

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE
CITY OF KEWAUNEE SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL
MARCH 22, 2021 – Following the Committee of the Whole Meeting - 7:52pm - Virtual**

Present: Mayor Jelinek, Alderpersons Dworak, Brewster, Schiller, Vollenweider, Stangel, Kuehl, Mills and Zimmerman.

Excused: None

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

Mayor Jelinek called the meeting to order at 7:52 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Jelinek opened public comment.

Kirt Johnson, 803 Milwaukee St., stated that he is glad that City Hall will be opening up, along with the in-person meetings. Mr. Johnson questioned once a house has been razed can you build on the lot or is it going to sit empty with no tax revenue coming in. Could a plan or program be developed where a Contractor could purchase the home for a minimal amount and fix them up and then sell the house. Mr. Johnson stated that the Council needs to use the money for Blight Elimination wisely.

Hearing no other comments, Mayor Jelinek closed public comment.

APPROVAL OF BOAT LAUNCH LIGHTING REPAIRS – AUGIE KINJERSKI

Aldersperson Vollenweider moved, seconded by Aldersperson Stangel, to award Harv’s Electric the contract to repair the Boat Launch Lights. Upon a roll call vote, Alderspersons Dworak, Brewster, Schiller, Vollenweider, Stangel, Kuehl and Zimmerman – aye, Aldersperson Mills – nay, motion carried unanimously.

AWARD BID FOR BLIGHT ELIMINATION – ROBBIE DAVISTER

Aldersperson Kuehl moved, seconded by Aldersperson Mills, to award the Blight Elimination Demo to Miesler Construction as presented. Upon a roll call vote, Alderspersons Dworak, Brewster, Schiller, Vollenweider, Stangel, Kuehl and Mills – aye, Aldersperson Zimmerman – nay, motion carried.

Enter into CLOSED SESSION, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e): Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specific public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session: Consider Request for Extension of Exclusivity Agreement for the Hamachek Property.

Aldersperson Mills moved, seconded by Aldersperson Kuehl to, convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (e). Upon a roll call vote motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION, PURSUANT TO WISCONSIN STATUTE 19.85(2)

Aldersperson Mills moved, seconded by Aldersperson Vollenweider, to reconvene into open session at 8:40 pm pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(2). Motion carried unanimously.

ANY ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

Discussion was held on a request from the Developer to enter into a Mutual Nondisclosure/Noncircumvent Agreement now that they have presented more financial information.

Aldersperson Schiller asked Attorney Nesbitt if it is possible for a City to enter into a Nondisclosure Agreement. Attorney Nesbitt responded by saying, a City can enter into a Nondisclosure Agreement, but he would caution that there is a provision in the Agreement that says “to the extent that the document is a public record obtainable through a request for open records,” then we have no liability for disclosing that documentation.

Aldersperson Schiller moved, seconded by Aldersperson Kuehl, that since the Developer has made substantial progress in its development as requested in the prior extension, as such the new extension is effective through June 30, 2021, upon the following conditions: an executed development agreement between the developer and the City of Kewaunee; a commitment from an acceptable financial institution to provide necessary debt financing for the project; the commitment of individuals or organizations or corporations to provide equity financing sufficient to complete the project; approval or status of the application for any grant or other program from the State of Wisconsin or other to complete the project; disclosure of all other material components of the project including whether the developer intends to pursue any franchise or license agreement for the operation of the hotel as well as if the developer intends to employ and identify who that would be as a third party manager of the property; and the Confidentiality Agreement be executed or accepted by the City upon the review and concurrence of the City Attorney. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – TUESDAY APRIL 20TH AT 7:00PM

Mayor Jelinek reminded everyone that the reorganizational Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20th at 7:00 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Aldersperson Vollenweider moved, seconded by Aldersperson Zimmerman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Terri Decur