

DRAFT MINUTES  
Mineral Point, Wisconsin  
January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

The Regular meeting of the Common Council was held at the City Hall Community Room on the above date and time.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Jason Basting @ 6:00 p.m. Roll call and Alderpersons present: Eckels, Wagner, Clark, Rash, Oellerich, Engels and Galle. Ald. Mitchell was absent. City Administrator - Clerk Treasurer Debi Heisner and Attorney Pfothenauer were also present.

A motion was made by Ald. Oellerich, seconded by Ald. Rash, to accept the minutes of the December Council Meeting. All in favor – motion carried.

A Motion was made by Ald. Engels and a second by Ald. Wagner to accept the minutes of the January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 special council meeting. All in favor – motion carried.

In Public Comment Leslie Reger wanted the council to know she was in support of the subject of adding a City Administrator position to the City.

In Mayors Correspondence Mayor Basting recognized City Attorney, Peter Pfothenauer for his 16 years of service to the City of Mineral Point. Attorney Pfothenauer will be resigning as of Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. The Mayor presented him with a plaque commemorating the dates of his service.

In Clerks Correspondence Clerk Heisner discussed upcoming April Election and those candidates who have taken out papers to be on the April ballot. For Ward 1 Greg Eckels has not taken out papers for re-election. David McCoy has taken out papers for Ward 1 Alderperson. Jim Rash is seeking re-election for Ward 2. Marla Mitchell is not seeking re-election and no one has taken out papers for Ward 3. Gary Galle has taken out papers for re-election for Ward 4. If anyone is wishing to be a write in for Council please contact Clerk Treasurer Debi Heisner for details.

The Finance Committee made a motion to proceed with the Simplified Rate Case with the PSC for a 3% increase on water rates. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The Finance Committee made a recommendation to hire Johnson Block to proceed with the doing a Full Rate Case of our water rates. There was a motion by Ald. Eckels and a second by Ald. Clark to proceed with this recommendation. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The Personnel and Police Committees made a motion to hire Sean Kibler, a part-time Mineral Point Police officer as full time to replace a resigning Full time Police Officer. His start date will be February 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

There was a motion by Ald. Wagner and a second by Ald. Oellerich to approve the appointment of Jerry Galle as an Alternate to the Board of Appeals. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

There was discussion on the January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Special meeting in regard to the hiring of a City Administrator. The Mayor is sending this issue to the Personnel committee.

There was a motion by Ald. Engels and a second by Ald. Oellerich to hire CGC out of Madison to conduct the geotechnical soil boring work at the site of the new City Garage/Police Department for \$3850. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

There was discussion on the noon whistle and a possible public hearing for input on eliminating the whistle. The Mayor has received requests to cease the noon whistle and feels a Public hearing would be beneficial prior to the February Council meeting @ 5:30 p.m. There were 4 in favor of a Public Hearing – Ald. Oellerich, Ald. Engels, Ald. Galle and Ald. Rash and 3 against – Ald. Eckels, Ald. Wagner and Ald. Clark. Motion carried.

The replacements of warning sirens were discussed. The replacement of one siren was put into the 2019 budget and Chief Weier is suggesting we start replacement process sooner than later. There are 2 sirens – one on Cothorn Street and one on Spruce Street. Chief Weier will contact PDC and have them come look at both sirens and evaluate which one requires more attention.

After much discussion there was a motion by Ald. Clark and a second by Ald. Oellerich to approve the “Class B” Liquor license for the Mineral Point Opera House. Motion carried on a roll call vote with Ald. Wagner and Ald. Engels Abstaining. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Ald. Clark and a second by Ald. Oellerich to approve the 2019-2021 Assessor Contract with Equity Appraisal Service. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

There was a motion by Ald. Oellerich and a second by Ald. Clark to approve an operator’s license for Tara Goodrich. All in favor – motion carried.

Ald Clark gave an update on the property Committee. We are moving forward with the geotechnical contract. There should be a meeting set up to discuss the old city garage.

The Finance Committee made a motion to pay the following bills from the General Fund: \$340,673.29, Water Fund: \$24,477.82, and the Sewer Fund: \$25,477.62 and the Dare account for \$185.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The next council meeting is scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 6 p.m.

A motion was made by Ald. Oellerich seconded by Ald. Rash to adjourn the January Regular council meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Debi Heisner  
City Administrator/Clerk Treasurer