

City of Phillips' Common Council Meeting

Council Room, Municipal Hall

174 S Eyder Avenue

May 11th, 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

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 April 13th, 2021 and April 20th, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Motion to approve the payment of vouchers in total amount of \$387,366.61.
3. Discussion/Potential Action regarding Price County Rodeo Sponsorship:
4. Motion to approve Transition of Phillips Community Daycare to Family Forum with the continuation of the City of Phillips' right of first refusal.
5. Discussion/Action review of City of Phillips Fee Schedule
6. Motion to amend ordinance 9.10 Littering Prohibited.
7. Discussion/Action regarding the sale of City owned properties.
8. DPW Updates:

9. Discussion regarding Zoning Ordinance referring to LP Gas and other gas sources.
Lynn Ludwig

10. Library Building Project Update:

11. Committee Reports:
Ambulance
Library
Chamber

12. Adjournment

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

.....of the Common Council of the City of Phillips at a meeting held in the Council Room of Municipal Hall on May 11th, 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: Lyn Ludwig, Matt Bergeon, Rebecca Puhl, Jess Wear, Patricia Zeitner, Alexis Baratka, Janet Hoffmann, Jody Eckert, Jeanne Myer, Christian Markle, Blaine Peterson and Jeff Williams.

Public Comment: None

DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEMS:

1. Heitkemper/ Elliott moved to approve April 13th, 2021 and April 20th, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes. Carried

2. Tomaszewski/ Clark moved to approve the payment of vouchers in total amount of \$387,366.61. Carried

3. Discussion/Potential Action regarding Price County Rodeo Sponsorship: Alexis Baratka came on behalf of the Price County Rodeo. She gave a brief presentation about the rodeo and all the behind-the-scenes funding work she has been doing to get this event going again and how this is truly a community event. She requested a monetary sponsorship from the City of Phillips.
Elliott/ Heitkemper moved to sponsor the Price County Rodeo in the amount of \$1,500.
Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper – aye, Tomaszewski – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried

4. Klimowski/ Clark moved to waive the City of Phillips' right of first refusal on this transition of Phillips Community Daycare to Family Forum with the continuation of the City's right of first refusal in the new warrant deed. Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper – aye, Tomaszewski – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried

5. Discussion/Action review of City of Phillips Fee Schedule
Heitkemper made the following suggestions for the fee: Elk Lake Park Pavilion to go up to \$35 (less than 4 hrs)/\$75(4hr or more). Camping Fees up to \$30 per night. Band Shell \$30 under 4 hours, \$60 for 4 or more hours. Should put a fee on the small pavilion of \$25 and for 4 or more hours \$50. These rates would be effective January 1st of 2022 if approved. Also some discussion of a break if you rent both the Large pavilion and the band shell at the same time.

Heitkemper/ Klimowski moved to set the band shell rental fee at \$30 for under 4 hours and \$60 for 4 or more hours and if you rent the pavilion at the same time, you would get a \$10(less than 4 hrs)/\$20 (4 or more hrs) break off the total rental price. Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper – aye, Tomaszewski – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – aye.

Heitkemper/Clark moved to increase campground fees to \$30 per night, increase large pavilion to \$35 & \$75, and put a rental fee on the small pavilion of \$25 & \$50 effective January 1st, 2022. Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper – aye, Tomaszewski – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried


6. Elliott/ Tomaszewski moved to amend ordinance 9.10 Littering Prohibited. Carried
7. Discussion/Action regarding the sale of City owned properties. Per Request, Prochnow presented the Council with a summary of some vacant land that the department heads felt we would not need anymore. Heitkemper suggested we have a relator give us an idea of what we could sell the properties for and Peterson mentioned the assessor was coming next week so he may be able to give us a little more info too. Lyn Ludwig stepped up and addressed the Council and advised them not to sell any of the property because we could utilize it. This matter will be tabled until next month.
8. DPW Updates: Jeff Williams gave the council and update about the clock project. It is no longer going to go by the steps on the north end of town it will go in the corner of the City parking lot. Received 2 bids for the sidewalks, need to set up a meeting with downtown business owners, 5/19/21 at 5:30pm was decided. Street crew did get the fencing down along Bostrom Park, looks really nice.
9. Discussion regarding Zoning Ordinance referring to LP Gas and other gas sources. Lynn Ludwig requested to have the City enact an ordinance prohibiting LP Gas and other gas sources in the City of Phillips. Mayor Peterson had let her know that if you enact an ordinance any property that is non-conforming right now will be able to remain in existence this would just be for the future of properties coming in or making changes.

Elliott/ Tomaszewski moved to send the information to the City Attorney to review. Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper – aye, Tomaszewski – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried
10. Library Building Project Update: Rebecca Puhl just asked if there were anything missed in the bids they will be sending out. Council thought they looked okay so library will be getting those notices out very soon.
11. Committee Reports:
Ambulance: Director is working with Prentice and the lack of Prentice staffing issue. Ambulance is looking to hire on 2 or 3 of the Prentice workers to be on a 2nd call basis in Phillips since they work in the area.

Library: Now open 9am-7:30pm Monday- Friday and Saturdays in May 9-1. Having a Wear it Wednesday, where masks are required so anyone who is at risk or does not feel comfortable is able to come in still while having that protection. Looking at doing an outdoor summer library program starting in July. Community Room is now open for use and the Library will be hiring a part-time employee as Jess Wear will be leaving.

Chamber: Hired a new chamber director, Laura Palzkill. Ed Kain of the Park Falls chamber has stepped down and about half their board members are gone so the Chamber Merger talk with Park Falls has stopped again. Looking forward to the 4th of July.

12. Elliott/ Tomaszewski moved for adjournment. 6:43pm


Shelby Prochnow
Clerk/Treasurer