

## City of Phillips' Common Council Meeting

Council Room, Municipal Hall

174 S Eyder Avenue

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 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

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 – Interviews for the Street Department/ Water-Sewer Operator Job.

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 February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Motion to approve the payment of vouchers in the total amount of \$170,837.15
3. Discussion/Action regarding Fire Department Overhead Door project
  - a. Motion to accept the bid from Huotari Construction in the amount of \$40,960.00 for the Fire Department Overhead Door Project as recommended by the Committee of the Whole
4. Motion to move forward with the Police Department new squad vehicle in the amount of \$72,061.60 as recommended by the Committee of the Whole.
5. Motion to proceed with moving forward with an ordinance to allow for the ATV/UTV route to open State Highway 13 for the ATV/UTV route to go from County Rd F/ South Airport Road to Fayette St as recommended by the Committee of the Whole
6. Short Presentation from Lyn Ludwig regarding EPA Community Change Grant program.

7. Committee Reports:

Ambulance

Library

Chamber

8. Convene into closed session. Authority: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) Compensation and Evaluation - Interviews for the Street Department/ Water-Sewer Operator Job. Jerry Clark\_\_\_ Richard Heitkemper \_\_\_ Mark Brzeskiewicz \_\_\_ Marty Stephan \_\_\_ Bill Elliott \_\_\_ John Klimowski \_\_\_\_. Time\_\_\_\_\_

9. Reconvene into open session. Authority: Wisconsin §19.85(2). Jerry Clark\_\_\_ Richard Heitkemper \_\_\_ Mark Brzeskiewicz \_\_\_ Marty Stephan \_\_\_ Bill Elliott \_\_\_ John Klimowski \_\_\_\_. Time: \_\_\_\_

10. Motion on the subject of the closed session.

11. Adjournment

## **COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

.....of the Common Council of the City of Phillips at a meeting held in the Council Room of Municipal Hall on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 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:

2nd Aldermanic District: Mark Brzeskiewicz

3rd Aldermanic District: Bill Elliott

Clerk/Treasurer: Shelby Kosmer

Also present: Becky Puhl, Shirley Smith, Frank Dusek, Joe Fox, Erik Kann, Lynn Boers, Joe Perkins, Jim Heizler, Michael Hauschild, David Lontcoski, Meridith Hueckman, Leslie Arazny, Thomas LaVenture, Patty Stephan, and Lyn Ludwig

Public Comment: Joesph Fox came before the board and passed out three documents pertaining to the library, with concerns regarding the Library budgeting and some concerning books that were located in the Library.

### **DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Klimowski/ Brzeskiewicz moved to approve February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes. Carried
2. Elliott/ Klimowski moved to approve the payment of vouchers in the total amount of \$170,837.15. Carried
3. Discussion/Action regarding Fire Department Overhead Door project
  - a. Elliott/ Clark moved to accept the bid from Huotari Construction in the amount of \$40,960.00 for the Fire Department Overhead Door Project as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper – absent, Brzeskiewicz – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – aye. Elliott/Clark moved to amend the previous motion to accept the bid from Huotari Construction in the amount of \$40,960.00 for the Fire Department Overhead Door Project utilizing \$30,000 from the Fire Department Building fund and the remaining from the equipment fund. Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper – absent, Brzeskiewicz – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried
4. Klimowski/ Elliott moved to move forward with the Police Department new squad vehicle in the amount of \$72,061.60 as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper – absent, Brzeskiewicz – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried
5. Clark/ Klimowski moved to proceed with moving forward with an ordinance to allow for the ATV/UTV route to open State Highway 13 for the ATV/UTV route to go from County Rd F/ South Airport Road to Fayette St as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. Stephan – opposed. 4:1 motion carried

6. Short Presentation from Lyn Ludwig regarding EPA Community Change Grant program. 20mins: Lyn presented the council with a website for a link for a survey, they have some community meetings set for Wednesday the March 20<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:30. There needs to be a partnership between the non-profit (the applicant) and the city, if they become the statutory partnership.

All sorts of participation with the public to come throughout the process.

Stephan – questioned who controls the money received from the grant. Ludwig explained that the non-profit is who gets the money.

Looking to apply in late April, and within 1 month you should hear if you get interviewed, the interview would be scored, it would be another 6 weeks to hear if they got it or if they need to adjust their application. They have until November to apply but applications come on a first come first serve basis.

Patty Stephan member of the public questioned Ludwig how old the non-profit was and what projects they have worked on so far, Ludwig responded that they were established in 2022, Cherly Moore and Blake plumer are board members, and so far applied for the DOT transportation grant worth 1.5 million in October and submitted in December.

Brzeskiewicz questions what's next step if they do get the money.

Kosmer passed along the opinion of City Attorney Bryce Schoenborn that this is a low-risk agreement, Kosmer emphasized the main requirement from the City is the attendance of the meetings.

Elliott/ Brzeskiewicz moved to enter into a statutory partnership with Price County United for the EPA Community Change Grant. Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper – absent, Brzeskiewicz – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott -aye, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried

7. Committee Reports:

Ambulance: no update

Library: Puhl responded to some concerns expressed during public comment. Puhl expressed that she does not do anything with the budget that is not approved by the County. The Library board did approve a memorial tree for Laura Tomaszewski and it will go in the School orchard.

Chamber: Postponed the meeting one week because Laura is up for the Government Rising Star award, getting ready for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and on March 25<sup>th</sup> 10:30am is the Ground breaking for Forward bank.

8. Elliott/ Clark Convene into closed session. Authority: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) Compensation and Evaluation - Interviews for the Street Department/ Water-Sewer Operator Job. Jerry Clark- aye, Richard Heitkemper -absent, Mark Brzeskiewicz – aye, Marty Stephan – aye, Bill Elliott – aye, John Klimowski -aye. Time 6:22pm

9. Elliott/ Brzeskiewicz moved to reconvene into open session. Authority: Wisconsin §19.85(2). Jerry Clark – aye, Richard Heitkemper – absent, Mark Brzeskiewicz – aye, Marty Stephan – aye, Bill Elliott – aye, John Klimowski – aye. Time: 7:19pm

10. Motion on the subject of the closed session. No formal action

11. Klimowski moved for adjournment. 7:19pm

  
Shelby Kosmer  
Clerk/Treasurer