



CITY OF NEW HOLSTEIN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Wednesday, May 15, 2024

6:30 PM

City Hall

The regular monthly meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Richard Snelson, presiding @ 6:31 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Council members Gene Woelfel, Bob Schermetzler, Paula Oakley, Brad Hess, Eric Mayer (via phone), Dan Watson, Becca Mosier, and Steve Abrams were present at roll call. Others present were, City Administrator Cullen Peltier, Police Chief Eric Fisher, Library Director D Hankins, Police Captain Chuck Schroeder, and New Holstein Utilities General Manager Marc Stephanie.

Others in attendance: Mark Sherry

It was noted that the meeting was properly announced.

A motion was made by Hess, seconded by Mosier, and carried to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by Woelfel, seconded by Abrams, and carried to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024, Council Meeting, and the Special Council Meeting of May 7, 2024.

The Mayor asked for a motion regarding the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Mosier, seconded by Watson, and carried to approve the Consent Agenda.

Financial Reports were presented and approved as part of the Consent Agenda approving the Treasurer's Report and invoices totaling \$103,615.94 as of April 30th, 2024.

Approval of License Application: Retail "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor License Application: New Holstein Baseball/Softball Association, Agent: Adam Schultz, 2101 Church Street, New Holstein, WI, Kiwanis Park Enclosed Concession Stand, 1917 Hickory Lane, 5/1/2023 to 11/1/2023.

Approval of Park Use and Special Event Applications: None

Reports of Departments and Committees: the Council received and placed on file reports showing Police Department Petty Cash - \$643.26; Building Permits \$92,166; Library Receipt Report \$1,267.96.

Minutes: The following minutes were received and placed on file: Committee of the Whole May 7, 2024, Library Board April 8, 2024; Utilities Commission April 24, 2024; Sanitary Sewer Commission April 24, 2024.

Action Items:

A motion was made by Hess, seconded by Watson, and carried to approve the city partnering with the New Holstein Baseball and Soccer Associations on the replacement of the Octagon Concession Stand/Restrooms.

A motion was made by Woelfel and seconded by Mosier to approve the Mayor's Appointment except for the appointment of Steve Settle to the Police and Fire Commission. Under discussion, Mosier and Woelfel explained concerns the received from staff and citizens regarding the appointment. Mayor Snelson asked

what the concerns were. Staff and council members stated they were concerned that Mr. Settle would not be able to remain unbiased on the Commission because of his personal relationship with the Mayor and given the Mayor has stated in the community that he would like to see Chief Fisher and Captain Schroeder removed from their positions. Mayor Snelson stated this was hearsay and should not be considered. Council members asked that the Mayor present another appointment for consideration. Abrams asked for clarification on whether the Chiefs should have a say in the appointment since the Commission oversees them. It was clarified that they could be consulted with for potential candidates but should not have a say in who is appointed since it is the role of the Mayor to appoint and the Council to approve. Upon call of the vote, the motion carried, with Mayer, Schermetzler, Mosier, Oakley, Hess, Watson, Abrams, and Woelfel voting Aye.

A motion was made by Mosier, and seconded by Schermetzler, to approve the purchase of a Mobile Data Computer for the Police Department. Under discussion, Chief Fisher explained that one of the current squad computers stopped working and is not able to be fixed. Upon call of the vote, the motion carried with Hess, Watson, Abrams, Woelfel, Mayer, Schermetzler, Mosier, and Oakley voting Aye.

A motion was made by Mosier, and seconded by Watson, to approve the quote from TECC for security upgrades to City Hall, the Aquatic Center, Optimist Park, Community Center, Civic Park, and the Octagon. Upon call of the vote, the motion carried with Schermetzler, Woelfel, Abrams, Oakley, Mayer, Watson, Mosier, and Hess voting Aye.

A motion was made by Hess, seconded by Woelfel, and carried to approve Resolution No. 1557 – A Resolution Recognizing and Honoring Thomas Pafford. Upon call of the vote, the motion passed with Mayer, Schermetzler, Mosier, Oakley, Hess, Watson, Abrams, and Woelfel voting Aye.

A motion was made by Mosier, seconded Schermetzler, and carried to approve Resolution No. 1558 – A Resolution Recognizing Norman Propson. Upon call of the vote, the motion carried with Watson, Mosier, Abrams, Oakley, Woelfel, Hess, Mayer, and Schermetzler voting Aye.

A motion was made by Woelfel, seconded by Oakley, and carried to approve Resolution No. 1560 – A Resolution Commending John Mathes. Upon call of the vote, the motion carried with Schermetzler, Woelfel, Abrams, Oakley, Mayer, Watson, Mosier, and Hess voting Aye.

A motion was made by Mosier, seconded by Abrams, and carried to approve Resolution No. 1561 – A Resolution Authorizing Borrowing from WPPI Energy. Upon call of the vote the motion carried with Mayer, Schermetzler, Mosier, Oakley, Hess, Watson, Abrams and Woelfel voting Aye.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mosier shared details of the Reinick Woods Community Walk and Dedication as an Old Growth Forest.

The Mayor read a Proclamation recognizing June as National Safety Month.

There being no other action or discussion items the meeting was adjourned by the Mayor at 7:12 pm.