

City of Phillips' Common Council Meeting & Public Hearing

Council Room, Municipal Hall

174 S Eyder Avenue

October 15, 2019

5:30 p.m.

Mayor, Charles Peterson

Council Members: Wards 1 & 2 –Richard Heitkemper, Jerry Clark, John Klimowski;

Ward 3 – John Vlach, Laura Tomaszewski; Ward 4 – Bill Elliott

Public Works – Jeff Williams; Water-Sewer - Todd Toelle Police – Michael Hauschild;

Library – Rebecca Puhl

Clerk/Treasurer: Shelby Prochnow

This meeting is held in compliance with Wisconsin's Open Meeting Law, WI § Chapter 19, Subchapter V. As such it is open to the public.

Call to Order (presiding officer)

Greeting

Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Charles Peterson ____, Jerry Clark____, Richard Heitkemper ____, Laura Tomaszewski, ____ John Vlach____, Bill Elliott ____, John Klimowski____.

Public Comment:

1.Motion to open the Public Hearing for discussion on the 2020 Downtown Sidewalk Special Assessments for Public Improvements. Time: _____

2.Motion to close the Public Hearing. Time: _____

3.Action regarding the 2020 Downtown Sidewalk Special Assessments for Public Improvements:

a. Discussion/Action Regarding number of installments on the special assessments.

b. Discussion/Action Regarding Interest Rate for Special Assessments

c. Discussion/Action Regarding moving forward with the 2020 Downtown Sidewalks Project

4. Adjournment

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

.....of the Common Council of the City of Phillips at a meeting held in the Council Room of Municipal Hall on October 15, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Peterson at 5:30 p.m. Those present included:

Mayor Peterson

1st Aldermanic District: Jerry Clark, Richard Heitkemper, John Klimowski

2nd Aldermanic District: Laura Tomaszewski

3rd Aldermanic District:

Clerk/Treasurer: Shelby Prochnow

Also present: List available in Clerk's Office

Public Comment: None

DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEMS:

1.Clark/Tomaszewski moved to open the Public Hearing for discussion on the 2020 Downtown Sidewalk Special Assessments for Public Improvements. Time: 5:32pm

Many of the downtown property owners were in attendance to voice their opinion on the sidewalk process. Many were not happy with the cost of the project, believing it was too high, and stating they could hire their own contractors at a much less expense, many also commented on the process and the lack of communication they felt occurred. They discussed the double curb and how adding ramps and extra steps would take away window display views and would expose an unfinished part of the bottom of many buildings. It was evident that the majority of people would like to see the double curb stay instead of adding the ramps to the buildings that would need to be made ADA accessible. Ultimately the decision was made to postpone the sidewalk project until the State came through to redo the downtown section of Hwy 13, but that in the meantime the property owners would repair their own sidewalks.

2.Heitkemper/ Klimowski moved to close the Public Hearing. Time: 6:42pm. Clark – aye, Heitkemper – aye, Tomaszewski – aye, Vlach – absent, Elliott – absent, Klimowski – aye.

3.Action regarding the 2020 Downtown Sidewalk Special Assessments for Public Improvements:

a. Discussion/Action Regarding number of installments on the special assessments. No action Taken

b. Discussion/Action Regarding Interest Rate for Special Assessments. No Action Taken

c. Discussion/Action Regarding moving forward with the 2020 Downtown Sidewalks Project.

Heitkemper/ Clark moved to suspend any further action on the assessment and sidewalk project until the State redoes Hwy 13 downtown then reconvene and review the sidewalks at that time. Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper – aye, Tomaszewski – aye, Vlach – absent, Elliott – absent, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried.

5. Clark/ Heitkemper moved for adjournment. 6:46pm.