

**CITY OF BRODHEAD
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, May 19, 2020**

1) Roll Call

Mayor Nyman called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Roll calls shows all Aldermen present.

(Board of Review met, separate meeting minutes, postponed until July 9, 2020 & adjourned, then City Council started)

Present at City Hall: Mayor Nyman, Alderperson Naramore, Schadewaldt, Lowery, Clerk Wahl, Treasurer Miller, Attorney Faust, Dusty Kubly, Peter Bernstein, Todd Hasse

Present by video and phone: Alderperson Huffman, Menzel, Fox, Chief Hughes,

2) Agenda

Motion by Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Huffman. Council six ayes. Motion carried.

3) Previous Minutes

Motion by Lowery to approve minutes from May 11, 2020. Second by Fox. Council six ayes. Motion carried.

4) Old Business

a) Endorsing Sugar River Trail to be Open to ATV/UTV

Dusty Kubly discussed Endorsing Sugar River Trail to be Open to ATV/UTV. DNR has spent the past 8 months working to rewrite the use for the trails. There were two open meetings by the DNR in the fall that Kubly attended. DNR is possibly considering opening the trail from a biking and walking trail to a multi-use trail open to ATVs and UTVs. The DNR is needing the bordering municipalities to sign a resolution to endorse this usage. They would also need municipalities to write up routes as to how people would access this trail. The City's open streets to ATV and UTV addresses this issue. UW Extension did a study five years ago as a collaborative meeting stating the economic development in Brodhead is declining and is becoming a retirement community. Kubly stated that school enrollment is also declining. Opening the trail would help with economic stimulus. This trail would connect us to Monroe and the Cheese Trail. Currently there is not a way to connect to either Monroe or the trail. Towns to west of us are flourishing with ATV/UTV use and has impacted those areas by \$18 million economic spending. The multi-use trail will go from Brodhead to Albany to Monticello. New Glarus does not want ATV use on their end of the trail. Fox inquired if any other municipality has drafted a resolution yet. Kubly stated not at this time. Green County ATV Club would help maintain the trail. Trail needs to be cleaned up but would be plenty wide for multi-use. This is an old railroad like Monroe's Cheese trail. In 2011, Cheese County Survey Age Profiler of user 41-50-year-old & 51-60-year-old people. Trails are patrolled but mostly on weekends when they're busy. Grants are available from WI for patrolling the trails. Kubly will leave a sample resolution in support of using the Sugar River Trail as a multi-use trail. Huffman was not in support of changing the trails use due to affects that ATV/UTVs would have neighborhoods close to the trail. Fox and Huffman also thought a public hearing should be completed to gather the publics opinion. Huffman and Menzel were not in support of changing the use of the trail because of the amount visitors that use it. Since 2002, there has been an average of 62,000 people annually and roughly 85,000 people in 2018 based on DNR data. Schadewaldt expressed interested in approving this to keep the door open to the possible economic impact to the city.

Motion by Schadewaldt to approve the trails be used for multi-use with ATV/UTVs. Second by Naramore. Council three ayes. Nays Fox, Huffman, Menzel. Tie broke by Mayor Nyman aye vote. Motion carried.

b) John Pierce certified survey map Block 192 Lots 3,4,7 & 8 16th Street to 17th Street & W 5th Avenue.

Attorney Faust and Todd Hasse, representative for John & Julie Pierce discussed John Pierce's certified survey map and 3 variances that come along with the certified survey map. Building Inspector Roger Schrader suggested Pierce's build a fire wall because the existing buildings, commercial property & residential garage are so close. This does not have to be done legally but the City can make it part of the variance approval. If the residential garage is ever torn down it should be rebuilt within code at the time of rebuild. Roger Schrader, Attorney Schroeder, Joe DeYoung spoke over the phone prior to the meeting and concluded that if the residential garage is razed & rebuilt it must be built within current setbacks at the time of the rebuild. Attorney Faust also stated a resolution would be recorded for that property so it's public knowledge for any future buyer.

Motion by Fox to approve the CSM and the requested variances subject to rezoning the proposed lot 2 to R-2 and subject to requiring a firewall on the south wall of the garage on the proposed lot 2 if the garage is rebuilt.

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c) City's Declaration of Public Health Emergency Update

Chief Hughes discussed City's Declaration of Public Health Emergency resolution 2020-005. Since the state and county no longer have their state of emergencies, he suggests rescinding the City's declaration.

Motion by Fox to rescind City's Declaration of Public Health Emergency resolution 2020-005. Second by Menzel. Council six ayes. Motion carried.

5) New Business

a) Capital Projects Civic Software Upgrade

Clerk Wahl discussed upgrading City Hall's accounting software as part of the 2020 Capital Projects. The cost is \$10,000.

Motion by Fox to approve the Civic Software Upgrade not to exceed \$10,000. Second by Huffman. Council six ayes. Motion carried.

b) City Wide Rummage Sales

Lowery discussed that when agenda was put together the Safer at Home Order was still in effect. Neither City nor Chamber is in charge of setting the date of 2nd Saturday in June. Hughes discussed the City not taking any stance and shouldn't promote rummage sales however they can still happen.

No Motion taken

6) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Lowery. Second by Fox. Council six ayes. Motion carried. Adjournment 8:14 p.m.

Mayor Nyman Approved this 8th day of June, 2020.

Nikolai Wahl, City Clerk