

City of Phillips' Common Council Meeting

Council Room, Municipal Hall

174 S Eyder Avenue

March 9th, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Mayor, Charles Peterson

Council Members: Wards 1 & 2 (District 1) –Richard Heitkemper, Ward 3 (District 2) -
Laura Tomaszewski; Ward 4 (District 3)– Bill Elliott

At Large – Jerry Clark, Marty Stephan, and John Klimowski

Public Works – Jeff Williams; Water-Sewer - Todd Toelle Police – Michael Hauschild;

Library – 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 – Interviews 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.

Call to Order (presiding officer)

Greeting

Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Charles Peterson ____, Jerry Clark ____, Richard Heitkemper ____, Laura Tomaszewski, ____, Marty Stephan ____, Bill Elliott ____, John Klimowski ____.

Public Comment:

DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve February 9th, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Motion to approve the payment of vouchers in total amount of \$299,535.16.
3. Motion to accept the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade 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 as recommended by the Committee of the Whole.
4. Motion to support the billboards marketing Price County on Hwy 51 and contribute up to \$4,000 as recommended by the Committee of the Whole.
5. Committee Reports:
 - Ambulance
 - Library
 - Chamber

6. Motion to convene into closed session. Authority: Wisconsin § Section 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, Street Department/ Water-Sewer Operator interviews.
Jerry Clark___ Richard Heitkemper ___ Laura Tomaszewski ___ Marty Stephan ___ Bill Elliott ___ John Klimowski___. Time: _____
7. Motion to reconvene into open session. Authority: Wisconsin §19.85(2).
Jerry Clark___ Richard Heitkemper ___ Laura Tomaszewski ___ Marty Stephan ___ Bill Elliott ___ John Klimowski___. Time: _____
8. Possible action on the subject matter of the closed session.
9. Adjournment

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

.....of the Common Council of the City of Phillips at a meeting held in the Council Room of Municipal Hall on March 9th, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Peterson at 5:30 p.m. Those present included:

Mayor Peterson

At Large Aldermen: Jerry Clark, Marty Stephan, and John Klimowski

1st Aldermanic District: Richard Heitkemper

2nd Aldermanic District: Laura Tomaszewski

3rd Aldermanic District: Bill Elliott

Clerk/Treasurer: Shelby Prochnow

Also present: Joe Perkins, Jeff Williams, Todd Toelle and Patricia Zeitner.

Public Comment: Joe Perkins read a thank you letter from Jim Pisca regarding the celebration for his years of service.

Patricia Zeitner gave input on the ideas of playground equipment in Bostrom park as well as some ideas of what could happen at the park, but the decision should have community needs in mind. Also discussed how other communities are offering more welcoming downtown atmospheres with dressed up store fronts and good sidewalks. Those were just a few items she wanted the Council to think about.

DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEMS:

1. Stephan/ Tomaszewski moved to approve February 9th, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes. Carried
2. Heitkemper/ Elliott moved to approve the payment of vouchers in total amount of \$299,535.16. Carried
3. Klimowski/ Heitkemper moved to accept the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade 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 as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper – aye, Tomaszewski – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried
4. Motion to support the billboards marketing Price County on Hwy 51 and contribute up to \$4,000 as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. Elliott moved to table the item until we determine the cost and participation of other entities. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Heitkemper/ Klimowski moved to support the billboards marketing Price County on Hwy 51 and contribute up to \$4,000 contingent upon other entities being on board. Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper – aye, Tomaszewski – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried

5. Committee Reports:

Ambulance: Recently went through a demo of a motorized stair chair lift that the ambulance service is looking at purchasing. This would be a huge help for getting people up and down stairs.

Library: Open Monday-Fridays 9am to 7:30pm. Klimowski did mention that the library board is currently working on their covid number limits to be open more to get more patrons in.

Chamber: Chamber Director Laurie Hansen is really hoping to retire so they are looking for a new director, they currently have 3-4 applications. Park Falls chamber is reaching out to Phillips to discuss a merger of the chambers again. Starting to plan for 4th of July, there will be the rodeo and parade, lots going on. Had to postpone the annual dinner again, they plan to have it in November and do all the presentations for previous year and current year Business & Citizens of the Year awards.

6. Klimowski/ Elliott moved to convene into closed session. Authority: Wisconsin § Section 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, Street Department/ Water-Sewer Operator interviews.

Jerry Clark – aye, Richard Heitkemper – aye, Laura Tomaszewski – aye, Marty Stephan – aye, Bill Elliott – aye, John Klimowski - aye. Time: 6:00pm

7. Klimowski/ 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: 7:20pm

8. Possible action on the subject matter of the closed session. None

9. Klimowski/ Elliott moved for adjournment. Time 7:22pm



Shelby Prochnow
Clerk/Treasurer