

**CITY OF BRODHEAD
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, January 14, 2019**

Present: Mayor Pinnow, Aldermen Nyman, Bruce, Anderson and Huntington. City Clerk Withee and City Attorney Schroeder. Youth in Government Representatives Christiansen.

Absent: Alderperson Peach and Fox. Youth in Government Van Wyhe, IIs and Wilson

Mayor Pinnow called meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call shows all Aldermen present except Peach and Fox; Youth in Government Representatives Van Wyhe, IIs and Wilson

Fox joined the meeting at 7:03 pm

Public Hearing: Mayor Pinnow opened the public hearing at 7:01 PM. Attorney Schroeder presented information for the public hearing regarding Ordinance 2019-001 Amending Sec.472-13 Certified Survey Maps. No comments or questions from the public or council. Public hearing closed at 7:03 PM. Motion by Anderson to approve resolution 2019-001 Amending Sec.472-13 Certified Survey Maps. Second by Nyman. Youth in Government one aye. Council five ayes. Motion carried.

Swearing in of Police Officer: Mayor Pinnow and Chief Hughes introduced and swore in Officer Erin Klingaman and the pinning ceremony was performed. Mayor Pinnow congratulated Officer Klingaman.

Minutes: Motion by Anderson to approve minutes from December 26, 2018 as presented. Second by Huntington. Youth in Government one aye. Council five ayes. Motion carried.

Park Board: Director Boegli stated that Thursday January 3rd the Park & Rec Department began taking park reservations. Applications are now being accepted for summer help. 3rd grade basketball is being held in January and 2nd grade basketball will be in February.

Public Safety: Chief Hughes presented applications for operator licenses for Heather Thompson, Nicholas Noonan, Jessica Lange, Jennifer Clark, Candy Newcomer, Paige Sanchez and Angela Millard. Police Department is recommending approval. Motion by Anderson to approve operator licenses as presented. Second by Huntington. Youth in Government one aye. Council five ayes. Motion carried.

Economic Development: Anderson stated that Pat Weeden raised funds for the aviation museum to be built in 2019. Street lights are in on 1st street. Collaboration meeting is February 28th. GCDC had a nice turnout for their boot camp.

BID Board & Revitalization: no report

Senior/Community Center: Mayor Pinnow stated that funding needs to be matched and a positive referendum outcome. There is currently a \$100,000 pledge from the Brodhead Foundation and they need \$400,000 by April 1st to match the grant. The committee is encouraging everyone to donate to this fund. Bruce stated that the \$100,000 is payable over 5 years so we will only have \$20,000 per year. Pinnow stated that the thermometer shows what is currently pledged. City has paid the money for other programs and then been repaid from the foundation or other donors.

Referendum question is due by January 23rd. Motion from council on 12-18-18 was to move forward with a 6,000 sq. ft. building at 1.4 million. The project will be called Brodhead Senior Center. Bruce stated this is

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now a bait and switch and is misleading the state to get funding because it was originally introduced as a senior/community center and is now being changed to senior center. Pinnow stated that the grant writer has said that they need to clarify this to meet the state requirements. Bruce stated community was misled to believe this was a senior/community center and it is unethical. Anderson stated that they can still chose to vote no. Fox stated that the first referendum choice does indicate community room. Bruce stated that the wording in the referendum should state community center otherwise it is unethical. Pinnow stated that only the senior portion of the center can be funded by the grant. Attorney Schroeder stated that the state of WI wants to make sure that it is clear in the wording that up to the \$500,000 matching grant is only for the aspect of the building that is the senior center. They were concerned that if it said senior/community center it looked as though they were linked for purposes of the grant. This is the primary reason that the referendum question has been reworded. Currently there are various possibilities of referendum questions. The state is aware there is a multipurpose room that is proposed in the project and that part may or may not qualify as part of the grant funding. The state wanted to make sure that the building is constructed to confirm that the majority of the building is senior center. It is clear that the bulk of the funds would involve the senior center without consideration of the community/multipurpose room. Modifications of the referendum are up to the council. Fox stated the language is to cover the funding. Attorney Schroeder stated that it covers 2 things – grant and match requirement and if match is not met will the city borrow the remaining funds to receive the entire \$500,000 grant. Bruce said to be fair to the citizens it should address the community room. At the last council meeting he asked if council would accept a senior only center and council stated they would not support it at that time but is now changing to push forward with a senior only center to get the grant money. Anderson asked what referendum question would be best to be clear to the citizens. Attorney Schroeder stated that #3 question covers the concerns regarding clarification of the referendum question.

