

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

Council Room, Municipal Hall

174 S Eyder Avenue

February 11, 2025

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)(g) Conferring with Counsel who either orally or in writing will advise governmental body on strategy to be adopted with respect to current or likely litigation: Price County United Limited (PCUL) Lease Proposal received for Elk Lake Park parking lot.

This meeting is held in compliance with Wisconsin's Open Meetings 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 Meetings 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Motion to approve the payment of vouchers in the total amount of \$523,826.64.
3. Discussion/Action regarding ATV/UTV Highway 13 Bridge Designation ordinance 24-003. Request for additional amendments.
4. Motion to approve resolution #1236: 2024 Budget Amendments as recommended by the Committee of the Whole.
5. Committee Reports:
  - Ambulance:
  - Library
  - Chamber

6. Phillips Industrial Development Corp (IDC) Update:

7. Convene into closed session. Authority: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with Counsel for Price County United Limited (PCUL) Lease Proposal received for Elk Lake Park parking lot.

Jerry Clark\_\_\_ Richard Heitkemper \_\_\_ Mark Brzeskiewicz \_\_\_ Marty Stephan \_\_\_ Bill Elliott \_\_\_ John Klimowski \_\_\_. Time\_\_\_\_\_

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

9. Motion on the subject of the closed session.

10. 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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: Blaine Peterson, Michael Hauschild, Jim Heizler, Joe Perkins, David Lontcoski, Lyn Ludwig and Patty Stephan. Bryce Schoenborn via phone for closed session only.

Public Comment: Lyn Ludwig and Cheryl Moore (via phone) provided an update on EPA Water Technical Assistance, going to be sending something to Kosmer to talk to the water department to talk to Todd Toelle for some more information. PCUL (Price County United Limited) got the Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grant Tier 2 and Tier 3 that was applied for on behalf of the City.

Jim Heizler, let everyone know they had a pretty large breakdown with the transmission on the grader, this is the grader the City leases from the Town of Worcester.

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

1. Klimowski/ Elliott moved Motion to approve January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes with the corrections requested from Lyn Ludwig in the public comment section. Carried
2. Clark/ Brzeskiewicz Motion to approve the payment of vouchers in the total amount of \$523,826.64. Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper – aye, Brzeskiewicz – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried
3. Discussion/Action regarding ATV/UTV Highway 13 Bridge Designation ordinance 24-003. Request for additional amendments.  
Klimowski/ Heitkemper moved to send ordinance 25-001 for the ATV/UTV Highway 13 Bridge Designation to public hearing. Carried
4. Elliott/ Stephan moved to approve resolution #1236: 2024 Budget Amendments as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper – aye, Brzeskiewicz – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried
5. Committee Reports:  
Ambulance: Been busy, up to 64 calls year to date, their service is going through a lot of the flu bugs and short on staff but able to respond to all the calls and just keep plugging away and have a very dedicated crew.  
Library: Applied for a grant to replace the front door to an automatic door through the library association, should be hearing shortly if we received that. The board looked very closely at their library card policy for minors and they have set up different parameters

of children under 16 having library cards, first level is no restrictions, second level is any material except and then you can list exceptions, and third level is permission to just check out material in the children's section. Library Board member Jennifer Markle did a lot of research on this, and this seems to be a good compromise. The library does have a copy of the library card policy for children under 16 and they will advertise that. Urged council to get library cards because it helps with the numbers that effect Library funding for circulation.

Chamber: The new executive director gave her resignation effective immediately, Corey Weiland was the assistant executive director had resigned but she is going to stay on but just as staff not with the assistant executive director title. They will be advertising for a new executive director. Winterfest went very well and was well attended. The visitor guide is out and the enjoy price county is still being worked on and the new Chamber website is up. The Chamber has questions regarding responsibility regarding chamber building maintenance, Kosmer will look into this and provide an update with the findings.

6. Phillips Industrial Development Corp (IDC) Update: Meeting last Wednesday, board gave permission to establish a 501c3 for a nonprofit development group. IDC is going to be looking at updating/establishing their website. There is an employee at Price Electric that has a drone, and they have offered to help talk to some videos and photos for their website and they have established an IDC website committee. Mayor Peterson let the council know that on Thursday between 4-6 Senator Ron Johnson will be at the city and on Friday 11:00-1 Rob Summerfield will be at the city as well so if anyone would like to meet and has questions or concerns to address.
7. Clark/ Heitkemper moved to convene into closed session. Authority: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with Counsel for Price County United Limited (PCUL) Lease Proposal received for Elk Lake Park parking lot.  
Jerry Clark – aye, Richard Heitkemper – aye, Mark Brzeskiewicz – aye, Marty Stephan – aye, Bill Elliott – aye, John Klimowski – aye. Time 6:07pm
8. Clark/Elliott moved to reconvene into open session. Authority: Wisconsin 19.85(2).  
Jerry Clark – aye, Richard Heitkemper – aye, Mark Brzeskiewicz – aye, Marty Stephan – aye. Bill Elliott – aye, John Klimowski – aye. Time: 6:44pm
9. Motion on the subject of the closed session. No action
10. Clark moved for adjournment. 6:45pm



Shelby Kosmer  
Clerk/Treasurer