

CITY OF BRODHEAD COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, May 11TH, 2015

Present: Mayor Pinnow, Alderman Nyman, Hale, Bernstein, Rosheisen and Fox. City Clerk Withee and City Attorney Mark Schroeder.

Absent: Alderman Anderson

Mayor Pinnow called meeting to order at 7 PM. Roll call vote shows all Aldermen present except Anderson.

Minutes: Motion by Bernstein to approve the April 21st meeting minutes as presented. Second by Rosheisen. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Audit/Finance: No Report

Park Board: Director Wade Boegli stated that adult sand volleyball and adult softball have begun. The pool will be filled next week and will open Tuesday May 26th at 4pm. The pool will be open from 4pm-8pm weeknights and 12pm-6pm on weekends, beginning June 8th the pool will be open regular hours. Youth ball begins the week after memorial week.

Public Works: Director Rich Vogel gave an update on the speed board on County F; the board is on the post and should be placed at the highway Wednesday. The county gave permission to move the speed zone 100 feet to the west to slow traffic coming into town near the pool and entrance to Pearl Island. There is more work to be completed on 17th street, some sidewalks have cracked and landscaping needs to be finished. Vogel requested that bike lanes not be marked at this time. He suggested they place bicycle insignia rather than lanes because people get confused with lanes and use them for passing. Fox stated a community member had asked if something could be done with the crosswalk near McDonalds. Vogel stated that Public Safety Committee has been working on a solution to this area.

Forestry and Native Plants: Ash Tree Proposed Removal – Director Rich Vogel stated that an Ash tree on GG was found to have Emerald Ash Bore. The 2011 Council passed an Emerald Ash Bore Program to remove the poorest condition Ash trees in town. He would like to start removing as many Ash trees as possible that have been cut for the two and three phase electrical. If we wait for those to die it will be more costly and dangerous to remove. There are approximately 50 of these trees. Cost will be approximately \$18,000 which is \$8,000 more than budgeted. We could take down half this year and half next year to stay within current year budget. Property owners are sometimes reluctant to allow the city to remove these trees. He would like the council to make a motion to remove the trees and then place adds in the paper to notify the public. Fox asked what the plan is after the trees are removed, Vogel stated we have a replacement policy in place and have added approximately 80 trees in the past few years. Mayor Pinnow asked if it was a good idea to only remove half this year or all at once. Vogel stated it is difficult to know. Mayor Pinnow stated we should send this to Audit/Finance for a budget amendment. Bernstein made a motion to send this to Audit/Finance for a budget amendment. Second by Rosheisen. Five ayes. Motion carried.

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Library Board: Director Nikki Busch presented the April numbers. 4,074 Visits, 5,852 Items Out. 215 e & audio books circulated in April. 10 new library cards issued. 257 items added. Public use of library rooms; VFW Room-8, Small Study Room-28, Program Room-14, History Rm-5 all used for library specific programs. Friends of the Library book sale will be May 14 through May 16 during regular library hours, fill a bag for \$5. May is school tours and preparation for summer programs, this year's theme is "Every Hero Has a Story".

Economic Development: Mayor Pinnow stated that in June or July they will begin a strategic plan.

Emergency Management: No Report.

Public Safety: Licenses/Permits: Deputy Police Chief Raupp presented bartender licenses for Ember Simons, Tiffani Edwards, James Cook and Carrie Elmer all with recommendations for approval. Motion by Bernstein to approve licenses as presented. Seconded by Hale. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Fire District: No report

BID Board: Pinnow stated they will replace the balance of the trees in the downtown area and elementary students will be planting flowers in the barrels.

Senior Citizens: No report

Tech Committee: No report

Water & Light Commission: Director Jeff Peterson stated they will need to replace Mr. Rundle on their board.

Historic Preservation Commission: No report

Buildings and Grounds: No report for Sub-Committee Senior/Community Center. Motion by Nyman to table naming of upper level conference room. Seconded by Hale. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Plan Commission: Attorney Schroeder reported the CDA approved a downtown improvement grant for half of the total cost of \$7,930 for the Condon property for work done contingent on final building inspection. The CDA also recommended that Council extended the life of TID 2 to fund a Housing Stock Improvement Program.

Personnel and Insurance: No Report

Mayor's Report:

- a) Future agendas: Thursday is Board of Review from 4-6pm all council members are to be present, naming upstairs conference room, place Jason Coplien on agenda for seven day notice to Public Safety Committee.
- b) Council Member Committee Assignments: Motion by Bernstein to approve Council committee assignments. Seconded by Fox. Five ayes. Motion carried.
- c) Committees: This is your (7) seven day notice of the appointment of Donald Mueller to the personnel committee. Board of Appeals, Historic

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Preservation Commission, Audit/Finance, Emergency Management, and Public Safety are seeking members. Mayor Pinnow asked that committee members seek out members for their committees.

- d) Youth in Government Handbook: Victoria Solomon, UW Extension, presented and reviewed the handbook. Brodhead is the fourth city in Wisconsin to adopt this program. The program does not have any fiscal impact on the community. She asked that council members mentor the students. Youth would have a non-binding advisory vote. The vote would be done prior to council and recorded into the minutes. Youth would not participate in closed session. Bernstein stated that the youth and teachers are very excited about this program. Attorney Schroeder reviewed the handbook and made the following recommendations; Page 4 Section 3 need to insert resolution number, Page 7 Section 3.6.1 asked council for date recommendation? Mayor Pinnow stated that our reorganization meeting would be the 3rd Tuesday in April. Page 7 Section 6.1.1 reword to state up to four advisory seats. Attorney Schroeder stated the resolution isn't clear on who would appoint the students to the committees, recommended adding this information as Section 3.6.3. Bernstein made a motion to approve the handbook with the recommended changes. Seconded by Rosheisen. Five ayes. Motion carried.
- e) Youth in Government Recommendations: Bernstein reported that on April 27th UW Extension Educator Ellen Andrews and Victoria Solomon, Social Studies Instructor Eric Ebensperger and Council Alderman Ann Anderson met with candidates for the Youth in Government program. All of the candidates who applied were very impressive. They are currently looking to fill four seats, to start in the fall, and recommend the following students, Dawson Keller, Christopher Dodd, Cheyenne Brady and Magali Jimenez Hernandez. Motion by Bernstein to accept the four recommendations. Seconded by Fox. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Attorney Report:

- a) Ordinance Creating 45-8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brodhead Requiring Display of House and Building Numbers. Deputy Chief Raupp requested this item be tabled. Motion by Fox to table. Seconded by Nyman. Five ayes. Motion carried.
- b) Resolution Extending the Life of TID 2 for the Purpose of Funding a Housing Stock Improvement Program. Attorney Schroeder stated the CDA recommends this to council and would set up the criteria, implement and monitor this program. It would need to improve the value of the home and would not be for regular maintenance. Attorney Schroeder stated the tradeoff is the City will have to wait one more year to receive the tax share. Fox made a motion approve the resolution. Seconded by Bernstein. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Bernstein. Second by Fox. Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Douglas A. Pinnow, Mayor Approved this 8th day of June, 2015.