

Legal Proceedings of the City of Fox Lake
Common Council
July 1, 2020

The regular meeting of the City of Fox Lake Common Council was held on Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., in the community center. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Bednarek and followed by the pledge of allegiance. Roll call was taken with alderpersons John Mund, Dan Ault, Dennis Linke, Peter Hartzheim, Robert Jenswold and Don Zilewicz present. Also attending were city administrator Dean Perlick and city clerk Jenny Quirk.

In the audience was Ann Buchda.

The clerk certified open meeting laws have been complied with.

Approve minutes

Motion by Linke, seconded by Mund to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2020 special council meeting, as typewritten. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Public comments-agenda items

Motion by Mund, seconded by Jenswold to open the meeting to public comments on agenda items. Motion carried with a voice vote. No comments were made.

Public comments-other matters

Motion by Linke, seconded by Zilewicz to open the meeting to public comments on other matters. Motion carried with a voice vote. There was a public comment made by Ann Buchda in regards to her concerns with water billing and service disconnection for tenant's unpaid water bills. She would like to know the rules and have documentation to provide renters in regards to the rules/expectations of the city for collecting water payments and for service disconnects. She would like a letter sent out to renters to remind them that their bill is their bill and would like the city to do more to enforce the rules before past due amounts become so high. Bednarek stated the city is working on a plan for stronger enforcement of this. A copy of the current rules, as printed, were provided for review. Discussion regarding different ways other landlords collect payment for water bills. Discussion was held noting the unpaid amount from the tenant becomes the owners responsibility when it is later placed on the property tax bill. Hartzheim suggested the clerk and treasurer meet with some landlords to provide input and work together to make a stronger plan.

Ault asked about the status of the swimming pool. Bednarek stated they started to fill it today and working on it Fri with hopes to open sat. Maybe a soft opening. They will have additional staff to help monitor. We need our staff to come brush the walls over the next 2 weeks while it continues to cure. Perlick noted the lifeguards plan to do cleaning, get set up and be ready to open.

Zilewicz asked if the Red Cross is still able to use the community center to hold the blood drive. Bednarek and Hartzheim agreed it would be fine because the Red Cross takes care of all monitoring and cleaning.

Consent agenda

Motion by Mund seconded by Zilewicz to approve the consent agenda, as listed below:

- a. pay the bills, as audited, for accounts payable-check #40746 through #40866 totaling \$190,097.14 (including ACH withdrawals) and payroll checks #59713 through #59762 totaling \$41,641.53.

Vote in favor: Mund, Ault, Linke, Hartzheim, Jenswold and Zilewicz. Motion carried.

Purchase of Jetter-Vac

Motion to approve the purchase of a Jetter-Vac for the sewer dept from Macqueen Equipment, for the amount of \$106,500. Zilewicz asked to clarify the purchase price. Perlick stated \$106,500. Discussion was held relating to finding the most cost effective way to pay for the Jetter-Vac, lease, loan or pay in full to avoid large interest amounts. The cost would be split equally between the water dept, sewer dept and stormsewer. Hartzheim noted we are voting on the agreement to purchase at this price and not on the other details. Vote in favor: Ault, Linke, Hartzheim, Jenswold, Zilewicz and Mund. Motion carried.

Basketball court at Riverside Park

Motion by Hartzheim and seconded by Jenswold to approve the installation of a basketball court at Riverside Park, cost not to exceed \$4,000 for the total project, with money to be used from general fund. Vote in favor: Hartzheim, Jenswold, Ault, Link, Zilewicz and Mund. Motion carried.

Pay request #2 of \$760. to Egbert Excavating Inc

Motion by Zilewicz and seconded by Linke to approve pay request #2 of \$760. to Egbert Excavating Inc for work efforts on Forest St. storm sewer. Vote in favor: Linke, Hartzheim, Jenswold, Ault, Mund and Zilewicz. Motion carried.

Redevelopment Authority

Motion by Jenswold and seconded by Linke to approve the resignation of Aaron Paul from the Redevelopment Authority. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Motion by Hartzheim and seconded by Linke to approve the Mayor's appointment of Sarah Theander to the Redevelopment Authority for the remainder of the term ending in 2023. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Emergency siren in the industrial park

Motion by Mund and seconded by Hartzheim to approve the removal of the existing emergency siren in the industrial park, at a cost of \$3,775. Zilewicz noted concerns that not all citizens can hear the siren already. What will we do for their safety? Discussion was had regarding possible replacement of siren, types of sirens, new location to place siren and budgeting the cost. Perlick noted the siren will not be taken down until after the crops come down or when it's time for the construction to start on the lot. It will be left up as long as possible. The estimate for replacing the siren was approximately \$20,000 for alarm and install. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Second reading of ordinance 38-10, joint municipal court

Motion to open the public hearing of the second reading, by reference, of ordinance 38-10, joint municipal court was made by Mund and seconded by Link. Motion carried with a voice vote.

No comments were made. Motion by Mund, seconded by Ault to close the public hearing on the second reading, by reference, of ordinance 38-10, joint municipal court Vote in favor: Ault, Linke, Hartzheim, Jenswold, Zilewicz and Mund. Motion carried. Public hearing closed at 6:45 p.m.

Adopt ordinance 38-10, joint municipal court

Motion by Zilewicz, seconded by Mund to adopt the ordinance 38-10, joint municipal court election term of municipal judge. Vote in favor: Zilewicz, Mund, Ault, Linke, Hartzheim and Jenswold. Motion carried.

With no other business to come before the Council, motion by Linke, seconded by Zilewicz to adjourn. Motion carried with a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.