

## **City of Phillips' Common Council Meeting**

Council Room, Municipal Hall

174 S Eyder Avenue

August 8, 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

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 July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Motion to approve the payment of vouchers in the total amount of \$ 225,408.98.
3. Discussion/Action regarding Elk Lake Park Update: Kristen Harper
4. Motion to approve the final subdivision plat for Jon Pesko as recommended by the Phillips Planning Commission.
5. Discussion/Action regarding Library 2024 budget
6. Committee Reports:
  - Ambulance
  - Library
  - Chamber
7. Adjournment

## **COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

.....of the Common Council of the City of Phillips at a meeting held in the Council Room of Municipal Hall on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 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:

2nd Aldermanic District: Laura Tomaszewski

3rd Aldermanic District:

Clerk/Treasurer: Shelby Kosmer

Also present: Kristen Harper, Becky Puhl, Marc Peterson, Mark Brzeskiewicz, Tom LaVenture, Patty Stephan

Public Comment: Mark Brzeskiewicz, if it would be okay that Komarek drilled their own well on the property being purchased in the Business Park discussed last week, they forgot to ask last week at the meeting. Kosmer will double check our City ordinance but she is pretty sure the City has an ordinance to not allow for private wells.

## **DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Klimowski/ Clark moved to approve July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes. Carried
2. Clark/ Klimowski moved to approve the payment of vouchers in the total amount of \$ 225,408.98. Clark – aye, Heitkemper – absent, Tomaszewski – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – absent, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried
3. Discussion/Action regarding Elk Lake Park Update: Kristen Harper  
Kristen updated the council about the fundraising effort for the Elk Lake Park updating project. Last year it was discussed potentially moving the playground to where the volleyball courts are; however, after spending time down at the park this summer this may not be the best move so they are planning the equipment where it is already located. The total cost of the project presented was roughly \$215k. This price is if we are able to get grants to help fundraise, there are a lot of items in the plan that can be substituted if we are unable to get the number of grants we are looking for. The orders are 5 months out and the company needs to have 50% down. If for some reason when they go to order the items for a 2025 install, if they don't have all the funding, they can adjust the plans to have the cost be what we have raised. This playground setup is ADA compliant. Mayor Peterson gave Kristen the go ahead to move forward with the fundraising efforts.
4. Tomaszewski/ Klimowski moved to approve the final subdivision plat for Jon Pesko as recommended by the Phillips Planning Commission. Clark – aye, Heitkemper – absent, Tomaszewski – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – absent, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried
5. Discussion/Action regarding Library 2024 budget

Marc Peterson came on behalf of the library board to request a 6% budget increase from the City, resulting in approximately a \$10,000 increase from the City. The Library says they will be asking the County for an increase as well in the percentage they receive from the county, an increase from 70% to 80%. Mayor Peterson stated this would be put in the upcoming budget meetings for discussion.

6. Committee Reports:

Ambulance: No update

Library: Had first program with over 100 people in attendance since covid, which is great and they are working on the budget.

Chamber: Bill sent an update; Circus went well and was well attended. Phillips on Tap is August 19<sup>th</sup>, from 5-9pm with Brewery's and wine, food trucks and music by Pacific Coast Highway. Another upcoming event is the Chambers first 4 person golf scramble on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at Prentice Pines golf course. They will have a \$10,000 hole in one chance and lots of other prizes and fun, \$100 per team this includes lunch and golf, contact Chamber to sign up.

7. Klimowski/ Clark moved for adjournment 5:54pm



Shelby Kosmer  
Clerk/Treasurer