
Common Council
Tuesday, February 11, 2025
7:00 PM at City Hall
MINUTES



Members Present: Richard Evans, Jane Fude, Dave Gratton, Kay Marose, James Ronge, and Mayor Wegener

Members Absent:

Also, Present: Meagan Buchda, Andrew Griggs, Mark Hazelbaker, Stuart Glander, Jordan VandeZande, Connie Schuett, and David Guenterbergd

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was taken.

***D. Gratton* motioned and *J. Fude* seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.**

***K. Marose* motioned and *J. Fude* seconded to approve the minutes of previous meetings. Motion carried.**

***K. Marose* motioned and *D. Gratton* seconded to approve the minutes of intervening meetings. Motion carried.**

Public Comment Regarding Agenda Items: Mark Hazelbaker and Stuart Glander were present to discuss the current weight ordinance on Cty Rd S. Mr. Hazelbaker argued that the recent ordinance change disrupts normal day to day business for local companies. Dan Guenterberg was present to discuss his concerns about limiting farm equipment on E. Center/ Cty Rd S. Jordan VandeZande from Northeast Asphalt discussed that if Cty Rd S/Center Street continues to enforce the weight limit that municipalities and other communities are going to feel the consequences from trucking costs. If the company is restricted to certain roads and must make detours to deliver their products, trucking costs are going to start to add up. Jane Fude read a letter from Dodge County asking the City to reconsider the weight restriction changes. M. Buchda read a letter from the Town of Oak Grove also stating their concerns.

Communications:

***D. Gratton/J. Fude* motioned to approve \$1,729,125.74 in checks and \$380,051.08 in electronic payments. Motion carried 5-0.**

Reports of Officials:

A. **Mayor:** Nothing to report.

B. **Clerk/Treasurer:** Next week we have the Audit and Tuesday we have the elections.

C. **Written Reports:**

1. [Building Permits Report](#). No questions.
2. [Police Department Report](#): No questions.
3. [Juneau Fire and Rescue Report](#): No questions.
4. [Juneau EMS Report](#): No questions.

Reports of Committees/Commission/Boards:

A. Library Report

1. Chairman Report – C. Schuett reported that she brought a February/March calendar for you to look at. She is also in the process of compiling an annual report for the State. Looking at focusing on a lot of community engagement for our upcoming reading/activities. Looking at bringing the community in and get the library out of the building.

B. Plan Commission

1. Chairman Report – Gratton reported that they met, and Tony Haase came in and wants to purchase the old insurance building on North street to put apartments in, and asked questions on how to go about that. Looked into a request for a new apartment building, unfortunately, their financing fell through. Approved a letter of intent for a parcel out of town.

C. Finance Committee –

1. Chairman Report- Evans reported that they had a meeting right before that council meeting. We talked about the price of the window replacements for the Library. Talked about the wage scale for the Recreation Department officials, we are looking to bump their wage up.
2. **R. Evans motioned and J. Fude seconded to approve Resolution 23-2024 AMENDED (Approve Capital Requests Using 2024 General Obligation Debt Funds).** Aye-Evans, Fude, Gratton, Marose, Nay- Ronge. Motion carried 4-1.
3. **R. Evans motioned and J. Fude seconded to approve Resolution 46-2024 AMENDED with noted changes of removing “Personnel Committee” (Approve City Wage Scale).** Motion carried 5-0.

D. Personnel Committee

1. Chairman Report – K. Marose reported they met, and they talked about the letter from the City to the Rec Director, Marose’s suggestion was to retrack that letter, however, that was defeated. The letter was directed directly to Jacob and not the position. Mac Affeld stated that the commission was still waiting for a legal input on the personnel policy-201. Time clocks were discussed, and it was determined that they are not needed. A fit for duty evaluation was done for an employee.

E. Public Safety

1. Chairman Report – J. Fude reported that there are new 2025 EMS and Fire officers. Fire department opened contracts with the town of Oak Grove and the town of Hubbard. Dave Beal reported that the Police Department has two conditional offers.
2. **J. Fude motioned and J. Ronge seconded to approve Resolution 61-2024 (Approve Cigarette, Tobacco, and Electronic Vaping Device Retail License for Main Street Smoke Shop).** Motion carried 5-0.

F. Public Works

1. Chairman Report – D. Gratton reported that the Committee discussed weight limits on certain roads. The committee looked at the Wild Goose Estates and approved to have Excel Engineering assist the City with information on how to correct the water issues in that area. We are looking at renovating the front entrance of the community center. DPW purchased the plow from the Utilities.

G. Cable TV

1. Chairman Report – *J. Fude* reported that the committee just reviewed and discussed ways to use to OWLS.

H. Community Development Authority

1. Chairman Report – No meeting.

I. Recreation Committee

1. Chairman Report – *K. Marose* reported that K.Kleuger came to the meeting and expressed his feelings for the ex-recreation director. The Rec committee approved to hire a new director full

time. Marose discussed some confusion with the concession money and for what it can be used. This matter will go back to the recreation committee.

J. Utility Commission Report by Common Council Representative

1. Chairman Report – *R. Evans* reported that the commission had a discussion about the terrible phone service that the City departments are experiencing. Commission approved contracting J&R underground, do perform underground utility in the City. Electric is busy tree trimming along the Wild Goose Trail. There will be a special commission meeting to discuss and approve WWTP change orders. The commission approved the proposed changes to section 201 of the policy handbook, this will be forwarded to Joint Personnel for approval. They will be a sewer upgrade meeting on Feb 20 at 10 am. The mayor suggested and the Commission agreed that there should be an open house when the Treatment plant is completed.

Old Business: J. Ronge talked about Center Street.

New Business: J. Ronge noted that the County has money to give for grants and suggests that we use this for Center Street.

- A. Approve Provisional Licenses (45 days): Deidre Huolihan
Recommended Denial: None
- B. Approve Regular Bartender's License for 2024 (Expires June 30th, 2025)
Recommended Approval: Deidre Huolihan, Sydney Finkler, Dana Berner
Recommended Denial: None

Motion by J. Fude Seconded by D. Gratton to approve provisional operator's license. Motion carried.

Motion by K. Marose and seconded by J. Ronge to approve regular operator's license. Motion carried.

Adjourn Meeting: J. Fude motioned, and D. Gratton seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes Reported By:
Meagan Buchda