

June 13, 2023

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

Roll Call: Ron Kressin, Kim Schaffer, and Diane Marquardt. Jerry Burkett arrived at 5:20PM. Also in attendance: Becky Bolte, Cory Hoffmann, and Robin Ginner.

Review and approval of Accounts Payable for City and Golf Course: *Motion by Burkett, 2nd 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, 2nd by Marquardt to adjourn at 5:57 P.M. 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 led by Marquardt and was recited by all present.

Roll Call: Ron Kressin, Kim Schaffer, Diane Marquardt, and Jerry Burkett. Also in attendance: Becky Bolte, Robin Ginner, Cory Hoffmann, Mike Adamovich, Chris Dobbs, Mike Sanborn, and Tony Sable

Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Kressin to approve the minutes of the 5/9/23 Finance Committee and Common Council meetings. Carried, all

At the request of Burkett, to accommodate Lincoln Chairman Bill Hassey and the Town of Lincoln scheduled regular meeting, Mayor Hyslop moved the item K) River Trail Commission to the beginning of the agenda.

K) River Trail Commission: The Chamber was filled to capacity. City Administrator Ginner gave a recap of her River Trail project analysis and recommendation submitted to the Council. Ginner's recommendations were recited: Recommending City support for the River Trail project, support for the originally proposed route down Hwy 70 into the City of Eagle River, stressing Sunset Rd to Hwy G alternative route was not a safe option, recommends finding alternative means for trail maintenance funding where City taxpayer funds would not be used, stating funding for the trail construction would be wholly met by GHT fundraising efforts and grants, recommending that easements would not to be held by the City but by the River Trail Commission, and stating that the City of Eagle River is firm on not accepting any requirement for the City of Eagle River and/or Town of Lincoln to remove snow from the trail during the winter months. Hyslop opened the floor for public comments, reminding all to be respectful. Bill Hassey, Chairman for the Town of Lincoln, was first to address the crowd and Council. Hassey stated the Town of Lincoln unanimously rejected the River Trail plan, stating the following reasons: Town of Lincoln did not want to be involved in any grants, concerns of total cost being unknown for construction and for maintenance, a number of Lincoln taxpayers have not agreed to easements to cross their property, and Lincoln felt that the Hwy 70 corridor was not a safe crossing due to speed and the fact that Hwy 70 is heavily traveled. Hassey asked that the City of Eagle River express the same concerns. Jeff Currie, Executive Director of Great Headwaters Trail (GHT) spoke to represent the River Trail project. Currie referred to Ginner's report asking Ginner to present her report to the room. Ginner summarized from her prepared report giving an overview. The River Trail project is a team effort involving the municipal partners of the River Trail Commission and GHT. The goals of the River Trail project are to connect the Eagle River community to the Heart of Vilas Trail system at St Germain and provide a safe, non-motorized option for people to bicycle, walk, roller blade, etc. The trail will connect Eagle River to St Germain through the Towns of Lincoln and Cloverland. Ginner talked on expected costs to the City, stating construction will not cost the City anything. Maintenance funding options were presented, with estimated fees being \$500 per mile per year. The construction cost for the entire project is approximately \$1 million/mile and a bridge estimated at \$1.5 million. Trail construction will be fully funded through grants, individual donations and foundation gifts. Ginner presented her assessment of the original proposed route along Hwy 70W versus an alternative proposed route on Sunset Rd,

