

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

This meeting is officially called to order at 5:30 p.m. on June 1, 2021. This meeting is being presided over by Mayor Brian Holmer.

PLEDGE OF ALEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

The following Councilmembers were present: Holmer, Lorensen, McCraw, Bolduc, Aarestad, Howe and Narverud. Councilmember Prudhomme was absent. Mayor Holmer chaired the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Curt Howe motioned, being seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorensen, to approve the agenda. On vote being taken, the motion was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MAY 18, 2021 COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Michelle McCraw introduced Resolution No. 6-133-21, being seconded by Councilmember Curt Howe, that:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve May 18, 2021 Council Proceedings as presented.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

CITY OF THIEF RIVER FALLS BILLS AND DISBURSEMENTS AND COUNCIL PER DIEMS

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Michelle McCraw introduced Resolution No. 6-134-21, being seconded by Councilmember Curt Howe, that:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize payment of bills and disbursements in the total amount of \$2,077,615.29 and council per diem in the amount of \$325.00. A printout of the approved payments, disbursements and per diems are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

APPROVAL FOR TEMPORARY INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE TO SUNDANCE DINING & BAR

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Michelle McCraw introduced Resolution No. 6-135-21, being seconded by Councilmember Curt Howe, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Public Safety/Liquor Committee recommendation to grant the Chamber of Commerce a Temporary Intoxicating Liquor License, effective June 18, 2021 from 8 pm to 12 am.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF 2021 - 2023 LELS UNION CONTRACT

Following discussion, Councilmember Jason Aarestad introduced Resolution No. 6-136-21, being seconded by Councilmember Steve Narverud, that:

WHEREAS, the current union contracts expired on December 31, 2020. The LELS business agents and stewards have met over the past several months. The negotiation process was a positive one for both sides with good discussions taking place. The proposed contract includes a wage increase in the amount of 1.75% for 2021, 1.75% for 2022 and will reopen 2023 wage negotiations pending the proposed market study process. Mutually agreed upon amendments were also made to night shift pays, holidays, and vacation.

The LELS members have voted on, and approved, the proposed union contract as negotiated.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council accept the findings of the Ad-Hoc Labor Committee and approve the Law Enforcement Labor Services Union Contract effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

WATER SYSTEMS SERVICE VAN

Following discussion, Councilmember Jason Aarestad introduced Resolution No. 6-137-21, being seconded by Councilmember Anthony Bolduc, that:

WHEREAS, The Water Systems Department has been budgeting for a replacement service van for the last several years. An order was attempted to be placed in January of 2020, but the manufacturer cut off all orders early. Another order was placed in January of 2021 under the Minnesota State Bid with an anticipated 16-week delivery time frame. On May 25th we were informed that all orders placed after January 1 were now cancelled once again due to lack of parts. A Nationwide search was done, and a suitable replacement was located in Wisconsin. S & L Motors is extending the Manufacturer's Government Discount., and

WHEREAS, the current 2008 Ford Service Van is requiring frequent maintenance and is very

unreliable. It was due to be replaced one- and one-half years ago. With the ongoing COVID 19 related issues with getting parts and equipment, there is no estimate when a new replacement will become available through the Minnesota State Bid process. The quoted Van is a suitable replacement for the one that was originally ordered.

WHEREAS, the 2021 Minnesota State Bid provided by Dodge of Burnsville was \$34,161.00 The quote from S & L Motors is \$36,362.00. This is a budgeted purchase.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve the Quote from S & L Motors of Pulaski Wisconsin for a 2021 Ram Promaster Cargo Van in the amount of \$36,362.00 with the Government Discount.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. UTILITIES COMMITTEE - JUNE 7TH AT 7:00 A.M.
2. PUBLIC SAFETY/LIQUOR COMMITTEE - JUNE 7TH AT 4:30 P.M.
3. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE - JUNE 8TH AT 3:00 P.M.
4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - JUNE 9TH AT 4:30 P.M.
5. CITY COUNCIL MEETING - JUNE 15TH AT 5:30 P.M.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Councilmember Anthony Bolduc addressed concerns for abandoned houses and building inspector process.
- Councilmember Mike Lorenson complimented to the beautification to the city with flowers and hometown hero flags.
- Mayor Holmer mentioned announced a 125th Anniversary Committee to consist of councilmember Prudhomme, City Administrator Philipp, VenuWorks Director Gebeck, Chamber of Commerce Director Ellefson.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF LIQUOR STORE MANAGER

At the June 1st, 2021, meeting of the City Council, the meeting remained open at the request of Steve Olson, Liquor Store Manager, for the council to evaluate his job performance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Jason Aarestad moved, being seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorenson to adjourn at 6:01 p.m. On vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried.