

Regular Meeting

September 5, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Dennis Manthei. Trustees present: Brown, Lautz, Leicht, Schumacher, and Wee. Excused: Trustee Hennessey. Also present: Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker, Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, Robert Olson, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

Public Comment

Robert Olson, 151 West Avenue South, addressed the Village Board regarding several items. Mr. Olson stated General Services Administration has many equipment items available for auction and grants available for various projects. He requested the Village review Oak Avenue going north one block as the street appears to be collapsing. Mr. Olson stated 50 to 60 percent of the time, there is nothing published in the Coulee News about police activities. He contacted the La Crosse Tribune and was told West Salem is not submitting its police contacts, and he believes if the public was more aware of police department activities, it would be able to assist the department. He stated the police department needs to bring its profile up. Mr. Olson also commented on the Village-wide reassessment completed this year. He stated the assessor was unacceptable, assessments increased too much, and requested documents were never received by him from the assessor.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Wee to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2017, Regular Board meeting with a correction. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$109,597.64
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$18,849.55
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$15,402.98
<u>Storm Water Utility:</u>	\$10,504.56

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the payment of all claims as listed. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Reserve Alcohol Beverage Retail License Application

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the issuance of a Reserve Class B Alcohol Beverage Retail License, a Non-Intoxicating Beverage License, and a Dance Permit License to B's Place, LLC, 102 North Leonard Street. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Alcohol Beverage License Applications

Motion by Trustee Wee, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the issuance of Alcohol Beverage Licenses to Laurene S. Anderson, Stephanie A. Bentzen, William Wolfgang Jens Hager, Evan J. Hesselberg, Sarah C. Meyer, Barry T. Novinska, and Sara M. Shelmidine and deny a license to Tyler A. Burgett. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Trustee Leicht reported on the August 16, 2017, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. The Committee met in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, investment of public funds, or conduct of other specific public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, to-wit: possible land purchase. No actions were taken in open session.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2017, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Lautz reported on the August 28, 2017, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review for recommendation to the Village Board an Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Lindsey Dederich and Dirck Nagy, review parking issues on East Tilson Street, and discuss revisions to the parking of recreational trailers on Village streets. The Committee reviewed an Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Lindsey Dederich and Dirck Nagy of 328 West Hamilton Street. The residents presently keep one, neutered male shepherd mix dog and two spayed, female shorthair cats at their home. They wish to add a third cat to their family. All three animals are primarily kept indoors. A letter was received from neighbor Beverly Vigue in support of the Application. The Committee recommended approval of the Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Lindsey Dederich and Dirck Nagy. Residents residing on the north side of East Tilson Street across from Mulder Healthcare have submitted written requests to the Village for resolution of parking issues. The residents frequently do not have their garbage picked up due to the number of vehicles parking on both sides of East Tilson Street. The residents have witnessed mail carriers struggle to deliver mail to the mailboxes due to the number of cars parking so close to the mailboxes. Ambulances, semi truck drivers, delivery drivers, and van pickups have difficulty getting into and out of the East Tilson Street driveway to Mulder Healthcare due to vehicles parked on both sides of the street. The director of Mulder Healthcare has reminded the staff repeatedly not to block driveways and mailboxes on the north side of East Tilson, but this has not been successful. Winter snow clearing with vehicles parked on both sides of East Tilson reduces traffic to one lane. Bus and boat trailer traffic has increased adding to the travel lane issues. Chief Ashbeck submitted photographs of the East Tilson area from North Mill Street to North Leonard Street. He estimated approximately seven parking spaces would be lost if the north side of this street was approved for no parking, but the residents on the north side all have off-street parking. Committee member Lautz stated he observed the parking lot off Mill Street was not parked full of vehicles and there is off-street parking available on North Mill Street and North Leonard Street. The Committee recommended an ordinance designating the north side of East Tilson Street from North Mill to North Leonard Street

no parking at any time. Chief Ashbeck informed the Committee of a number of problems where residents are parking unattached boat trailers, campers, and recreational trailers on the streets for a period of time. The present ordinance states trucks larger than 9,000 pounds, semi-trailers, mobile homes, recreational vehicles, motor homes, campers, trailers, and boats cannot be parked on any street except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading and while the vehicle is attended by a licensed operator. Chief Ashbeck stated the ordinance should be revised to allow motor homes, towable campers, and recreational trailers that are not attached to a vehicle to be parked on a street for no more than 48 hours in a seven-day period. The Committee discussed this revision as it would relate to when alternate side parking is in effect, and it was recommended that these types of trailers not be allowed parked unattached to a vehicle during that time. The Committee recommended the Village Board revise the parking ordinances to allow parking of unattached recreational vehicles on Village streets for no more than 48 hours in a seven-day period in the same block.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2017, Law Enforcement Committee meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Lindsey Dederich and Dirck Nagy. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

The Village Board reviewed proposed Ordinance No. 479, which, if adopted, will revise Section 6.05(C) and 6.05(J) of the Code of Ordinances. Section 6.05(C) would be revised to allow parking of motor homes, towable campers, and recreational trailers on Village streets for no more than 48 hours in a 7-day period. Section 6.05(C) would be revised to prohibit parking on the north side of East Tilson Street from North Mill Street to North Leonard Street. The Village Board agreed Village right-of-ways should be included in the parking for no more than 48 hours in a 7-day period.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to schedule a public hearing on Ordinance No. 479 for Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at 6:55 p.m. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Leicht to convene in closed session at 7:24 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel who either orally or in writing will advise the governmental body on strategy to be adopted with respect to current or likely litigation, i.e., Building Code Ordinances. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Trustee Leicht left the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Wee to reconvene in open session at 7:38 p.m. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Wee to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator