May 6, 2020

The Westby City Council met on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Danny Helgerson presiding.


Also present: Ron Janzen, Heath Gilkes, and Bruce Peterson.

Motion by Helseth, seconded by Kurth, to accept the minutes from the April 21, 2020, council meeting as typewritten. Roll call, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Kurth, seconded by Jelinek, to suspend the rules & regulations to pay the accounts & claims. Roll call, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Jacobson, seconded by Kurth, to pay the accounts & claims. Roll call, all aye, motion carried.

Public participation:
- Sue Jacobson inquired about drivers having to have a driver’s license to operate 4-wheelers. This will be brought to the attention of the police department.
- Ron Janzen presented council with brochure from APTIV Services. Council agreed that the City will use this service as needed.
- Mayor Helgerson advised that the second positive COVID-19 result lives in the City of Westby and is recovering at home. Mayor also advised of an upcoming EDA Grant telephone conference call to begin this project.
- Katie Helseth inquired about the situation regarding a dog that had bitten someone. This will be put on the next agenda.

Bartender licenses:
None

Building permits:
- Matthew & Shelby Hemmersbach – 214 W. State St. (new fence)
- DC Kustoms, LLC – 210 High Echo Ln. (renovate existing structure for combined business/residence)
- David & Linda Gluch – 704 Pine Pl. (detached garage)

Ron Janzen gave the council an update regarding public works projects for April.

There was no motion regarding Façade Grant applications as none were presented.

Motion by Jacobson, seconded by Rognstad, to appoint Judy Gates to the Bekkum Memorial Library board. Roll call, all aye, motion carried.
Motion by Kurth, seconded by Jelinek, to suspend the summer park & recreation and pool seasons, with the option to re-visit in June or July. Roll call, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Rognstad, seconded by Hendrickson, to waive the fee for the Westby Area School District for the ballfield/pool agreement for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Hendrickson, seconded by Kurth, to approve new rates for health and dental insurance for the period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021, as presented by Benefit Advisers. Roll call, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Rognstad, seconded by Helseth, to reduce the fee to $50.00 per business for beer/alcohol license renewals, and to waive the fee for renewal of operator licenses. Roll call, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Helseth, seconded by Jelinek, to revise the city ordinance to allow the City Clerk to issue operator licenses without Council approval. Any denials will automatically be referred to Council for review. Roll call, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Rognstad, seconded by Helseth, to allow Ron Janzen to interview candidates for sanitation/recycling position, and present qualified candidate to Council for final approval. Roll call, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Rognstad, seconded by Hendrickson, to approve bid from McNeilus Truck & Manufacturing for the purchase of new garbage truck. Roll call, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Hendrickson, seconded by Jelinek, to approve the amended lease dated April 24, 2020 from American Tower. These changes do not affect the terms of the amendment – the only changes were the return date and the re-numbering of sections. Roll call, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Helseth, seconded by Jacobson, to adjourn. Roll call, all aye, motion carried.

Roxy Wedwick
City Clerk

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