

Common Council Minutes
Wednesday, September 16, 2020—7:00pm

The Common Council of the City of Neenah, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, met virtually in regular session at 7:00pm, September 16, 2020, in the Council Chambers of Neenah City Hall.

Mayor Kaufert in the chair.

Present: Alderpersons Boyette, Bates, Lang, Lendrum, Erickson, Spellman, Steele Borchardt, and Stevenson, Director of Finance Easker, Director of Community Development & Assessment Haese, Director of Public Works Kaiser, City Attorney Godlewski, and City Clerk Cheslock.

Also Present: Police Chief Olson, Assistant Police Chief Bernice, Deputy Director of Community Development & Assessment Schmidt, Captain Van Sambeek, Deputy Clerk Lopez, Deputy City Attorney Westbrook, Duke Behnke, John Hogerty, Kathy Siminski, and Lauri Asbury.

Mayor Kaufert called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

I. Clerk Cheslock called a voice roll call

Mayor Kaufert asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11

II. Introduction and Confirmation of Mayor's Appointments—None

III. Proceedings

MS Lendrum/Erickson to approve the Council Proceedings of the regular meeting of September 02, 2020. There being no objections the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

IV. Public Hearings - None

V. Report pertaining to the Public Hearings – None

VI. Public Forum

A. Lauri Asbury, 234 Lymekiln Drive, Neenah, spoke on behalf of the Neenah Joint School District and shared a resolution from the Board. The Resolution asks for cooperation and acknowledgement from residents of Neenah that the spread of COVID-19 in our community is directly related to the ability keep the schools open. Member Asbury read a letter from the Board and the Resolution.

B. There being no further appearances, Mayor Kaufert closed the public hearing.

VII. Mayor/Council consideration of public forum issues

- A. The Council discussed the transmission rate of COVID-19 in our community and how the school district is working with the Winnebago County Health Department.

VIII. Consent Agenda

MS Lang/Lendrum to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Approve the change of agent application for Ultimate Mart, LLC/Pick'N Save #124, 1530 S Commercial Street, Neenah, WI 54956, Agent Matthew Sullivan. (PSSC)
- B. **There being no objections the motion was approved by unanimous consent.**

IX. Reports of standing committees

- A. Chairman Bates reported from the Regular Public Service & Safety Committee meeting of September 8, 2020: (Chairman Bates/Vice Chair Lang) (Minutes can be found on the City's website)

1. Committee recommends Council approve the purchase of 5 desktop computers and 3 tablets for the Investigative Crime Unit and 2 laptops for the School Resource Officers along with miscellaneous components for an estimated cost not to exceed \$31,000.00 using carry forward funds from 2018 and 2019 budgets. Council discussed the potential for using mobile devices only in lieu of desktop computers, the amount of power and memory needed to run the programs and applications the Police need, and the savings opportunity currently being taken advantage of by purchasing now instead of waiting for 2021, though this will be a 2021 budget expense.

MSCRП Bates/Lang, all voting aye.

2. Committee recommends Council approve Committee recommends Council approve the purchase of fifty (50) Motorola APX6000 Portable Radios with 2020 Capital Equipment Reserve funds in the amount not exceed \$212,000.00.

No discussion.

MSCRП Bates/Boyette, all voting aye.

X. Reports of special committees and liaisons and various special projects committees

- A. Council President Stevenson reported from Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 16, 2020:

1. Consideration of action taken during Committee of the Whole regarding downtown public amenity.

The recommendation from the Committee of the Whole is for Council to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of

Neenah, Neenah Gateway Plaza LLC, and the Neenah Community Development Authority.

Dir. Haese clarified the motion and explained the project: Neenah Gateway Plaza LLC will be constructing and operating an ice rink on Site 2, also known as the Plexus lawn. John Hogerty, one of the members of Neenah Gateway Plaza LLC, was present to answer questions regarding the project. The facility and land will be gifted to the City after five years of operation.

Council discussed the area in which the facility will be constructed, the amount of work over the years that has gone into this project, and thanked Neenah Gateway Plaza LLC for their time, effort, and generosity.

MSCRP Stevenson/Lang, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Neenah, Neenah Gateway Plaza, and the Neenah Community Development Authority, all voting aye.

- B. Community Development Authority
 - 1. Dir. Haese gave a brief update on the Community Development Authority stating that they would be acting on the Plaza project at their next meeting.
- C. Library Board
 - 1. Alderperson Erickson reported from the Library Board meeting of September 16, 2020: shared the success of the adult summer reading program and that after Labor Day there will be select evening hours.
- D. Neenah Arts Council
 - 1. Alderperson Erickson asked to report the Neenah Arts Council meeting at the next Council meeting.

XI. Petitions—None

XII. Council Directives—None

XIII. Unfinished Business

- A. Alderperson Boyette made a motion, seconded by Alderperson Stevenson, to reconsider the denial of the revocable occupancy permit for Michael Geall for installation of a fence on S. Park Avenue for his property located at 617 E Wisconsin Avenue.
 - 1. The motion is not debatable at this meeting and will appear on the next Council agenda.

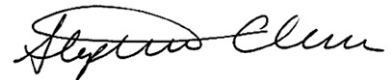
XIV. New Business

- A. Alderperson Lang stated the Historical Society is holding their first program virtually on Facebook Live on September 17th regarding the hidden history of Doty Island.

- B. Alderperson Bates asked for an update on the Green Bay Road construction. Dir. Kaiser stated that the closures will stay the same for the near future. Access to businesses will be maintained. The contractors did take the incentive on the project so will complete the worth within 45 working days.
- C. Mayor Kaufert shared that the Farm Market is still going on Saturday mornings through October 17th and asked for Council input over the next couple of weeks regarding Trick or Treating.
- D. The Committee will convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever completeive or bargaining reasons require a closed session relating to discussion of Boundary negotiation with adjacent municipalities
M/S Lendrum/Boyette to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever completeive or bargaining reasons require a closed session relating to discussion of Boundary negotiation with adjacent municipalities, all voting aye.

XV. Adjournment

MSC Steele/Erickson to adjourn at 9:24 pm, all voting aye.



Stephanie Cheslock
City Clerk