

City of Phillips' Common Council Meeting

Council Room, Municipal Hall

174 S Eyder Avenue

February 13, 2024

5:30 p.m.

Mayor, Charles Peterson

Council Members: Wards 1 & 2 (District 1) –Richard Heitkemper, Ward 3 (District 2) - Mark Brzeskiewicz; 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 ____, Mark Brzeskiewicz, ____ Marty Stephan____, Bill Elliott ____, John Klimowski____

Public Comment:

DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve January 9th, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Motion to approve the payment of vouchers in the total amount of \$1,015,997.63.
3. Short Presentation from Lyn Ludwig regarding EPA Community Change Grant program.
4. Committee Reports:
 - Ambulance
 - Library
 - Chamber
5. Adjournment

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

.....of the Common Council of the City of Phillips at a meeting held in the Council Room of Municipal Hall on February 13th, 2024.

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: Mark Brzeskiewicz

3rd Aldermanic District: Bill Elliott

Clerk/Treasurer: Shelby Kosmer

Also present: Joe Perkins, Patty Stephan, Becky Puhl, Lyn Ludwig, Laura Palzill, Thomas LaVenture.

Public Comment: Laura Palzill, Phillips Area Chamber Director, came in and thanked all the members of the City, fire department, police, dpw, and all the City departments for their help to make Winterfest a success.

DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEMS:

1. Clark/Heitkemper moved to approve January 9th, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes.
Carried
2. Klimowski/ Elliott moved to approve the payment of vouchers in the total amount of \$1,015,997.63. Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper – aye, Brzeskiewicz – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried
3. Short Presentation from Lyn Ludwig regarding EPA Community Change Grant program. Lyn Ludwig passed out a small packet of information to discuss regarding the EPA Community Change grant program. Ludwig explained this is a 10-20 million dollar grant. The Price County United Nonprofit group would be the applicant but they are looking for the City to be a statutory partner. Ludwig and the grant writer are still developing the partnership agreement right now and will bring that back in March. Ludwig discussed some of the projects that would be included in the Grant application, such as creating a green space by the current Fred Mueller building and creating a corridor through the Meisters beer garden to the Fred Mueller property. Also would include a “South Gateway” which would be where Gowey Title is and they would construct a new building there and Ludwig wished to move Hilgy’s to a different location through a separate grant. Ludwig requested the City to join Price County’s FEMA Hazardous Mitigation Program and she also questioned a letter that was sent to Hilgy’s on behalf of the City and if there was any response owner Carl.
4. Committee Reports:
Ambulance: 1 new EMT is approved to start training, the EMT that was down is back with on a limited basis. Still making runs to Prentice and running all over the Phillips area but they are able to respond to all their calls.

Library: They are excited to have Mark Brzeskiewicz on the board. Next book sale will be in April. Have some new programing coming soon so keep an eye out for it. Will be doing an audio book walking program at the Armory.

Chamber: Up to 207 members, the visitor guides came out this week. They are trying to do stuff with the room tax money to get people to stay here and getting a committee together to determine how to utilize the money to get people to stay here and their tag line will be "Enjoy Price County". Trying to get everywhere to have a room tax so we can get everyone involved in the committee.

5. Calrk moved for adjournment. 6:13pm


Shelby Kosmer
Clerk/Treasurer