

January 10, 2023

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the City of Eagle River was called to order at 5:15 P.M. by Mayor Hyslop.

Roll Call: Ron Kressin, Kim Schaffer, Diane Marquardt. Also in attendance: Becky Bolte and Robin Ginner. Jerry Burkett arrived at 5:27PM

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

*Motion by Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schaffer to adjourn at 5:52PM. Carried, all.*

Becky J Bolte – City Clerk

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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: Jerry Burkett, Ron Kressin, Kim Schaffer, and Diane Marquardt. Also in attendance: Becky Bolte, Robin Ginner, Kristin Hanneman, Mike Adamovich, Chris Dobbs, Tony Sable, and Kyle Anderson.

*Motion by Kressin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schaffer to approve the minutes of the 12/13/22 Finance Committee and Common Council meetings. Carried, all*

A) Street Closing/temporary sign/amplification/display of goods permits: Vintage World Championship Snowmobile Race, World Championship Snowmobile Derby, World Series of Snowmobile Racing, Clean Snowmobile Challenge, Eagle River Pickleball. *Motion by Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kressin to approve permits as presented. Carried, all*

B) Operator's licenses: Dustin Brand, Jessica Pollack, Courtney Hoffmann *Motion by Schaffer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marquardt to approve the presented regular operators licenses as presented. Carried, all*

C) Request for chickens at Northland Pines Elementary School: Nicole Musial addressed the Council requesting permission for 6-10 chickens to be kept at NPES. Burkett confirmed there would be no roosters. Schaffer felt comfortable with the number of chickens due to acreage they would be kept on. *Motion by Schaffer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kressin, to approve request for up to 10 chickens to be kept at NPES. Schaffer reminded applicant that if more than the approved, ten chickens, Musial would need to come before the Council again. Carried, all.*

D) Department of Public Works:

315 W. Illinois Street - DPW work to-date to help address groundwater and drainage issues with homeowner: Robin Ginner presented work done to date at the site by the City since 2017, reporting all MSA Engineering recommendations have been implemented, with final recommendation that homeowner install sump pump, with discharge going to ditch on Illinois Street and work with a company such as Sure Dry. Phil Kriesel of MSA Engineering opened the discussion with a history, dating back to 2017, of MSA engineers involvement in trying to mitigate surface water issues at the property located at 315 W Illinois St. Kriesel reported the house is located at the lowest point and there is not enough fall to redirect the water. MSA took borings and found the groundwater level was one inch below the crawlspace of the home. Kriesel confirmed the City had implemented MSA's recommendations by cleaning out ditches and installing a new, larger culvert. Kriesel also added the groundwater levels have changed over the past few years following an almost twenty-year drought cycle. The homeowner, Cindy Oliver, addressed the Council, stating her concerns that the area has a trench that is flowing back to her home. Oliver stated she hoped to have the swamp drained by her home and wanted the City to keep the ditches

cleaned. Kriesel informed the homeowner that dredging a wetland is not that easy and he felt it would not correct the problem even if a dredging permit were granted. Burkett asked Oliver what she wanted for resolution with Oliver responding she wanted the trench behind her house filled in. At this point, Ginner drafted an agreement stating the homeowner approves of filling in the trench behind the house to the wetlands at 315 W Illinois Street, and stating that if water infiltrates her home, it will be the homeowner's responsibility. Against the recommendation of Kriesel and Adamovich, the agreement was signed by Cynthia Oliver. *Motion by Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kressin to fill in the ditch behind the house at 315 W Illinois and behind neighbors' garage to swamp with MSA being on site to direct the process, as weather permits, spring 2023. Carried on a roll call vote, all.* DPW will continue to maintain the ditches and culverts as they currently exist.

Resolution #1000 Department of Public Works updated equipment billing increases for third-party projects, 2023 pricing: Ginner reported the need to increase the rates for 2023 based on the personnel wage increase. *Motion by Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schaffer to approve Resolution #1000 effective immediately, for DPW equipment billing for third party projects. Carried on a roll call vote, all.* Resolution is available for inspection in the Clerk's office, located at 525 E Maple St.

H) MSA – Monthly Update: A written report of current projects was supplied for review. *Motion by Schaffer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kressin to approve pay request #14 by August Winters and Sons for WWTP upgrades in the amount of \$265,528.88. Carried on a roll call vote, all.*

I) Golf Course:

Pro Shop and Greens Dept Updates: Superintendent Kyle Anderson reported the greens department is working on equipment maintenance, blowing the greens, and keeping up on plowing. Golf Pro Tony Sable had nothing to report.

Borrowing Resolution #1001: Financing for used, 2021 John Deere 9009A 4WD T4 Rough Mower for golf course - \$58,000 from Peoples Bank, 5 years at 5.35% interest rate, and \$350 closing fees: *Motion by Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kressin to approve Borrowing Resolution #1001 as presented. Carried on a roll call vote, all.*

Public Comment on Golf Course Clubhouse project, Peter John, on behalf of men's golf league: After much discussion, with Council answering that Chuck Hunter has been contracted for the design of the clubhouse project, the clubhouse is in design stage only at this point, explanation of previously discussed foundation issues from mistakes made 100 years ago with evidence of building shifting, confirming the building can continue to be used for some time, and the clubhouse has been inspected by Collins Excavating and Grading and twice by Chuck Hunter of Hunter Engineering. Peter John voiced concerns over how the clubhouse will be paid for, specifically concerning golf rate hikes. Hyslop stated the City will not be replacing exactly what is there, it needs to be affordable. Hyslop stressed to those in attendance that the clubhouse is in the design stage only. Burkett proposed, with Council approving, allowing Peter John access to the building with a licensed contractor for inspection, adding any inspections/evaluations ordered by Peter John will not be the financial responsibility of the City. Ginner also confirmed that the course is not for sale at this time. Hyslop and the Council reminded the attendees that coming to the public meetings is the best way to stay informed with accurate information, and that no action can be taken without a motion.

Clubhouse rendering from Barry Holtzman for information only, not for action: Holtzman presented a rendering of clubhouse building construct that would minimize timeframe for build, while maximizing square footage. Burkett commended Holtzman for helping with options.

G) Eagle River Revitalization Program Annual Report: Margelofsky presented the 2023 Mainstreet report. Margelofsky shared her gratitude and thanks for recognition for ERRP receiving the 2022 Eagle River Area Chamber

“Business of the Year” award, thanking the City for their involvement.

H) Approve payment of bills for the city and the golf course: *Motion by Schaffer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marquardt to approve payment of the bills for the city and the golf course as recommended by the Finance Committee. Carried on a roll call vote, all.*

I) Administrators report on activities in all departments & general monthly duties: Ginner presented a written update of department happenings for review.

J) Police chief report on departmental activities: Chief Dobbs supplied a written update of current activity and events for review.

*Motion by Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schaffer to adjourn the meeting at 7:23pm. Carried all.*

Becky J Bolte – City Clerk