listing benefits and concerns of both. The Hwy 70 trail system would be several feet off the highway for safety but would have two crossings of Highway 70, adding highly visible markings would be placed at those crossings. Currie added that he had provided Council with a petition in support of the River Trail to Eagle River signed by 250 people, and provided email correspondence in support of the River Trail to Eagle River. Eagle River Police Chief, Chris Dobbs, Joe Spitz, Kathy Russell, and Fred Williston all stated reasons why they believed the Sunset Rd alternative route was not safe, with Spitz, Russell, and Williston expressing their support of the River Trail, just not the Sunset Rd option. Attendees spoke on their support of having a bike trail and the positive impacts to the community. Scott Maciosek, Chairman for the Town of Cloverland, reported that Town of Cloverland was sponsoring the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant for the trail. Maciosek is concerned about not having the lots on both ends of the trail secured with easements. He also shared a story of safety concern on Hwy 70 resulting in a car having to swerve to avoid striking a kid crossing the highway. Maciosek asks that the City of Eagle River makes sure the lot easements to get into town are secured before going forward. Holly Tomlanovich expressed her concerns about using a TAP grant that could potentially prohibit shared use. Tomlanovich stated she is very adamant about shared use as she worked for 10 years to get the bridge at Denoyers. She asks that any TAP grant not include that section and asked that the group verify any restraints or requirements with the TAP grant before entering into grant, reporting horse use and ATV/UTV use would be prohibited on that bridge if TAP funds are used. Jim Swenson, St Germain Supervisor and Chairman of the River Trail Commission spoke of the benefits to the community as a whole and spoke to the safety concerns, stating having a trail several feet off of the highway IS the way to keep people safe. A bicycle trail to bring people to Eagle River in the summer months would produce added tourism dollars. Swenson asked that the community leaders show support to keep the ball rolling, adding support is infectious, asking the Council not to derail the project. Joe Spitz talked on the statements by Holly Tomlanovich and the importance of the different groups working together.

Mayor Hyslop then turned the floor over the Council members for discussion. Schaffer stated she was against the Sunset option citing safety as her concern adding the hinge point is the Lincoln landowners and easement procurement. Ginner stated that Steigerwalt Land Services is a professional company that specializes in getting easements. Kressin stated that although he wants to see the trail go forward and sees the benefits of it, he's torn because of safety concerns, crossing Hwy 70 being one of the concerns and also about Lincoln easements. He's concerned that if easements are not procured, we could potentially end up not being able to continue and wouldn't be fiscally responsible. Kressin gave an example of one property that would not have a safe distance between trees and road that could potentially cause an easement problem. Ginner again explained the City supporting the project would help get the wheels in motion for Steigerwalt to begin trying to obtain easements. Kressin is in favor of Steigerwalt getting involved. Marquardt expressed safety concerns for crossing the highway and also shared stories of close calls from both motorists and bicyclists not paying attention. Marquardt also stated that was she was for the trail but reiterated safety concerns. Burkett stated he felt there was a misunderstanding in the room, stating nobody is against the bike trail. A comment was made from the audience that the snowmobile trails cross the highway and safety concerns haven't shut those trails down. Burkett addressed the statement by reminding all of differences in the amount of traffic in summer months versus winter months. Burkett then read a letter from Vilas County Sheriff, Joe Fath, regarding plans for Wisconsin River Bike Trail, dated Friday June 9th:

"I have been advised that there are plans to build a bike trail along STH 70/17 west from Eagle River towards St. Germain, WI. I observed the route that is planned. This section of STH 70 along the four-lane highway to STH 17 south has a higher traffic volume in Vilas County than most roadways. The intersection of STH 17S and STH 70W is an intersection that sees more crashes with motor vehicles than most other intersections in Vilas County.

I understand that the bike trail will cross STH 70 at least 3 times after leaving Eagle River. In my opinion this will create a dangerous route for bicyclists.

I would encourage the planning group to consider using a route down CTH G west towards Sunset Road or Musky Road to Wilderness Trail rather than west of STH 70/17."

/s/ Joseph A Fath - Sheriff

Burkett stated there were 22 landowners in Lincoln who do not want to give easements for the trail. Burkett also expressed he did not want the trail to be on Sunset and that it comes down to too much traffic and just isn't safe. Burkett stated he was not against bikes but cannot support the trail being 10' off a heavily traveled four-lane highway, adding again that the Vilas County Sheriff doesn't want it. Burkett commended the work done by Ginner and by Jeff and Ann Currie. The City of Eagle River is for a safe bike trail. Burkett stating he cannot vote for the bike trail along the four-lane, he's all for a safe bike trail somewhere else, again expressing his safety concerns on the currently proposed route.

