

March 8, 2022

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the City of Eagle River was called to order at 5:20 P.M. by Mayor Jeff Hyslop.

Roll Call: Diane Marquardt, Kim Schaffer, and Ron Kressin. Also in attendance: Kristen Hanneman, and Robin Ginner.

Review and approval of Accounts Payable for City and Golf Course: *Motion by Kressin, 2nd by Schaffer to recommend payment of presented City and Golf Course payables to City Council. Carried on a roll call vote.*

Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Burkett to adjourn. Carried

Robin Ginner, City Administrator

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A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Eagle River was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Jeff Hyslop.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Roll Call: Kim Schaffer, Diane Marquardt, Ron Kressin, and Jerry Burkett was present via phone. Also in attendance: Kristen Hanneman, Robin Ginner, Mike Adamovich, Mike Sanborn, and Chris Dobbs.

Motion by Kressin, 2nd by Schaffer to approve the minutes of the 2/8/2022 Common Council meeting and 3/1/2022 Public Hearing. Carried.

A) Street Closing/temporary sign/amplification/display of goods permits:

Rick Reimer/Shotskis: World Record Shotski Attempt, to be revisited after public notification.

After the public hearing on March 8, Rick Reimer was asked to return with answers to a few questions. They attempted to reach the owners of Yeti's to discuss the event and how it would affect their business but were unable to speak with the proprietors. Becky Bolte touched base with the insurance company covering Shotskis, and it was confirmed that the coverage would include damage to any public and privately owned property. US Forest Service offices will approve off-premise emergency vehicle location during the event in the case of an emergency on USFS property. Driveways serving Yeti's Drive-In and Trig's will remain open to the public throughout the event. Reimer added that their establishment will remain open during the entirety of the event to help manage up to 1,400 people expected.

Burkett asked if this is anticipated to be an annual event. Reimer responded that it is, but they may need to consider different locations in the future. Hyslop added that the event will be re-evaluated afterward to make sure it's a good fit for the City of Eagle River. The proprietors reminded the Council and gallery that this is a fundraiser for the community, and not intended to be a revenue generator for their establishment. Burkett mentioned that he received two emails from concerned community members in his district because a Town of Lincoln business is holding an event that may interfere with the ability of Eagle River businesses to operate during the busiest time of the year. Reimer responded that they want to prove to the community that this will be a successful event for all.

John Bellman, community member, asked who will be paying for the extra police presence during the event. Burkett responded that the Vilas County Sheriff's Office would be offering the City a deputy at no cost.

Motion by Kressin, 2nd by Marquardt, to allow Shotskis to host the World Record Shotski Attempt contingent upon the driveways for Yeti's and Trig's remaining open, and subject to agreement with the US Forest Service office and under the approval of the Eagle River Chief of Police or her designee at the time of the event. Carried on a roll call vote.

B) Eagle River Revitalization Program/Main Street - 229 E. Wall Street: Karen Margelofsky updated the Council on progress at the Square and on the plans and budget received from DeLeers. Since the budget came in higher than expected, they are looking for ways to move forward with smaller improvements. Burkett expressed his appreciation for the amendment to the drawings moving the bathroom doors to a better location to help with safety.

Resolution #989 Authorizing submission of Wisconsin CDI grant program application for Riverstone Brewing Company at 219 N Railroad St: Because of the historic value of the building and the amount of work to be done, the project is a good candidate for the Wisconsin CDI grant program. The grant will be used for the addition of the brewery and to extend the roof line, but will not be used for interior remodeling.

Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin, to approve Resolution 989. Carried on a roll call vote. Burkett abstained from the vote.

C) River Trail Commission – Update on River Trail project connecting Eagle River to the Heart of Vilas Trail system along Highway 70 West: Representatives from the River Trail Commission gave an update on the development of the River Trail connecting Eagle River to the Heart of Vilas Trail in St. Germain. They will be returning in April to ask permission from the Council for the City of Eagle River to hold property easements into the Town of Lincoln for about ¾ of a mile west of the City limits. They requested questions from the Council so they can provide as much information as possible at the next meeting to allow the Council to make an informed decision on the issue. Burkett requested the City solicit permission from the Town of Lincoln to hold these easements. Ginner will request that permission from the Lincoln Town Chair.

D) MSA Update: A written update on current MSA projects was presented for review. Mike Sanborn added that the project is moving more slowly because of supply chain delays. *Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to approve pay request #6 by August Winters and Sons for WWTP upgrades in the amount of \$179,396.10. Carried on a roll call vote.*

E) Planning Commission: *Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Schaffer to appoint Debra Brown and Bill Doerr for three-year terms to the Planning Commission, effective 2022-2025. Motion carries.*

F) 2023-2027 Associated Appraisal Contract: \$10,300 in 2023, with \$100 increase per year for appraisal services: *Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Kressin, to approve the contract for Associated Appraisal for 2023-2027. Carried on a roll call vote.*

G) Resolution #990 Department of Public Works updated equipment billing increases for third-party projects, 2022 pricing: Updated pricing was presented for the contracting of Public Works equipment and manpower to local businesses and municipalities. Mike Adamovich added that the distance of the equipment rentals are within 30 miles of Eagle River, and the equipment is driven to those locations. Both the Mayor and Burkett recommended that we add a fuel surcharge to the fee schedule effective immediately given the current environment of increased fuel prices. *Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to approve Resolution 990 with the recommended addition of the fuel charge. Carried on a roll call vote.*

H) Borrowing Resolution #987, \$111,500: *Motion by Kressin, 2nd by Marquardt to approve Borrowing Resolution #987 authorizing the borrowing of \$111,500 at 2.6% fixed rate, for ten years, with \$300 in estimated loan fees, through IncredibleBank for a CAT Small Wheel Loader model 926M for the Department of Public works. Carried on a roll call vote*

I) Borrowing Resolution #988, \$47,300: *Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Kressin to approve Borrowing Resolution #988 authorizing the borrowing of \$47,300 at 2.30% fixed rate, for five years, with \$300 in estimated loan fees, through IncredibleBank for a John Deere 2700 E-Cut Hybrid Triplex Mower for the Golf course. Carried on a roll call vote.*

J) 2022 Donations: Kristen Hanneman asked for clarification on the donation process to local groups and organizations. It was established that a letter must be presented to the City to consider donations to local groups, ideally, prior to the budget development in the fall for the coming budget year. Two of the three donations noted on the agenda were not requested but had previously been annual approvals without a formal ask; the third donation was part of a formal agreement with the City and will be paid. It was decided that the two lacking a formal ask would be held off until such time as a request was received.

K) Approve payment of bills for the city and the golf course. *Motion by Kressin, 2nd by Schaffer to approve payment of the bills for the city and the golf course. Carried on a roll call vote.*

L) Administrators report on activities in all departments & general monthly duties. Kressin asked for clarification on the CWD issue and whether residents were allowed to feed deer. An explanation was provided and a reminder that the City has an ordinance against the feeding of deer in the City limits.

M) Police chief report on departmental activities. Chief Dobbs clarified the use of the Vilas County Sherriff Department shooting range in Conover, and why the City range is not sufficient for their training. She noted the range we have is too small to run scenario training and is frequently flooded. The ERPD feels it's a good effort to train together with the Sherriff's deputies to help build the relationship between the two departments. She did ask if ERL&W could potentially put in a light at the Conover shooting range as a trade for the use of the facility by our officers.

Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to adjourn the meeting at 7 P.M. Carried

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