**June 7, 2022**

The Independence City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 6:15 pm in the Council Room of the City Hall.

President Jason Ekern presided. Roll call was taken as follows Jason Ekern, Cleo Skroch, Connie Marsolek, Rich Theisen (Via phone for part of meeting), Deb Marsolek and Riley Foltz. Also present was Attorney Michalak and Julie Dick from the Trempealeau County Times.

Public Notice was given.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Foltz and seconded by Skroch to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Minutes:**

Motion by Skroch and seconded by C. Marsolek to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2022 presented. Motion carried.

**Public Comments**

* Police Chief Chad Halvorson stated that he is ready for the weekend, but working short staffed.

**Old Business:**

**Lake Dredge Update**

Nothing new.

**Parsons Energy Group Update**

Attorney Michalak was not present for an update,

**New Business:**

**Joe Bragger – Independence Public School**

Joe was not in attendance.

**Derrek Skroch – 6th Street Property**

Motion by D. Marsolek and seconded by Foltz to send the Skroch’s another letter extending their clean-up another 30 days. Motion by D. Marsolek and seconded by Foltz to amend the motion to have the letter be hand delivered by Officer Halvorson. Motion carried.

**Adoption of ATV Ordinance**

Motion by Foltz and seconded by Skroch to table this until the July meeting for clarification on wording since Attorney Michalak is not present. Motion carried.

**Change of Designated Route for ATV use.**

The council would like to change the designated streets to include Greene Street. Motion by Foltz and seconded by C. Marsolek to table until July.

**American Rescue Plan Funding Possibilities**

* Motion by Skroch and seconded by D. Marsolek to approve using ARPA funds in the amount of $7322.40 payable to R.J. Jurowski for installing the playground equipment at the Island Park. Motion carried with Cleo Skroch, Connie Marsolek, Rich Theisen, Deb Marsolek, riley Foltz and Jason Ekern voting aye.. Jason Ekern will meet with Eli to figure out placement if the equipment.
* We also received a bid from R.J. Jurowski for doing tuck-pointing on the exterior of City. Jason Ekern will check to see if they will extend their bid until the July City Council meeting.

**Block 1 Original Plat Alley and Parking**

The clerk was advised to get a copy of the property owners that was sent out so we can get working on this.

**Refinancing of 2017 General Obligation Loan**

The bank paperwork was not ready so they are doing an extension on the existing loan and action will be taken at our July council meeting.

**Licenses & Permits:**

**Building Permit:** The following building permit application was presented to the council for approval:

**Thomas Slaughter – 35863 Ash Street**

Replace existing garage with a family room addition and add on a 4-Car garage

Motion by Skroch and seconded by Foltz to approve the above application and grant the license. Motion carried.

**Picnic License:** The following Picnic License Application was presented to the council for approval.

***Independence Lions Club/Fire Department***

Independence Days – June 10th & 11th, 2022

Motion by Skroch and seconded by C. Marsolek to approve the above application and grant the license. Motion carried.

**Cigarette Licenses:**

The following applications for Cigarette Licenses were presented to the Council for Approval:

East End Bar The Zoo Bar

Sylver’s Bar Eagles Bar

Independence Store, LLC Indee Mini Mart LLC

Pietrek’s Service Station Dollar General

Motion by Skroch and seconded by D. Marsolek to approve the above applications as presented. Motion carried.

**Game Licenses:**

The following applications for Game Licenses were presented to the Council for Approval:

East End Bar The Zoo Bar

Sylver’s Bar Eagles Bar

Welcome Bar

Motion by Skroch and seconded by D. Marsolek to approve the above applications as presented contingent on holding a valid liquor license. Motion carried

**Liquor Licenses:**

The following applications for Class “A” Retailers licenses were presented to the Council for Approval:

***Indee Mini Mart, LLC Independence Store, LLC***

***DOLGENCORP, LLC***

Motion by Skroch and seconded by Foltz to approve the above applications and grant the licenses. Motion carried.

The following renewal application for a Class “B” Licenses to sell Fermented Malt Beverages was presented to the Council for Approval:

***Taqueria El Buen Pastor***

Motion by Foltz and seconded by D. Marsolek to approve the above application and grant the license. Motion carried.

The following renewal applications for Class “B” Licenses were presented to the Council for Approval:

***Eagles Bar*** – Motion by Skroch and seconded by D. Marsolek to approve the application. Motion carried.

***Sylver’s Bar*** - Motion by Foltz and seconded by C. Marsolek to approve the application. Motion carried.

***The Zoo Bar*** – Motion by Skroch and seconded by Foltz to approve the application. Motion carried.

***East End Bar & Grill –*** Motion by D. Marsolek and seconded by C. Marsolek to approve the application. Motion carried.

