\$	0.10/hr.
Board of Review	\$	-

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Director of Public Wks.	\$ 750.00/yr.
Admin. Assist.- City	\$ 750.00/yr.
Building/Plumbing Inspec.	\$ 300.00/yr.
Water Dept. Leadman	\$ 750.00/yr.
Water Dept. Operator	\$ 750.00/yr.
Sewer Dept. Leadman	\$ 750.00/yr.
Sewer Dept. Operator	\$ 750.00/yr.
Street Dept. Leadman	\$ 750.00/yr.
Street Dept. Laborer	\$ 750.00/yr.
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Chief of Police	\$ 750.00/yr.
Captain	\$ 750.00/yr.
Admin. Assist. Police Dept.	\$ 0.22/hr.
School Patrol	\$ 0.10/hr.
Part Time Police Officer	\$ 0.50/hr.
Part Time Patrol Officer	\$ 0.50/hr.
Fire Chief	\$ 100.00/yr.
1st Assistant Fire Chief	\$ 100.00/yr.
2nd Assistant Fire Chief	\$ 100.00/yr.
Code Enforcement	\$ 35.00/yr.
FD Sec./Treasurer	\$ 25.00/yr.
Volunteer Firemen	\$ 0.25/mtg.
Fire Calls	\$ -
Emergency Mgt. Dir.	\$ -
Band Director	\$ 70.00/yr.

Mayor called for a voice vote. (Thornber-nay) Seven council members–aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION:

Distributed monthly building/plumbing report.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Moved by Hilton, seconded by Bosshardt to pay the bills. Roll call vote.

Gruett – yes Bangart – yes Bosshardt – yes Thornber – yes
 Jaeckels – yes Schmitzer – yes Hilton – yes Johnson - yes

Eight votes cast. Eight votes aye. Motion carried.

Voucher No. 77909 through Voucher No. 77951 or accounts payable and payrolls totaling \$88,756.04.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Hilton, seconded by Johnson and carried to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. on December 1, 2015.

Helen Schmidkofer, MMC
 City Clerk