July 3, 2019

The Westby City Council met on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Danny Helgerson presiding.

Roll call: Mark Jelinek, Ann Kurth, Katie Helseth, Mark Hendrickson, Ricky Rognstad and David Laudermilch

Also present: Ron Janzen, David Jefson, Shanna Jenson, Paul Lemke, Mike Brown, Fred Dixon, and Michelle Tryggestad

Motion by Jelinek, seconded by Hendrickson, to accept the minutes from the June 18, 2019 council meeting as typewritten. Roll call, all aye, motion carried.

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

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

Public participation:
Michelle Tryggestad presented the council with a list of activities for July for Bekkum Memorial Library.
David Laudermilch advised the council of the purchase of 9 air tanks for the Westby Christiana Fire District.

Bartender licenses:
Motion by Helseth, seconded by Kurth, to approve bartender licenses for Jennifer Oium and Natalie Flores. All have been approved by the police. Roll call, all aye, motion carried.

Building permits:
Renee Moilien – 217 Davidson St. (attached garage)
Jacob Schultz – 106 Coon Prairie Ave. (pour new basement)
Tamara Kjos – 509 Henry St. (new construction)
Darcy Rood – Lot 36, Jaeger Addition (new construction)
Misty Hatfield Tallman – 420 E. State St. (fence)

Janzen gave the council an update of public works projects.

Motion by Rognstad, seconded by Jelinek, to approve the purchase of software and network
upgrade for Norseland Nursing Home in the amount of $32,209.38. Roll call, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Rognstad, seconded by Helseth to approve the Façade Grant Application for Erlandson Chiropractic Clinic. Roll call, all aye, motion carried.

There was no motion regarding the Safe Ride Home Program. This was discussion only.

Motion by Kurth, seconded by Hendrickson to approve $500.00 for the advertising campaign for Driftless Wisconsin. Roll call, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Rognstad, seconded by Laudermilch, to repair the retaining wall by the back entry of City Hall, at a cost of $1,000.00. Roll call, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Helseth, seconded by Hendrickson, to approve Roxy Wedwick’s attendance at the WMCA Conference in Madison on August 20-22, 2019. Roll call, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Helseth, seconded by Jelinek, to go in to closed session. Roll call, all aye, motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION:
According to State Statute 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Discussion regarding Chief of Police position and wages.

Motion by Jelinek, seconded by Helseth, to go back in to open session. Roll call, all aye, motion carried.

OPEN SESSION:
Motion by Helseth, seconded by Jelinek, to offer the position of Chief of Police to Scott Stuber at a rate of $27.00 per hour beginning August 1, 2019, with a probationary period through January 1, 2020. Roll call, Jelinek – yes, Kurth – yes, Helseth – yes, Hendrickson – no, Rognstad – yes, Laudermilch – yes, motion carried.

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

Roxy Wedwick
City Clerk