***Welcome Bar***

Motion by D. Marsolek and seconded by Foltz to deny the application as presented. Motion carried.

The following application for an Original Class “A” Retailers licenses were presented to the Council for Approval:

***Bushy’s Meat Market***

Motion by D. Marsolek and seconded by C. Marsolek to approve the above application and grant the licenses. Motion carried with 4 ayes, 1 absent and 1 abstention.

**Bartender Licenses:**

The following Bartender License renewals were presented to the council for approval.

***East End Bar*** – Lenice Pronschinske, Mary Jo Nichols, Amy Schock, David Witte III, Melissa Nichols, Susan Prudlick, Christopher Johnson, Crystal Dahl, Taylor Guza, Bruce Gamroth, Amy Puchalla, Julio Rodriguez and Kayla Knopps. Motion by Skroch and seconded by Foltz to approve the above licenses. Motion carried.

***The Zoo Bar*** – Christine Hensley, Wayne Palkowski, Scott Roskos, Eric Wilber, Linus Waldera and Cindy Putman. Motion by Skroch and seconded by Foltz to approve the above licenses. Motion carried.

***Eagles Bar*** – Adrian Mish, Richard Filla and Megan Manka, Motion by Skroch and seconded by D. Marsolek to approve the above licenses. Motion carried.

***Sylver’s Bar*** – Debra Prudlick, Michelle Halverson, Nicole Filla, Lisa Filla, Cleo Skroch, and Robert Baecker. Motion by C. Marsolek and seconded by Foltz to approve the above licenses. Motion carried.

***Indee Mini Mart*** – Diane Johnson, Judith Filla, Darlene Skroch, Teckla Jacobson and Cory Featherly. Motion by Foltz and seconded by C. Marsolek to approve the above licenses. Motion carried.

***Independence Store, LLC*** –, Kyliegh Larson and Adaelyn Kalk Motion by Foltz and seconded by C. Marsolek to approve the above licenses. Motion carried.

***Dollar General*** – Chandra Hass, Rachael Johnson, Maribel Flores and Aubrey Wozney. Motion by Foltz and seconded by Skroch to approve the above licenses. Motion carried.

***New Bartender Applications –*** Bethany Hendricks, David Myhre, Brandon Weeth and Sukham Preet Singh. Motion by Foltz and seconded by C. Marsolek to approve the above licenses. Motion carried.

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**Committee Reports**

* Streets & Utilities – This year’s plan is to pave Jefferson and Walnut Streets and
* sealcoat 5th Street and the Fire Station parking lot.
* Library – There plan is to clean the carpets in the fall. They are doing Tuesday nights in the park and have exotic rescue animals coming on June 23rd.
* Water/Sewer – Erickson Excavating will be doing the work at the NIC property and will also be replacing the water valves.
* Ordinance & Resolutions – Did a rough draft on the ATV Ordinance and worked on updating the Unsightly Properties ordinance.
* Law Enforcement Personnel – Back to square one on police applications. Applications have been extended to August 1st and the application for a 3rd officer has been revised.
* Summer Rec – The program is going smoothly. We are hosting tournaments 3 weekends during the month of June.

**Closed session pursuant to section 19.85 (1) (e) Wi stats for the purpose of deliberating and/or negotiating the purchase/sale of public property where competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.**

Motion by Foltz and seconded by C. Marsolek to move to closed session pursuant to section 19.85 (1) (e) Wis stats for the purpose of deliberating and/or negotiating the purchase of public property where competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Motion carried with Connie Marsolek, Deb Marsolek, Riley Foltz, Jason Ekern and Cleo Skroch voting aye. Rich Theisen was absent for the vote.

**Return to Open Session**

Motion by Skroch and seconded by Marsolek to return to open session. Motion carried.

**Approval of Invoices and Payroll**

Motion by Foltz and seconded by C. Marsolek to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried with Deb Marsolek, Riley Foltz, Jason Ekern, Cleo Skroch and Connie Marsolek voting aye. Rich Theisen was absent for the vote.

**Correspondence**

Nothing this month.

**Items for Next Agenda**

Lake Update

Parsons Energy

ATV Ordinance/Route

ARPA Funding

Block 1 Alley

Unsightly Property Update

2017 Loan Refinance

**Dates for Future Meeting**

City Council Meeting – Tuesday, July 5th @ 6:15

**Adjournment**

Motion by D. Marsolek and seconded by Foltz to adjourn. Motion Carried at 8:25 pm.

Lenice Pronschinske

City Clerk