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**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF  
CITY OF KEWAUNEE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)**  
Kewaunee Municipal Building, 401 Fifth Street  
**MONDAY AUGUST 24, 2020 - 6:00 P.M. - VIRTUAL**  
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Present: Chairperson Zimmerman, Mayor Jelinek, Alderpersons Brewster, Schiller, Vollenweider, Stangel, Kuehl, and Mills.

Excused: Alderperson Dworak

Others: Administrator Schnook, Clerk/Treasurer Decur, Attorney Nesbitt, BI Davister, PWD Strelow, Librarian Petrina, Police Chief Kleiman and Marina Manager Kinjerski.

Chairperson Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JULY 27, 2020 MINUTES

Alderperson Mills moved, seconded by Alderperson Kuehl, to approve the July 27, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Zimmerman opened the floor for public comment.

Hearing no comments, Public Comment was closed.

UPDATE ON NEW KEWAUNEE COUNTY JAIL – SHERIFF MATT JOSKI

Sheriff Matt Joski presented an update on the new proposed County Jail. The Jail Committee has completed Phase I, which consisted of numerous studies. The majority of Phase II was completed, which involved a location for the new proposed County Jail. Due to the COVID, the Jail Committee has not met since March, but will be reconvening later in September. The property that has been discussed is located near Lincoln Street and First Street. The proposed area was decided on because it is large enough to hold what is needed now, with room for expansions in the years to come. It is still being decided on what type of phasing should be used regarding the construction.

MAYOR’S REPORT: JASON JELINEK

Native American Statue Update

Mayor Jelinek shared the invitation to the Statue Dedication Ceremony being held on September 17, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., at Harbor Park, at the intersection of Harrison Street and Milwaukee Street. Mayor Jelinek stated that he has been in contact with the Menominee Tribe and has received their blessing, and also invited them to participate in the Ceremony.

Other Updates

Mayor Jelinek stated that Administrator Schnook has forwarded to Council Members a link for a housing survey. Mayor Jelinek asked the Council Members to please pass this on to anyone you know, it is very important information for the City. Mayor Jelinek also stated that he doesn’t have anything new on COVID but would like to hear the Committee’s thoughts about meeting in person.

OLD BUSINESS

Boat Launch/Campground – David Kuehl

Alderson Kuehl asked if there is any updates on the repairs to the Boat Launch and Campground. Alderson Kuehl stated that he thought the Ayres Estimate was high and inquired about the proposal from Jadin regarding a temporary fix.

Discussion was held on whether the proposal from Jadin was indeed a formal proposal, or if it required DNR approval. It was also discussed to contract with a professional to advise us on whether this area can even be saved at this point.

Discussion was also held on the creation of a Harbor Commission, which the City already has an ordinance for. It was suggested that each Councilperson, research and recommend to Mayor Jelinek the name of a citizen that would be interested and a good fit for the Harbor Commission.

Update: Put Garbage/Recycling Contract out for Bids

Administrator Schnook reviewed the proposals received for Garbage/Recycling pickup.

Discussion was held on the cost per resident, the fuel charge limits and the yearly cost of living percentage.

Alderson Mills moved, seconded by Alderson Schiller, to recommend to Council the approval of Contracting with Harter's Fox Valley Disposal for Garbage/Recycling Pickup. Motion carried unanimously.

Update on Klockner Property

Chairperson Zimmerman asked if there was any new information on the proposed plans for the Klockner Property.

Mayor Jelinek stated that he had a meeting with Administrator Schnook, Alderson Schiller, County Administrator Feldt and Planning Commission Member Mastalir to discuss if there has been any new information regarding the proposed Hotel.

Discussion was held on the agreement the City entered into with Kathy Howlett Despot and if the City is allowed to actively seek someone to buy the Klockner Property. Administrator Schnook read from the exclusivity agreement the City has signed with Ms. Howlett Despot and it was agreed that the City should not be seeking other developers at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Process to Apply for Harbor Park Use by the Public

Police Chief Kleiman wanted to know if a first come permit process should be put in place for organizations that want to peacefully protest. Police Chief Kleiman stated that he currently has two groups that want to utilize Harbor Park on the same day to hold a peaceful protest.

Discussion was held on the freedom of speech and constitutional rights, and if it would even be possible for the City to put time limits in place. It was also discussed on possibly asking one of the groups to locate north of LaFond Fish Market, which has the same exposure to traffic as the corner of Harrison and Milwaukee Streets.

Attorney Nesbitt expressed concern on putting any restrictions in place that would infringe upon a person's constitutional rights to gather and peacefully protest

Alderson Mills motioned to table a permit process for Harbor Park.

It was decided that no motion was needed and to not proceed with the permit process.

Resolution No. 1097-20 to Commit Matching Funds for EDA Grant for Business Park Development

Administrator Schnook explained that the Council previously approved the filing of a grant application to help develop the Business Park that was developed in 2007. The attached resolution is just stating that the City will be asking for \$2.9 million dollars, with a match of \$731,000 thousand dollars.

Discussion was held on the placement of infrastructure prior to knowing what type of business would be purchasing property and how much land they would need. Discussion was also held on revisiting the plan itself and the minimal amount of money the City is receiving to lease the land out.

PWD Strelow wanted the Committee to know the importance of relocating Well No. 1 from the Riverfront and place a Water Tower on the proposed business park so there would be a water source on both sides of the River. At this time if a pipe would break under the River the Northside of the city would be without water.

Alderson Mills moved, seconded by Alderson Schiller to recommend to Council the adoption of Resolution No. 1097-20, Committing to Matching Funds for the EDA Grant for the proposed Business Park Development. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss Possible Sub-Division Development

BI Davister stated the Estimate Sheet the Committee has in their packet is to connect Scott Street. There are three multifamily properties on the Southside. BI Davister spoke to the owner of the 3 lots and he cannot develop them because he has no road access. The cost of the project would be just under 150,000 thousand dollars for everything. So the 3 lots to the south would be assessed at 25 thousand dollars each and the lot to the north would be assessed 75 thousand dollars if they keep it as one lot.

Discussion was held on whether the land owner is willing to develop the land at this time, and if this was something that would benefit the City. The owner was interested in building the last time BI Davister spoke to him.

It was asked if this was something that was before the Committee for action or is it just to get where the Committee stands on the development. It was the consensus of the Committee that the Scott Street Extension would be beneficial to the City.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderson Stangel asked if the City is still seeking a candidate for the position of Grant Facilitator, Economical & Development Planner. Administrator Schnook stated that we are still interviewing for the position and will be interviewing another person Wednesday Night.

PWD Strelow stated that the River Road Project has been completed.

Mayor Jelinek stated that Kunkel's Korner has had an offer to purchase and are looking to reopen toward the end of September.

ADJOURNMENT

Aldersperson Vollenweider moved, seconded by Aldersperson Mills, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Decur