

City of Phillips' Common Council Meeting

Council Room, Municipal Hall

174 S Eyder Avenue

June 13, 2023

5:30 p.m.

Mayor, Charles Peterson

Council Members: Wards 1 & 2 (District 1) –Richard Heitkemper, Ward 3 (District 2) - Laura Tomaszewski; Ward 4 (District 3)– Bill Elliott

At Large – Jerry Clark, Marty Stephan, and John Klimowski

Public Works – Jim Heizler; Water-Sewer - Todd Toelle Police – Michael Hauschild;

Library – Rebecca Puhl

Clerk/Treasurer: Shelby Kosmer

Following the open session of the meeting the Common Council will convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) Compensation and Evaluation –Street Department/ Water-Sewer Operator job interviews.

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, ____ Marty Stephan____, Bill Elliott ____, John Klimowski____

Public Comment:

DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve May 16, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Motion to approve the payment of vouchers in the total amount of \$ 225,813.90.
3. Discussion/Action regarding potential creation of a redevelopment authority.
4. Motion to approve Ordinance number 23-002, amendment of section 7.17 Parking Limitations as recommended by the Committee of the Whole.
5. Discussion/Potential action regarding request to put Internet service down at Elk Lake Park in the Pavilion and extension of power in the park from the Phillips Area Chamber of Commerce.

6. Motion to approve final pay request #12 from Staab Construction in the amount of \$2,325.00 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade as recommended by the Committee of the Whole.
7. Motion to approve Resolution #1223 Year 2023 Compliance Maintenance Report for the Water/Sewer Department
8. Motion to approve the Class B Retail Combination and Class B Beer License applications. The Class A Retail Combination License applications and the Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt License applications. To approve the "Class A" Retail Liquor License application, the Class "B" Retail Beer and "Class C" Wine License applications as recommended by the Committee of the Whole.
9. Committee Reports:
Ambulance
Library
Chamber
10. Convene into closed session. Authority Pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) Compensation and Evaluation –Street Department/ Water-Sewer Operator Job Interviews
Jerry Clark___ Richard Heitkemper ___ Laura Tomaszewski ___ Marty Stephan ___
Bill Elliott ___ John Klimowski _____. Time_____
11. Reconvene into open session. Authority: Wisconsin §19.85(2). Jerry Clark___ Richard Heitkemper ___ Laura Tomaszewski ___ Marty Stephan ___ Bill Elliott ___ John Klimowski _____. Time: ____
12. Motion on the subject of the closed session
13. Adjournment

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

.....of the Common Council of the City of Phillips at a meeting held in the Council Room of Municipal Hall on June 13th, 2023.

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

Mayor Peterson

At Large Aldermen: Jerry Clark, Marty Stephan, and John Klimowski

1st Aldermanic District: Richard Heitkemper

2nd Aldermanic District: Laura Tomaszewski

3rd Aldermanic District: Bill Elliott

Clerk/Treasurer: Shelby Kosmer

Also present: Patty Stephan, Becky Puhl, Jim Heizler, Joe Perkins, Blake Pluemer, Kay Pluemer, Shirley Smith, Lyn Ludwig, Kristen Fish-Peterson, and Todd Toelle.

Public Comment: None

DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEMS:

1. Elliott/ Klimowski moved to approve May 16, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes as corrected. Carried
2. Klimowski/ Clark moved to approve the payment of vouchers in the total amount of \$ 225,813.90. Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper – aye, Tomaszewski – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried
3. Discussion/Action regarding potential creation of a redevelopment authority. Kristen Fish-Peterson was in attendance to do a small represent to the Common Council to discuss the potential creation of a redevelopment authority. She has done work for municipalities and for developers as well. The redevelopment authority consists of 7 members, 2 council members and then the others are appointed individuals with special skill sets. Klimowski questioned if any of our existing development groups, like IDC, Northwest Regional Planning, the Planning Commission, or the Park Falls area economic development group. Mayor informed the council to take in the information and determine if this is something the City would like to pursue potentially creating a Redevelopment authority.
4. Klimowski/ Elliott moved to approve Ordinance number 23-002, amendment of section 7.17 Parking Limitations as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. Carried
5. Discussion/Potential action regarding request to put Internet service down at Elk Lake Park in the Pavilion and extension of power in the park from the Phillips Area Chamber of Commerce. Chamber has made a decision to pay for the Internet service down at Elk Lake Park by reimbursing the City for the annual fee for the service for the next 5 years. We will look at the extension of power at a later date. Heitkemper/ Elliott moved to more forward with the installation of seasonal internet service down at the Elk Lake Park Pavilion to be reimbursed by the Phillips Area Chamber of Commerce for the 5-year contract.

Roll: Clark – aye, Heitkemper – aye, Tomaszewski – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – abstain due to conflict of interest. Motion Carried

6. Tomaszewski/ Clark moved to approve final pay request #12 from Staab Construction in the amount of \$2,325.00 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper – aye, Tomaszewski – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried.
7. Klimowski/ Stephan moved to approve Resolution #1223 Year 2023 Compliance Maintenance Report for the Water/Sewer Department. Carried
8. Klimowski/ Elliott moved to approve the Class B Retail Combination and Class B Beer License applications. The Class A Retail Combination License applications and the Class “A” Retail Fermented Malt License applications. To approve the “Class A” Retail Liquor License application, the Class “B” Retail Beer and “Class C” Wine License applications as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. Roll Call: Clark – opposed, Heitkemper- aye, Tomaszewski – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried
9. Committee Reports:
Ambulance: Prentice is working on a few things to make their position more appealing to attractive
Library: Ready for girl’s night out on Thursday, Library kick off party is the last Thursday of the month of June at the armory and have a clown coming on Friday and the library program started now.
Chamber: UP to 220 members, executive board is meeting with Park Falls, still keeping communication lines open but not talking about merging yet. Girl’s night out is this Thursday, the 4th has a lot of events going on. Chamber is going to reimburse the City for purchasing new boat bumpers for down at the Elk Lake Park boat landing. They are utilizing the room tax funding to reinvest into the community for these kinds of improvements. Tim Neu is the new president since Nick Gabay’s term is up.
10. Elliott/ Klimowski moved to convene into closed session. Authority Pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) Compensation and Evaluation –Street Department/ Water-Sewer Operator Job Interviews
Jerry Clark- aye, Richard Heitkemper – aye, Laura Tomaszewski -aye, Marty Stephan – aye, Bill Elliott – aye, John Klimowski – aye. Time 6:18pm
11. Clark/ Klimowski moved to reconvene into open session. Authority: Wisconsin §19.85(2). Jerry Clark – aye, Richard Heitkemper – aye, Laura Tomaszewski – aye, Marty Stephan – aye, Bill Elliott -aye. John Klimowski – aye. Time: 6:37pm
12. Motion on the subject of the closed session
13. Clark moved to adjournment. 6:37pm


Shelby Kosmer
Clerk/Treasurer