

City of Phillips
Committee of the Whole Meeting & Public Hearing
Municipal Building, Municipal Hall
174 S Eyder Avenue
March 2nd, 2021
5:30 pm

Mayor: Charles Peterson

Committee Members: Jerry Clark, Richard Heitkemper, Laura Tomaszewski, Marty Stephan, 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-David Lontcoski; Library Director–Rebecca Puhl; Clerk/Treasurer- Shelby Prochnow.

Following the open session of the meeting the Common Council will convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) Compensation and Evaluation – To review applications for the Street Department/ Water-Sewer Operator Job.

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 ____, Marty Stephan ____, Bill Elliott ____, John Klimowski __.

Public Comment:

DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEMS:

General-Mayor/Clerk

1. Set next month’s meeting date and time: Tuesday, April 6th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
2. Motion to approve the minutes from the February 2nd, 2021 meeting.
3. Mayor updates:
4. Clerk updates:
5. Fire Presentation: Pisca years of service.
6. Discussion/Action regarding Billboard/Marketing Price County: Lynn Ludwig
7. Discussion/Action regarding matching funds request for a playground equipment grant Lynn Ludwig

Board of Public Works/Recreation –Klimowski/Tomaszewski

8. DPW and Water/Sewer Updates:
9. Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Update:
 - a. Bid Acceptance for Phase 1 of Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

Public Safety - Heitkemper

10. Fire Department updates:
11. Police Department Updates:

Licensing/Permits – Elliott.

Personnel/Budget/Finance – Clark

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12. Council Update
13. Convene into closed session. Authority: Wisconsin §19.85(1)(c). Jerry Clark___ Richard Heitkemper ___ Laura Tomaszewski ___ Marty Stephan ___ Bill Elliott ___ John Klimowski ___. Time_____
14. Reconvene into open session. Authority: Wisconsin §19.85(2). Jerry Clark___ Richard Heitkemper ___ Laura Tomaszewski ___ Marty Stephan ___ Bill Elliott ___ John Klimowski ___. Time: ___
15. Motion on the subject of the closed session.
16. Adjournment: Time: _____

Mayor Peterson called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 5:30p.m.

Members Present: Charles Peterson, Jerry Clark, Richard Heitkemper, Laura Tomaszewski, Marty Stephan, Bill Elliott, John Klimowski, Shelby Prochnow, Bruce Marshall.

Also Present: Michael Hauschild, Blaine Peterson, Mike Stoffel, Greg Dressler, Todd Toelle, Pete Simurdiak, Tony Vlach, David Lontcoski, Jeff Williams, Patricia Zeitner, Aimee Kozak, Jim Heizler, Jim Pisca, and Lynn Ludwig. (Also various members of the fire department and surrounding departments and EMT's and members of the community – See sign in list)

Public Comment: None

DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEMS:

General-Mayor/Clerk

1. Set next month's meeting date and time: Tuesday, April 6th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
2. Heitkemper/ Elliott moved to approve the minutes from the February 2nd, 2021 meeting. Carried
3. Mayor updates: None
4. Clerk updates: None
5. Fire Presentation: Pisca years of service. Mayor Peterson and Fire Chief David Lontcoski made a small presentation to present former Fire Chief (and Mayor) Jim Pisca with a commemorative axe as a token of appreciation for his 49 years at the fire department and his dedication to the City. After the presentation there will be a small celebration at the Phillips Fire Station.
6. Discussion/Action regarding Billboard/Marketing Price County: Lynn Ludwig
Lynn Ludwig presented the Council with an idea for renting billboards to market Price County for people to see on Hwy 51. The goal is to get people to put Price County on their radar as a place to come live and then also market visiting here to recreate. The Schools think it is a good idea and are on board. She still needs to do some discussing with the other entities to get final approval. The total she is looking for the City to contribute is roughly \$3,600-\$4,000.

Klimowski/ Heitkemper moved to recommend to the Common Council to support the billboards marketing Price County on Hwy 51 and contribute up to \$4,000. Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper – aye, Tomaszewski – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried

7. Discussion/Action regarding matching funds request for a playground equipment grant Lynn Ludwig
Lynn than progressed to Phase 2 of the marketing Price County plan. She discussed having interest in applying for a grant that was a 50-50 match to put a piece of playground equipment in Bostrom Park to better market Phillips as people are driving through. It would require a \$40,000 commitment to match from the City of Phillips. Mayor and Clerk discussed how this year in the budget, there really is no place to pull the funding from. No further action was taken.

Board of Public Works/Recreation –Klimowski/Tomaszewski

8. DPW and Water/Sewer Updates:
DPW: Jeff Williams thanked Lynn Ludwig for all her work and vision for down at the Skating Rink with the painting of the warming house. Rink is now closed for the season but will be double the size next year. Snow blower has been broken down for about 3 weeks now.

W/S: Made it through the negative 40 temps only had a few main breaks and freeze ups. Plant is running good otherwise, and Toelle has been working with Greg from Town & Country finalizing plans for the upgrade.

9. Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Update:

a. Bid Acceptance for Phase 1 of Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

Bids were opened last Wednesday. 2 bids received. 1 was from Staab Construction in the amount of \$1,943,000 and the other was from August Winter & Sons in the amount of \$2,055,000. There are some additive bid items both companies gave quotes on to add to the project to get near our 2.1-million-dollar budget the City had set.

Clark/Elliott moved to recommend to the Common Council to accept the bid from Staab Construction in the amount of \$1,943,000 and the additive bid items 1,2,4 & 5 contingent upon approval of the DNR's Clean Water Loan funding. Carried.

Public Safety - Heitkemper

10. Fire Department updates: Getting ready for Spring. Lontcoski also invited everyone over to the Fire Hall after the meeting to enjoy a meal in celebration of Jim Pisca.

11. Police Department Updates:

Calls of Service:	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Feb	153	177
YTD	343	368

Chief Hauschild informed the council that their newest hire has decided to pursue full time employment at a different department, so they will be looking for a new part-timer.

Still continuing search warrants for drugs, have had 3 this year so far. Also, working on a new test program with the Price County Chaplains assisting on Domestic Violence calls. Hauschild stated this program has been working well and other departments are looking into taking it to the next step to have them come on all domestic violence calls to assist the victims or any children there while the officers are doing their investigation.

Licensing/Permits – Elliott.
Personnel/Budget/Finance – Clark
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12. Council Update

Stephan: Community members have approached him regarding Norvado's pricing. Unfortunately not much the City can do to assist that.

13. Clark/Elliott moved to convene into closed session. Authority: Wisconsin §19.85(1)(c). Jerry Clark – aye, Richard Heitkemper – aye, Laura Tomaszewski – aye, Marty Stephan – aye, Bill Elliott – aye, John Klimowski – aye. Time: 6:37pm

14. Elliott/ Heitkemper moved to reconvene into open session. Authority: Wisconsin §19.85(2). Jerry Clark – aye, Richard Heitkemper – aye, Laura Tomaszewski – aye, Marty Stephan – aye, Bill Elliott – aye, John Klimowski – aye. Time: 6:56pm

15. Motion on the subject of the closed session. None

16. Elliott/Clark moved for adjournment: Time: 6:57pm



Shelby Prochnow
Clerk/Treasurer