Motion by Anderson to approve the following referendum question “The City of Brodhead has successfully received a \$500,000 matching CDBG grant for the construction of a Senior Center at a cost not to exceed \$1,400,000. If the grant’s matching funds requirement is not completely met, shall the City borrow up to \$500,000 and proceed with the construction of a Senior Center containing a multi-purpose room? Yes or No” Anderson stated that Resolution 2019-002 is also included in the motion with the referendum. Second by Fox. Bruce asked if this will be a binding referendum. If so the total cost will need to be stated in the referendum. Attorney Schroeder stated that the motion will need to be withdrawn. Anderson moved to withdraw the motion. Fox seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Schroeder advised council on the difference between binding and advisory referendums.

Motion by Anderson to approve resolution 2019-002 with the following referendum question “The City of Brodhead has successfully received a \$500,000 matching CDBG grant for the construction of a Senior Center at a cost not to exceed \$1,400,000. If the grant’s matching funds requirement is not completely met, shall the City borrow up to \$500,000 and proceed with the construction of a Senior Center containing a multi-purpose room? Yes or No” adding the addendum to reference to add to contain verbiage to say multipurpose room to be used by the senior center and also be used as a community center and that the referendum will be binding. Second by Fox. Five ayes motion carried.

Personnel: Fox stated they are reviewing city insurance policy and renewal is in April. Continuing discussion on employee evaluations with final drafts to be presented to committee by February meeting.

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Plan Commission: Attorney Schroeder presented preliminary CSM for Briggs. Lots have been configured to build duplexes on lots 1, 2 and 3. Plan Commission has recommended approval. Discussion by council. Motion by Fox to approve preliminary CSM as presented. Second by Anderson. Youth in Government one aye. Council five ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Report: Future Agendas: Fire district update

Participated in Kwik Trip grand opening and the company is very positive gave \$1,000 donation to each of the K9 program and Friends of the Library. There are 6 candidates for 3 positions on the council. Set a goal to get part time office help for city hall possibly by 1st part of March.

Mayor Pinnow gave the 7 day notice of Erica Gokey to be a member of the Senior/Community center committee.

Collaborative meeting was included in council packets. Form to fill in by February 1st. what were Brodhead successes in 2018 – new businesses, UniverCity program, dog park, CDBG grant, ATV signage, pedestrian crosswalk, museum expansion, go to meeting, phosphorus study, market study, K9 was purchased, bridge will be completed. 1-2 priorities in 2019 – market and housing studies, passing referendum to receive the grant, improving street quality. How can we work better together – new person in city hall to work with all entities especially the chamber for more coordination and promotion? To use social media to its full extent, including the website. Work with GCDC to use their grant programing. Mayor Pinnow encouraged everyone to dwell on positives and work together to move forward. Consider a community development coordinator in the future. Anderson said it would be nice to have a point person to coordinate all committee efforts.

Motion by Fox to change the time of the February 11, 2019 meeting to 5 pm. Second by Anderson. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Closed Session per WI State Statutes Section 19.85(1) (e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Re: Senior/Community Center

7:58 PM Motion by Anderson to enter closed session. Second by Nyman. Roll call 5 ayes. 0 nays.

8:03 PM Motion by Anderson to Return to Open Session. Second by Nyman. Five ayes. Motion carried.

No action taken from closed session.

Attorney Report: Nothing to report

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Anderson. Second by Huntington. Five ayes. Adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Douglas A. Pinnow, Mayor Approved this 11th day of February 2019.
Teresa Withee, City Clerk