

Chilton, Wisconsin
December 6, 2016

The regular meeting of the Chilton Common Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Rick Jaeckels presiding in the council chambers at the Chilton City Hall.

AGENDA POSTING:

On 12/02/16, 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 Rick Jaeckels and eight members of the Council were present at roll call:

Council Member Mark Willems	Council Member Kevin Johnson
Council Member Clayton Thornber	Council Member Ron Gruett
Council Member Greg Kubichka	Council Member Kathy Schmitzer
Council Member Kurt Stephany	Council Member Dan Hilton

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

General attendance:

Tom and Lori Hertel

Calumet County Agricultural Board members Jeff Wunrow, Sharon Ott and Sarah Gebhart, Eastern Wisconsin Stock Cars, Inc. members Sherry Petrie, Andra and Todd Humphrey, Patrick Mares and Betty Schilling, Chilton Times Journal and Faye Burg, Delta Publications.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Hilton, seconded by Thornber and carried to approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 11/15/2016.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

MAYOR REPORT:

- ↻ Mayor Jaeckels said he has a busy week with committee meetings.
- ↻ Shared recent communications between Calumet County and the City reference County F.
- ↻ Received a certificate from the Grassold-Schmidlkofer American Legion Auxiliary recognizing the City for promoting Americanism by flying the American Flag.

CITY CLERK REPORT:

- ↻ The city did forward the required paperwork to assist Calumet County Clerk Beth Hauser for the November 8 election recount.
- ↻ New dog licenses will be issued with the start of the tax season, next week Monday, December 12.
- ↻ Calumet County Treasurer will send out the tax bills later this week. The city collects taxes M-F from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Updated tax information is available on the county web site.
- ↻ The Calumet County Aging Department will begin serving meals on Mondays starting January 9th. Currently meals are served Tuesday – Friday in the community room at city hall.
- ↻ Working with Accurate Appraisal regarding updates to the 2017 business personal property tax parcels within the city.
- ↻ April 2017 election update – Council member Stephany took out papers.
- ↻ City hall holiday hours are listed for your reference on the clerk's memo.

APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORT:

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Stephany and carried to approve the December 1, 2016 financial report.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

- The Street Department received the new trackless.

- Replaced street light wattage on two lights at the intersection of Madison/Baldwin and Main/Madison. Also on East Main Street replaced two lights with LED.
- Leaf pick-up is completed for the year.
- Water, Sewer and Street Departments are busy conducting normal maintenance.
- The Optimist Club has completed their “Little Libraries project.” Three have been installed throughout the city.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Jeff Wunrow shared Calumet County Ag. Board’s letter that was sent to Eastern WI Stock Cars, Inc. requesting information. Then Todd Humphrey shared ESRC history and their efforts to fulfill the requests from the Calumet County Ag. Board.

Members of the two associations and Burg exited the council chambers at 7:24 PM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Jaeckels provided an update regarding the Uptown II Commons project. Horizon did receive the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago award of \$347,656.00 for the new construction of 24 units of rental housing in the City of Chilton but still waiting on tax credit determination from WHEDA. Within the next week or so there will be additional guidance from WHEDA regarding future corporate tax rate changes due to the recent presidential election. Mayor Jaeckels noted the next project that Horizon and the City are working on is the request for proposal.

Schilling exited the council chambers at 7:28 PM.

Attorney McDermott informed the council that a private party purchased 114 Breed Street and in spring of 2017, the new owner plans to demolish the existing home and build a new home.

Motion by Willems, seconded by Schmitzer to introduce, adopt and waive the reading of Resolution No. 1734, a resolution fixing salaries and benefits for city employees effective January 1, 2017. Roll call vote.

Gruett – yes	Willems – yes	Kubichka – yes	Thornber – yes
Schmitzer – yes	Hilton – yes	Johnson – yes	Stephany - yes

Eight votes cast. Eight votes aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Willems, seconded by Stephany to introduce, adopt and waive the reading of Resolution No. 1735, a resolution establishing wages and benefits for Department of Public Works employees effective January 1, 2017. Roll call vote.

Gruett – yes	Willems – yes	Kubichka – yes	Thornber – yes
Schmitzer – yes	Hilton – yes	Johnson – yes	Stephany - yes

Eight votes cast. Eight votes aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Thornber to introduce, adopt and waive the reading of Resolution No. 1736, a resolution to establish salaries for Fire Department personnel effective January 1, 2017. Roll call vote.

Gruett – yes	Willems – yes	Kubichka – yes	Thornber – yes
Schmitzer – yes	Hilton – yes	Johnson – yes	Stephany - yes

Eight votes cast. Eight votes aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Kubichka, seconded by Hilton to introduce, adopt and waive the reading of Ordinance No. 1136, an ordinance to establish salaries for city officials effective January 1, 2017.

Council member Johnson said he disagrees with the ordinance because the wages are not consistent with the other raises.

Mayor Jaeckels called for a roll call vote.

Gruett – yes	Willems – yes	Kubichka – yes	Thornber – yes
Schmitzer – yes	Hilton – yes	Johnson – nay	Stephany - yes

Eight votes cast. Seven votes aye. (Johnson-nay) Motion carried.

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Moved by Willems, seconded by Schmitzer to introduce, adopt and waive the reading of Ordinance No. 1135, an ordinance to establish salary and benefits for the Police Department Captain effective January 1, 2017. Roll call vote.

Gruett – yes	Willems – yes	Kubichka – yes	Thornber – yes
Schmitzer – yes	Hilton – yes	Johnson – yes	Stephany - yes

Eight votes cast. Eight votes aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Willems, seconded by Hilton to introduce, adopt and waive the reading of Ordinance No. 1134, an ordinance to establish salary and benefits for the Police Department Chief effective January 1, 2017.

Attorney McDermott informed the council that the law regarding residency requirements for municipal employees has changed since Chief Plehn was hired in December of 2014. For that reason, an amendment should be made from the current language of residing within city limits to a 15-mile radius of the city limits.

Moved by Thornber, seconded by Stephany to amend Section III Residency in Ordinance No. 1134 and the amendment shall read as follows:

Since the duties of the Chief of Police necessarily require the availability during emergencies and familiarity with the City, its residents, businesses, and industries, the Chief of Police shall be required to reside within 15 miles of the limits of the City of Chilton per WI Statute 66.0502. Such residency shall commence upon employee selling his current residence at N9031 Jung Road, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.

Mayor Jaeckels called for a voice vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Jaeckels asked, “Chief Plehn do you meet the state requirement of living within 15 miles of the City of Chilton.”

Chief Plehn replied, “Yes, I do.”

Moved by Thornber, seconded by Kubichka to amend Section III Residency in Ordinance No. 1134 and delete such residency shall commence upon employee selling his current residence at N9031 Jung Road, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.

Mayor Jaeckels called for a voice vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Jaeckels called for a roll call vote for Ordinance No. 1134.

Gruett – yes	Willems – yes	Kubichka – yes	Thornber – yes
Schmitzer – yes	Hilton – yes	Johnson – yes	Stephany - yes

Eight votes cast. Eight votes aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Thornber, seconded by Kubichka to approve the employment agreement with Paul Birschbach for building and plumbing inspector services for 2017 for an annual wage of \$19,000.00. Roll call vote.

Gruett – yes	Willems – yes	Kubichka – yes	Thornber – yes
Schmitzer – yes	Hilton – yes	Johnson – yes	Stephany - yes

Eight votes cast. Eight votes aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Willems, seconded by Kubichka to accept the three-year quote for auditing services with Hawkins Ash. Roll call vote.

Gruett – yes	Willems – yes	Kubichka – yes	Thornber – yes
Schmitzer – yes	Hilton – yes	Johnson – yes	Stephany - yes

Eight votes cast. Eight votes aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Kubichka to introduce, adopt and waive the reading of Resolution No. 1737, a resolution designating Huntington National Bank for depositing and withdrawal of city moneys.

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Roll call vote.

Gruett – yes	Willems – yes	Kubichka – yes	Thornber – yes
Schmitzer – yes	Hilton – yes	Johnson – yes	Stephany - yes

Eight votes cast. Eight votes aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Kubichka, seconded by Hilton to accept the quote from Pieper Electric, Inc for \$165,200.00 for Well #8 pump and electrical improvements. Roll call vote.

Gruett – yes	Willems – yes	Kubichka – yes	Thornber – yes
Schmitzer – yes	Hilton – yes	Johnson – yes	Stephany - yes

Eight votes cast. Eight votes aye. Motion carried.

Mares exited the council chambers.

CLOSED SESSION:

Moved by Thornber, seconded by Kubichka to go into closed session at 7:43 PM under WI Statute 19.85 (1) (e) investing of public funds. Roll call vote.

Gruett – yes	Willems – yes	Kubichka – yes	Thornber – yes
Schmitzer – yes	Hilton – yes	Johnson – yes	Stephany - yes

Eight votes cast. Eight votes aye. Motion carried.

Discussed investing of public funds regarding TIF #2 property with Tom & Lori Hertel.

Moved by Willems, seconded by Thornber to return to open session at 8:08 PM. Roll call vote.

Gruett – yes	Willems – yes	Kubichka – yes	Thornber – yes
Schmitzer – yes	Hilton – yes	Johnson – yes	Stephany - yes

Eight votes cast. Eight votes aye. Motion carried.

Mares entered the council chambers.

COMMUNICATION:

The monthly building/plumbing report was distributed.

Thornber commented that the Chilton Chamber parade held last week Saturday was exceptional.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Moved by Hilton, seconded by Kubichka to pay the bills. Voucher No. 79553 through Voucher No. 79641 or accounts payable and payrolls totaling \$278,606.93. Roll call vote.

Gruett – yes	Willems – yes	Kubichka – yes	Thornber – yes
Schmitzer – yes	Hilton – yes	Johnson – yes	Stephany - yes

Eight votes cast. Eight votes aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Johnson and carried to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. on December 6, 2016.

Helen Schmidlkofer, MMC
City Clerk