

Village of Eau Claire
Monday, May 21, 2018
Unapproved Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Council meeting called to order 6:30 PM by Ken Karn, Village President

Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Ken Karn, Tom Baker, Jeff Rice, Robert Stanczyk, Chief Charles Sherene, Treasurer Lisa Borkowski, Public Works supervisor Mike Keesler & Secretary Kathy Arend.

Absent: Clerk Shawn Foster and John Glassman.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda, Motion by Stanczyk, Second by Rice, All Ayes, Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Ben Baker from Wightman Associates.

Visitor Questions

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Baker, Second Rice to approve the regular meeting minutes of 04/16/2018, All ayes. Motion carried.

Library Board Minutes: Library Board Minutes of May 14, 2018 are available in the Clerk's Office.

Fire Department: Fire Board minutes of April 19,2018 and Incident Summery for March 2018 available in the Clerk's Office.

Police Department: - (1) Tickets and (7) Incidents were reported. Chief Charles Sherene needs to take Ford Employer in for an oil change and Crown Victorian in to get looked at for air conditioner.

Finance/Treasurer's Report: Departmental Balance Report.

All Funds	980,206.14				
Fund	Restricted	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Unrestricted
General	335,372.36	705,579.37	Sanitation	0.00	3,095.35
Major Streets		135,283.92	Sewer	50,460.00	40,841.26
Local Streets		(2,319.40)	Water	96,230.00	199,086.56
Municipal Streets		129,987.26			

Motion by Baker to accept the Treasures Report, second by Rice, All ayes, Motion carried.

Payment of the Bills: in the amount of \$14,875.31. Motion by Baker to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$14,875.31, second by Rice, All ayes, motion carried.

First Quarter Council Pay will be done on May 31, 2018.

Millage for the 2018 property tax recommended to go without the hearing. Motion by Rice to go without the levy and second by Baker. Three ayes & one nay (R. Stanczyk) , motion carried.

Administration: **Sally's Green House** will deliver planters May 23rd, 2018. Motion by Stanczyk, second by Baker. All ayes.

6512 Hoyt Street that is extremely blighted will have someone go clean it up because it is believed the owner, Tony Coleman is in jail. Someone that is associated with the owner is going around trying to solicit business for him targeting senior citizens. Resident received business card with number on it and blight will try to get a hold of him to resolve this.

Auction on Foreclosure properties the village will let ride. The Council is not interested in buying the properties. The Fruit Exchange is interested in the empty lot for a semi turn around but will be up to them to bid on. The old gas station they will let it go to auction and not have county tear it down.

Parks/Community Development: The Village needs to update its 5 year Parks & Recreation Plan. It was last updated in 2012. It was suggested to do an expedited 5 year Parks and Recreation Plan, this way it can be done quicker. It has to stay updated in order to receive future Grants. The Council voted to update Master Plan, Parks and Recreation Plan & Capital Improvement Program. Motion by Rice , second by Baker. Ben Baker from

Wightman waiting for state to finalize the grant layout for Elizabeth Park, baseball park and Veterans Park. They have more surveying work to do. Ben will have a follow up meeting with the planning commission.

Water, Sewer, Solid Waste: Some of the sewer jetting will have to be redone by the lift station. This will be covered under the saw grant. The sewer collapse resulted in a resident to have damage in his basement due to flooding. The village will reimburse him for what he had to pay for his deductible. Manhole covers are done and two haven't been found. The Council has decided to wait another year to do the Wellhead Protection Program. This program is mandatory but doesn't have to be done until 2019.

Meter Pits: Public Works Supervisor Mike Keesler has hired Kenneth Karn Jr. for temporary position to help install the meter pits. It was made clear the decision wasn't made because of who his dad is and that he was the most qualified for the position. Also the mini excavator was delivered to be used for the work that needs to be done.

Streets: The pavement marking program that is done through the Berrien County Road Department was last done in 2016. The council has decided to wait one more year to have it redone. The removal of two trees in the village will be done by Chobra. The third one that is on Maple close to the alley is not the village's responsibility but that of the owner. The cost of the tree removal is \$ 1,000.00. Motion by Stanczyk, second by Baker. Also in the alley behind the village an asphalt burm needs to be put in because of flooding. Chobra will do this work as well approved by Village president Ken Karn.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission is still in need of one member.

Equipment: The public works garage heater still needs to be looked at to be replaced. This will need to be done before winter.

Sanitation: Cart count is done; adjustments to some accounts are also done. So from now on the people that go to Florida in the winter will not have to be billed for sanitation fees.

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn, 7:40 pm.

Unapproved Meeting minutes by Kathy Arend, Secretary