

Chilton, Wisconsin  
June 21, 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 6/17/16, 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 seven 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

Other city officials present were Police Chief Craig Plehn, Director of Public Works Todd Schwarz, City Attorney Derek McDermott and Deputy City Clerk Lisa Meyer. Absent and excused Council Member Dan Hilton.

**General attendance:** Faye Burg, Delta Publications, Betty Schilling, Chilton Times Journal, Nicholas Bolz, Calumet County District Attorney and Nathan Haberman.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Kubichka, seconded by Schmitzer and carried to approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 6/7/2016.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Jaeckels and Clerk Schmidlkofer had a telephone conversation with Rae Anne Beaudry from Horton Group regarding employee health insurance. The city is interested in educating the employees on health savings. Renewal rates should be available in July.

On behalf of the Fire Department, the mayor would like to invite the council members to honor Bruce Alten who was recently chosen as Firefighter of the Year by the Wisconsin Fraternal Order of Eagles Organization. There will be a celebration on Monday, June 27 at 7 pm at the Chilton Eagles Club.

Mayor Jaeckels complimented Ebenezer United Church of Christ for the flower pots located in front of businesses along Main Street in the uptown area.

**CITY CLERK REPORT:**

⌚ There will be a fall primary election on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

⌚ The Public Works meeting scheduled for June 22, 2016 was amended to include a walk through at the Well #8 water treatment facility.

**APPROVE OPERATOR LICENSES:**

Moved by Willems, seconded by Thornber, carried to approve the two-year license applications to serve fermented malt beverages, and intoxicating liquors from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018 for the 94 applicants submitted. Deputy Clerk Meyer noted that operator licenses are all on the same cycle and expire every two years on June 30. Every applicant must reapply and be approved by the Chilton Police Department which is a very time consuming process.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

⌚ Roadwork is completed on Forward Avenue, Reed, Robin and Canary Streets.

⌚ Street department is striping city crosswalks.

⌚ Hwy 57/32 project from the Chestnut and Calumet Street traffic light to New Holstein is set to

begin August 1 with completion Sept. 2. The road will remain open to traffic with flagmen assisting traffic. They will be milling off the top layer.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Current Calumet County District Attorney Nicholas Bolz was present to introduce himself to the council as he is up for re-election. He has three goals that he has accomplished as current district attorney which are: 1) Reduce crime to keep the community safe, 2) Protect victim rights and 3) Be fiscally responsible by giving money back to the County.

Nathan Haberman is currently a prosecutor in Sheboygan and is running against Nicholas Bolz for District Attorney. He was requested to run for District Attorney by Calumet County Sherriff Mark Ott and is endorsed by many police chiefs throughout Calumet County including Brillion, New Holstein, Chilton and Kiel. He has prosecuted numerous crimes and would like to see more communication between the district attorney’s office and police departments.

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT:**

- Chief Plehn presented the City of Chilton Police Department 2015 annual police report. The comprehensive report included accident reports, traffic arrests, and employee personnel. In 2015, traffic arrests were down due to the tremendous amount of search warrants and investigations involving more serious crimes in the City.
- The Chief inserted a new section in his report labeled community involvement. Many times during the year the police department gives instruction, speeches and officers make appearances to groups and organization that go unnoticed. This is a very important function of the police department to interact with the public.
- Another new section of the report included drug trends and retail theft. When drug complaints increase, so do theft and property crimes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Moved by Thornber, seconded by Schmitzer to approve the mayoral appointment of Stephany to the Public Works Committee until April 17, 2017. Motion carried.

Mayor Jaeckels is working on appointing someone to fill the vacancy of Rosemary Propson, who resigned from the Library Board. He has contacted a couple of people who declined. He hopes to have an appointment by the next council meeting.

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities would like the City to endorse Resolution No 1717 regarding that State sustaining funding for the transportation system.

Moved by Willems, seconded by Stephany to introduce, adopt and waive the reading of Resolution No. 1717, a resolution endorsing #Just Fix It Wisconsin Transportation Funding.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Aldermen Thornber was inquiring if the City could put amendments in the resolution regarding user fees. His belief is that the State should charge much higher registration fees for electric car and hybrid owners, along with charging a higher tax on diesel fuel. Thornber stated, “This is a partisan issue and a local government is non-partisan.”

Mayor Jaeckels called for a roll call vote.

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

Seven votes cast. Seven votes aye. Motion carried.

DPW Schwarz informed the council the WI Department of Natural Resources requires the WWTP to file the compliance maintenance annual report (CMAR) yearly. The council members did review the grading summary report, which indicated a grade point average of four.

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Kubichka to introduce, adopt and waive the reading of Resolution No. 1719, a resolution approving the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for 2015 (CMAR). Roll call vote.

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

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Seven votes cast. Seven votes aye. Motion carried.

The Police Department would like to hire a sixth part-time patrol officer. Chief Plehn stated this is part of the joint hiring process with area police departments.

Moved by Thornber, seconded by Gruett to approve the hiring of Arden Hartwig as part-time patrol officer for the City of Chilton contingent upon passing background check and pre-employment testing. (Per Resolution No. 1706, rate of pay is \$19.00 per hour for a PT Patrol Officer) Roll call vote.

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

Seven votes cast. Seven votes aye. Motion carried.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

The minutes of the March 9, 2016 and May 16, 2016 Library Board meeting and the May 11, 2016 Housing Authority meeting were distributed.

The minutes from the June 8, 2016 Plan Commission Meeting were discussed. The plan commission reviewed the property situation at 241 E. Main Street zoned C-2 (Central Business District).

The plan commission has scheduled a joint meeting with the Redevelopment Authority on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 5 p.m. to further discuss the situation at 241 E. Main Street.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Attorney McDermott informed the council that on June 15, 2016 the engineers did an inspection on the property at 101 W Main Street. Paul Benedict, Sr. Structural Engineer from McMahan Engineers prepared a report for the council to review. He recommended the following since the collapse of the structure could endanger the general public:

- 1) The sidewalk along the east side of the residence be immediately closed and barricaded off.
- 2) No parking signs shall be immediately posted along the west side of the street.
- 3) Both of the above actions should remain in place until the southern wall has been reconstructed.

Discussion ensued regarding giving the Salzsieder a timeline to fix the structure. DPW Schwarz stated that Mr. Salzsieder was advised to bring plans to the July 13, 2016 joint meeting with the Plan Commission and RDA. Attorney McDermott stated the city could proceed with a Public Nuisance as soon as the next council meeting on July 19, 2016.

Motion by Willems, seconded by Schmitzer to close the sidewalk and have no parking on South State Street from Intersection of State and Main Street to State Street Bridge. Motion carried.

Attorney McDermott updated the Council regarding 415, 420 and 476 East Main Street. He has reviewed the title policies from these properties and is working with the County to see if they followed through with notices to creditors upon issuing tax certificates.

**COMMUNICATION:** The June 8, 2016 staff minutes were distributed.

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Kubichka to pay the bills. Voucher No. 78836 through Voucher No. 78894 or accounts payable and payrolls totaling \$118,043.84. Roll call vote.

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

Seven votes cast. Seven votes aye. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Gruett and carried to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. on June 21, 2016.

Lisa Meyer  
Deputy City Clerk