

SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Prescott City Council was held on Monday, September 28, 2020 in the Prescott Municipal Building, 800 Borner St., Prescott, WI 54021.

Call to order/Roll Call: Mayor David Hovel called the meeting to order 6:00 p.m. Members present were Thomas Oss, Rob Daugherty and Bailey Ruona online. Maureen Otwell, Dar Hintz, and Joshua Gergen appeared in person. Parks and Street Superintendent Mike Kinneman and City Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff.

Public Comments: None were given.

Ruona/Hintz motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of city council meeting minutes for September 14, 2020 and special city council meeting for September 21, 2020 passed without a negative voice vote.

The Council was informed the DNR has received the application for the courtesy dock and there is a 30 day period where they will take comments on the application.

Parks and Street Superintendent Mike Kinneman presented a request to purchase a John Deere 50G compact excavator. The current excavator is 110 wheeled backhoe and can only dig eight feet deep. The new excavator will be able to dig much deeper. This request is being made on because the excavator is in stock. It is unsure if we would be able to get one in 2021 because of production being down at John Deere. They will be offering a trade in value of \$22,350 for our excavator. Alderperson Oss asked if we have a way to transport the excavator. Kinneman stated we have a trailer which can haul 14 tons and the weight of this excavator is 10 tons and we have a one ton pickup truck. The final cost of the excavator is \$41,709.12 plus the cost of the lift. Funding will come from capital projects, water and sewer. **Otwell/Daugherty motion to approve the purchase of the excavator with funds coming from capital projects, water and sewer passed without a negative voice vote.**

The council discussed using funds from the Routes to Recovery grant to purchase outdated turnout gear for the Fire Department. It had been looked at to allocate the purchase by population but this will not work for the funds remaining in the grant. The grant has approximately \$2,600 in COVID purchases and the updating of the EOC is approximately \$22,000. Staff is recommending the cost of the turnout gear be equally divided among the 3 municipalities for the fire department which would be \$17,200.

Hintz/Gergen motion to approve up to \$17,200 be allocated to the purchase of turnout gear with the funds coming from the Routes to Recovery grant passed without a negative voice vote.

Gergen/Otwell motion to approve audit contract with Johnson Block for the year 2020 as presented passed without a negative voice vote.

The hours for the compost site were discussed as follows: City Compost Hours:

Starting the week of October 5th Compost hours will be changing to 3:00PM – 6:00PM on Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:00AM-12:00PM on Saturdays.

The week of November 1st the hours will be 2:00PM-5:00PM on Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:00AM-12:00PM on Saturdays.

The week of November 16th-20th the compost will be open each day from 10:00AM-5:00PM
November 20th is the last day the compost will be open for the season.

Gergen/Otwell motion to approve the 2nd reading of ordinance 05-20 “Building Construction” was passed without a negative voice vote.

The Council discussed changes to the swimming pool ordinance so that all swimming pools over 15 inches would require a 4 foot fence. The fence would not have to encompass the entire yard and could go just around the pool. There would be no grandfathering of existing pools. As soon as water is added to the pool that is when a fence would be required. There was discussion that residents would

need to have an annual permit for each pool. **Daugherty/Otwell motion to approve the 1st reading of “Swimming Pools” passed without a negative voice vote.**

The Council reviewed the recommendations of staff for Halloween 2020. There will be no set hours for trick or treating. You should go trick or treating with family members you are living with and avoid large groups. There were also suggestions on masks and how to hand out candy.

Other Business:

For consideration to the Library Board – Erin Kosmalski. Budget hearing meeting set for October 15th starting at 5:00 pm. Drive through Fire Department Chicken Feed, October 3rd starting at 11:00, CAB Baseball drop October 3rd at 2:00 pm at Firehall Field. CAB still needs to provide insurance to the city before the event.

Ruona/Gergen motion to adjourn passed without a negative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand
City Administrator