CITY OF ST CROIX FALLS
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 29, 2020 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM
CITY HALL, 710 HWY 35, ST CROIX FALLS WI

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kirk Anderson called a regular meeting of the City of St Croix Falls Common Council to order at 7:03 pm on Monday, June 29, 2020, pursuant to due notice via Zoom. Roll Call: Councilpersons Jeff Virchow, Warren White, Craig Lien and Joe Snyder were present. Also present: Clerk Bonita Leggitt, Interim Administrator Joel West, Public Works Director Matt Larson, the public and the press. All joined Salute to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warren White moved to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2020 Council Meeting, second by Craig Lien, voice vote, motion passed.

REPORTS

Matt Larson presented the May Public Works Report.
Jeff Virchow reported on the P.A.T. Commission Meeting, discussion on directional signage plan.
Craig Lien reported on the Cemetery Board Meeting, noting that they were looking at removal of 2 trees.
The Minutes of the June 2020 Board of Review were presented for Council's information.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

General Fund $38,827.71, Library Fund $3,790.47, Capital Projects Fund $20,157.86, Water $20,295.69, Sewer $8,928.96

Jeff Virchow moved to approve claims, second by Craig Lien, roll call vote, Jeff Virchow, Craig Lien, Warren White and Joe Snyder voted aye, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brad Nelson encourages the City to continue with Zoom meetings.
Brian Blesi thanked city officials for the work they do, noting that it is time to invest in capital projects.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider Tobacco License for St Croix Tobacco Inc

There was a recent enforcement action at St Croix Tobacco's business, it was the first, any future actions could result in revocation or non-renewal. Per the business owner a party that was picked up for drugs falsely accused the shop of selling the drugs, our store was raided and nothing was found.
Warren White moved to approve the tobacco license for St Croix Tobacco Inc, second by Craig Lien, voice vote, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

2019 Audit Presentation

Brock Geyen of Clifton Larson Allen presented an overview of the City's 2019 Audit.

Presentation and Consideration of Music on the Overlook Series for 2020

Woody McBride: proposing a 7-week program to start on July 17th with a covid safety plan in place and no food service vendors on site.
Craig Lien moved to allow MOTO to start with safety standards in place, second by Warren White, voice vote, motion passed.

Consider Request to Close State St Between Washington St and Adams St on July 18, 2020 from 6 pm to 2 am for a Street Dance: by St Croix Tavern
Craig Lien moved to approve the request to close State St on July 18, second by Joe Snyder, voice vote, motion passed, Jeff Virchow abstained.

Consider Request for Banner and Signage by Lions Club for "To-go Chicken Dinners" July 18 at the Lions Park
Steve Jensen, Lions Club: due to the Covid Pandemic we are proposing to hold our annual Chicken Dinner as a "to-go" drive through event, we have contacted the Polk Co Health Dept and will be following recommendations, we will also provide the City a certificate of insurance. We are requesting authorization for placing a banner on the fence at the Overlook and grounds signs around town and at the Lions Park to be put up starting now and coming down after the event. Funds raised to go towards renovation of the restrooms in the Lions Park.
Craig Lien moved to approve signage for the To-go Chicken Dinner event, second by Joe Snyder, voice vote, motion passed.

Consider Resolution Approving the 2019 Compliance Maintenance Report
Council reviewed the report, the City received a score of 3.8 out of a possible 4.
Craig Lien moved to adopt Resolution #20-9, approving the 2019 CMR, second by Warren White, voice vote, motion passed.

Consider Approval of Alcohol Licenses for Pizza Planet and the Vegetarian Restaurant
Warren White moved to approve the Class B Beer and Class C Wine licenses for Pizza Planet and the Vegetarian Restaurant, second by Craig Lien, voice vote, motion passed.

Consider Denial of Claim for Damages in Regards to a Vehicle that Struck a Plow on 2-18-2020
The City's Insurance company has recommended that the City deny the claim for damages.
Jeff Virchow moved to deny the claim for damages, second by Joe Snyder, voice vote, motion passed.

Consider Proposals for Water Tower Inspections
The DNR requires water towers to be inspected every 5 years. KLM has submitted a proposal to inspect the Lower Pine Tower, Tower Road Tower and the Standpipe this year for a total cost of $9,000.
Warren White moved to enter a one-year contract for inspecting 3 water towers for $9,000, second by Craig Lien, roll call vote, Warren White, Craig Lien, Joe Snyder and Jeff Virchow voted aye, passed.

Consider General Obligation Promissory Note to Finance Purchase of Street Sweeper
We received 4 proposals for financing the purchase of a street sweeper, the best offer was from First national Community Bank out of Dresser for a 10-year loan at 2.5% interest with no fees.
Warren White moved to authorize the Mayor and Administrator to sign loan documents with First National Bank for a 10-year loan at 2.5% interest, second by Jeff Virchow, roll call vote, Warren White, Jeff Virchow, Joe Snyder and Craig Lien voted aye, motion passed.

Consider Appointments to Committees Commissions and Boards
Council requested that an update list of appointments be sent to them.

Conduct of Future Meetings in Time of Covid-19
Council noted that Zoom was working well and allows public to see what is going on, concern was with ability of public to offer comments. It was the consensus to continue with Zoom for the next month.

ADJOURNMENT

Craig Lien moved to adjourn, second by Jeff Snyder, voice vote, motion passed. 9:30 pm.

Kirk Anderson, Mayor Bonita Leggitt, City Clerk