

**City of Phillips' Common Council Meeting & Public Hearing**

Council Room, Municipal Hall

174 S Eyder Avenue

May 14, 2024

5:00 p.m.

Mayor, Charles Peterson

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

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

Public Works – Jim Heizler; Water-Sewer - Todd Toelle Police – Michael Hauschild;

Library – Rebecca Puhl

Clerk/Treasurer: Shelby Kosmer

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 full-time Police Officer Position.

This meeting is held in compliance with Wisconsin's Open Meetings 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 Meetings Law

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Charles Peterson \_\_\_\_, Jerry Clark \_\_\_\_, Richard Heitkemper \_\_\_\_, Mark Brzeskiewicz, \_\_\_\_, Marty Stephan \_\_\_\_, Bill Elliott \_\_\_\_, John Klimowski \_\_\_\_,

1. Motion to open the public hearing for discussion on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Phillips. Time: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Motion to close the public hearing. Time: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Discussion/Action regarding the 2024 City of Phillips Comprehensive Plan.

Public Comment:

**DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEMS:**

4. Motion to approve April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes.
5. Motion to approve the payment of vouchers in the total amount of \$405,214.12.
6. Committee Reports:
  - Ambulance
  - Library
  - Chamber

7. Convene into closed session. Authority: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c)  
Compensation and Evaluation – Interviews for the full-time Police Officer Position  
Jerry Clark\_\_\_ Richard Heitkemper \_\_\_ Mark Brzeskiewicz \_\_\_ Marty Stephan \_\_\_ Bill  
Elliott \_\_\_ John Klimowski \_\_\_\_. Time\_\_\_\_\_
8. Reconvene into open session. Authority: Wisconsin §19.85(2). Jerry Clark\_\_\_ Richard  
Heitkemper \_\_\_ Mark Brzeskiewicz \_\_\_ Marty Stephan \_\_\_ Bill Elliott \_\_\_ John  
Klimowski \_\_\_\_. Time: \_\_\_\_
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 May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Peterson at 5:00 p.m. Those present included:

Mayor Peterson

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

1st Aldermanic District:

2nd Aldermanic District: Mark Brzeskiewicz

3rd Aldermanic District: Bill Elliott

Clerk/Treasurer: Shelby Kosmer

Also present: Nick Trimner, Joe Perkins, Becky Puhl, Blaine Peterson, Mark Distin, Reggie Distin, Jim Hellman, Shelia Hellman, Lyn Ludwig, Todd Toelle

1. Clark/Klimowski moved to open the public hearing for discussion on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Phillips. Time: 5:01pm Clark – aye, Heitkemper – absent, Brzeskiewicz – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried  
Ludwig requested that the survey results that Price County United Limited put out regarding the EPA Community Change Grant be included as an appendix to the plan. Ludwig provided a signed document with 25 signatures supporting the request for the Phillips & Price County Engagement Survey to be included in the 2024 City of Phillips Comprehensive Plan. The Mayor did mention that some of those survey results are repeated from the community survey that the Planning Commission put out. Mark Distin spoke regarding the diversity of people and ideas observed while attending these walks and talk meetings held by Price County United Limited. He emphasized that we have an opportunity to make some changes and utilize some of the assets in our community. Brzeskiewicz discussed that these walks have sparked interest from people that may derive some business ventures. Klimowski and Brzeskiewicz agreed that the survey results presented would be appropriate to add to the appendix of the Comprehensive Plan. Ludwig did also present a map being requested to be added, but the Council felt there was no need to add it as an appendix, plus it was a smaller image in the survey results appendix that they are adding.
2. Klimowski/ Clark moved to close the public hearing. Time: 5:20pm Clark – aye, Heitkemper – absent, Brzeskiewicz – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried
3. Discussion/Action regarding the 2024 City of Phillips Comprehensive Plan.  
Klimowski/ Brzeskiewicz moved to adopt the 2024 City of Phillips comprehensive plan with the community change grant survey added as an addendum. Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper – absent, Brzeskiewicz – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried

Public Comment: Todd Toelle, Water/Sewer Superintendent, brought in some paint samples for the new color of the water tower, they were all different shades of blue. The council collectively thought Waterfront blue was an appropriate pick.

## DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEMS:

4. Klimowski/ Elliott moved to approve April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes. Carried
5. Clark/ Elliott moved to approve the payment of vouchers in the total amount of \$405,214.12. Clark – aye, Heitkemper – absent, Brzeskiewicz – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried
6. Committee Reports:  
Ambulance: The ambulance service computer system got hacked, but they got that all fixed. They are looking at training a newer younger gal for taking over the bookkeeping position and Prentice runs have slowed down a little bit.  
Library: Hiring for a new children’s library, that posting is open until Friday. Book sales will be coming up so keep an eye out for those.  
Chamber: Getting ready for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Up to 217 members. Girls’ night out is June 13<sup>th</sup>. Had a couple of applicants for the assisted director position but that has not been filled it. With the room tax funds, the Chamber will be giving \$2500 towards the Elk Lake Park Playground Equipment.
7. Klimowski/ Brzeskiewicz moved to convene into closed session. Authority: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) Compensation and Evaluation – Interviews for the full-time Police Officer Position. Clark – aye, Heitkemper – absent, Brzeskiewicz – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried. Time 5:28pm
8. Klimowski/ Clark moved to reconvene into open session. Authority: Wisconsin §19.85(2). Time: 5:47pm Jerry Clark- aye, Heitkemper – absent, Brzeskiewicz – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – aye. Motion Carried
9. Elliott moved for adjournment: 5:47pm



Shelby Kosmer  
Clerk/Treasurer