

City of Phillips
Committee of the Whole Meeting & Public Hearing
Municipal Building, Municipal Hall
174 S Eyder Avenue
May 7, 2019
5:00 pm

Mayor: Charles Peterson

Committee Members: Jerry Clark, Richard Heitkemper, Laura Tomaszewski, John Vlach, Bill Elliott, John Klimowski.

City Attorney: Bruce Marshall

Department Heads: Public Works Director–Jeff Williams; Water/Wastewater Supervisor-Todd Toelle; Police Chief-Michael Hauschild; Fire Chief-Jim Pisca; Library Director–Rebecca Puhl; Clerk/Treasurer-Shelby Prochnow.

This meeting is held in compliance with Wisconsin’s Open Meeting Law, WI § Chapter 19, Subchapter V. As such it is open to the public.

City Council members present may also represent a quorum of any Committee or Board of the City Council listed below and, as such, may proceed to meet and conduct business as listed under that Committee or Board portion of the agenda below, if the full City Council doesn’t have sufficient members present to satisfy quorum requirements to enable it to meet as the Committee of the Whole.

Call to Order (presiding officer) Time: _____

- a. Greeting
- b. Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law
- c. Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Chuck Peterson ____, Jerry Clark ____, Richard Heitkemper ____, Laura Tomaszewski ____, John Vlach ____, Bill Elliott ____, John Klimowski ____.

1. Motion to open the Public Hearing for discussion on the Park & Recreation Plan Update. Time: _____
2. Motion to close the Public Hearing. Time: _____
3. Action regarding the Park & Recreation Plan Update:

Public Comment:

DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEMS:

General-Mayor/Clerk

1. Set next month’s meeting date and time: Tuesday June 4, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
2. Motion to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2019 meeting.
3. Mayor updates:
4. Clerk updates:

5. Update on Enterprise Center

Board of Public Works/Recreation –Klimowski/Tomaszewski

6. DPW and Water/Sewer Updates:

7. Discussion/Action regarding Lease for Trap Shooting Area:

8. Discussion/Action regarding adding piers at Elk Lake Park

9. Discussion/Action regarding moving Skating Rink to Elk Lake Park and refurbishing small pavilion into a warming house.

10. Discussion/Action regarding Downtown Sidewalks

11. Discussion/ Action regarding repaving Fifield St from Flambeau to Hwy 13

12. Discussion/Action regarding a new pick up truck for the Street Department

13. Collin's Property Update:

Public Safety - Vlach

14. Fire Department updates:

15. Police Department Updates:

Licensing/Permits – Hanish

Personnel/Budget/Finance – Clark

Legal
City Council

16. Council Update:

17. Adjournment: Time: _____

Committee of the Whole
Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2019

Mayor Peterson called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 5:00p.m.

Present: Charles Peterson, Jerry Clark, Richard Heitkemper, Laura Tomaszewski, John Vlach, Bill Elliott, Mike Hauschild, Jeff Williams, Mike Stoffel, Todd Toelle, Bill Ball, Annie Knudson, Waldemar Madsen, Laurie Hansen – Phillips Area Chamber, Anna Marie Hanson – Price County Review, Jim Pisca, Travis Abraham, and Terry Michek

1. Heitkemper/ Tomaszewski moved to open the Public Hearing for discussion on the Park & Recreation Plan Update. Time: 5:02pm
Bill Ball commented on a few items he would like to see added to the Parks and Rec plan including points of interest markers along the walking trail, and the possibility of painting the transformer box in the park parking lot.
Annie Knudsen commended the City on the changing of the playground wood chips to rubber. Also, she is part of the Price County Health and Wellness and offered help for any part matters. Would also like to see some extra shade trees added around playground.
Laurie Hansen from the Chamber spoke about adding walking and biking trails.
Jeff Williams, DPW, mentioned a comment previously stated by a citizen about the possibility of making lower Bostrom park boat landing into a silent sports landing
Citizen Waldemar Madsen suggested that the City of some sort of location or recreational facility to emphasize the logging industry such as the events Hayward WI hosts for the lumberjack shows.
2. Vlach/Clark moved to close the Public Hearing. Time: 5:19pm
3. Action regarding the Park & Recreation Plan Update:
Clark/Heitkemper moved to recommended to the Common Council to approve the Parks & Recreation plan with updates discussed in the Public Hearing. Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper – aye, Tomaszewski – aye, Vlach – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – absent. Motion Carried

Public Comment: Laurie Hansen came representing the Phillips Area Chamber of Commerce regarding a time capsule that is scheduled to be opened in July of 2019. She would like to see a joint effort in planning an event in late July to open this capsule that was a remembrance of the Phillips Fire.

Citizen Bill Ball wanted to thank the City Crew and commend them on the job they did this winter keeping up with the snow.

Citizen Waldemar Madsen wanted to inform the City that behind his home there is a ditch that runs along Elk Ave that just has standing water and creates an issue in summer for bugs, he was hoping there was some way to create a concrete ditch or figure out a way to drain it.

DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEMS:

General-Mayor/Clerk

1. Set next month's meeting date and time: Tuesday June 4, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
2. Heitkemper/Clark moved to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2019 meeting. Carried
3. Mayor updates: Nothing new, Chuck is hoping to be in the office on Fridays.
4. Clerk updates: None

5. Update on Enterprise Center: City Attorney Bruce Marshall updating that he is going to be working on the quit claim deed.

Board of Public Works/Recreation –Klimowski/Tomaszewski

6. DPW and Water/Sewer Updates:

DPW: Jeff reported they got the hydrants all flushed; they have been sweeping streets. Also, 2 of the older 2001 pickup trucks have both broken down. Right now they are borrowing the old squad car, but he did receive quotes for 2019 trucks and a 1 ton truck is anywhere from \$30,000-\$32,000 and the ¾ ton is around \$26,000 – \$30,000. Mike Stoffel did mention that some City's are buying these trucks brand new and selling them in a couple years and paying out no money for new ones since the municipal discounts are so high. The City might want to look into this option. Jeff also was looking at redoing Fifield street with a process called a Slurry, it is kind of a like a asphalt and it is not a chip seal.

W/S: They did the dig on the house on Flambeau with low water pressure. Turns out during construction when the construction company drilled out the pipe, the cut-out piece got lodged in the pipe causing the low pressure. A-1 is going to be handling the cost of repair the road portion that was dug out; however, they City may have to pay for the sidewalk since we dug that as an investigative look before digging into the new road. Todd mentioned that during the dig for the water leak on Cty Rd H the whole area was in rough condition with old materials and the City in the future may want to look at redoing that whole section.

7. Discussion/Action regarding Lease for Trap Shooting Area: Terry Michek came to request an early update of their lease for the trap shooting area. They would like to renew for 25 years again. They want to renew early because they are trying to get some grants to expand the facility. Police Chief Hauschild commended Michek and the organization for all they do for the community and the youth. **Clark/Elliott moved to recommend to the Common Council to approve a 25-year lease with the Phillips Sportsmen's Club under the same terms as the previous lease. Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper – aye, Tomaszewski – aye, Vlach – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – absent. Motion Carried.**
8. Discussion/Action regarding adding piers at Elk Lake Park: Heitkemper discussed the option of adding 4 piers, that would allow 8 boat slips, for the rentals for the City of Phillips. These piers would cost \$1,470 per pier and would be rented out per season. The Council was unsure of the permits that would be needed and other legalities of liability for any items to be broken or stole. This will go on the May 14th Common Council meeting.
9. Discussion/Action regarding moving Skating Rink to Elk Lake Park and refurbishing small pavilion into a warming house. Clerk Prochnow mentioned the possibility of moving the skating rink down to the park and making the small pavilion into a warming house. The council felt this year is a busy year for a lot going down in the park and the current warming house will make it another winter so we will look at this issue next year.
10. Discussion/Action regarding Downtown Sidewalks: Jeff Williams reminded the council of the deteriorating condition of the downtown sidewalks and that something needs to be done. There was talk about patching until 2021 but it may be more cost effective to do it as a local and coordinated effort rather than adding it as a project that goes along with the redoing of Hwy 13 were contractors might have higher prices. If we were going to do a local project in 2020 it would have to be bid out by January or February of 2020. This will be one the June Committee of the Whole meeting.
11. Discussion/ Action regarding repaving Fifield St from Flambeau to Hwy 13: Discussed in DPW Updates

12. Discussion/Action regarding a new pick-up truck for the Street Department: Discussed in DPW Updates
13. Collin's Property Update: The City has not received a response from the Collin's regarding the letter that City Attorney Bruce Marshall sent them. The next step is to send a letter to inform them that they have to disconnect their Well by a certain date that will be set in the new letter.

Public Safety - Vlach

14. Fire Department updates: The new truck they just purchase is getting rigged up. The slide out for the truck was being cleaned and looked at thoroughly before placing in the new truck.

15. Police Department Updates:

		2019	2018
	April	138	155
Calls	YTD	601	592

Coffee with a cop is on Saturday May 11th at Phillips Café. There is no agenda, citizens can just come and discuss anything. They had 7 applicants for the full-time officer job, 3 are set to interview on May 14th. May 30th at noon the department will be having a lunch party for Neil Holm for his retirement. They have everything set up for the Memorial Day parade. There are 2 new cameras down at the pavilion for the Splash Pad. On May 6th they assisted Price County Sheriffs department with a search warrant at a home in Fifield that was a 1 pot cook meth lab. Hauschild also handed out some information regarding the impacts of marijuana use and some statics from states that have legalized recreational use.

Licensing/Permits – Elliott

Personnel/Budget/Finance – Clark

Legal
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16. Council Update: None

17. Clark/Elliott moved for adjournment: Time: 6:41pm

Shelby Prochnow

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Clerk/Treasurer