Sidewalks along the route were discussed as a riding option with Mayor Hyslop reminding the audience that again they are referring to sidewalks in an area that would have to go through the Town of Lincoln. Currie added he understood the safety and easement concerns stating a company is available to assist them in securing the needed easements, and a trail to keep people off the roads is for safety. Mayor Hyslop shared his concerns for safety from Hwy 17 into Eagle River stating that there is no perfect solution, but getting bicycles off the highway is a good move. Hyslop stated anyplace where the bicycles and traffic are interacting is where the high risk is, stating he feels riding with the traffic is more dangerous than the crossing as the interaction is longer and continues over and over as traffic passes. Hyslop's perceptions and experience on the road with bicycles interacting with vehicles leads to his concerns with bicycles running on the roads. Hyslop summarized that maybe the process should continue to move forward and see where it goes, adding other solutions may come about as time progresses. Hyslop reminded that tonight's vote was to take the next step or leave it where it is. Hyslop reiterated that the City would not be responsible for any requirement to remove snow from the trail.

Recommendation for continued participation in the River Trail Commission and planning process for the River Trail Project: Motion by Burkett, seconded by Kressin to continue participation in the River Trail Commission and planning process for the River Trail Project as long as it does not parallel Hwy 17/70 going west from the City up to the end of 17/70 corridor, where Hwy 17 turns south. Carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: Burkett, Kressin, Marquardt Nays: Schaffer

Support for River Trail Commission to hold easements as needed in the City of Eagle River and Town of Lincoln for development of trail: Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to support the River Trail Commission to hold easements as needed in the City of Eagle River and Town of Lincoln for development of trail. Carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: Schaffer, Kressin, Marquardt Nays: Burkett

Mayor Hyslop moved item I to next on the agenda.

I) Bridge Street crossing changes for ATV/UTV traffic: Gary Lagueux Jr., Trailboss for Landover ATV Club expressed support on the rerouting the of ATV/UTV trail avoiding the crossing of Hwy 45 by Riverview Park as presented. The new route will run 200' feet as two-way traffic from the North end of Riverview Drive to the cul-de-sac at W Division, down W Division to Willow to W Wall, following W Wall into town. This would close the ATV/UTV crossing of Hwy 45 at Riverview for ATV/UTV's only, snowmobiles would still use the Hwy 45 crossing at Riverview Park area. Holly Tomlanovich again expressed concern on impact of funding as the trail is a dual impact usage trail (snowmobile and ATV/UTV). Chief Dobbs reported that Todd Biermann has reviewed the change and is in agreement with it. Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to proceed with Hwy 45 crossing changes by Riverview Park as presented for ATV/UTV traffic, running 200' feet as two-way traffic from the North end of Riverview Drive to the cul-de-sac at West Division, down West Division to Willow to West Wall, following West Wall into town. To give time to confirm funding implications the change may cause with Todd Bierman of Vilas County Parks and Recreation, a motion was made by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to withdraw the motion and postpone the agenda item until later in the meeting. The item was brought back to the table at the end of meeting with no response on funding implications for the trail. Motion by Shaeffer, 2nd by Kressin to proceed with Hwy 45 crossing changes by Riverview Park as presented for ATV/UTV traffic, running 200' feet as two-way traffic from the North end of Riverview Drive to the cul-de-sac at West Division, down West Division to Willow to West Wall,

following West Wall into town, determined upon it having no effect on trail funding. Carried on a roll call vote, all

Mayor Hyslop moved item L to next on the agenda.

L) MSA – Monthly Update: Phil Krisel presented from a written report of current projects supplied for review. Krisel reported that the ditch at the Minnesota Street Park has been filled in.

Mayor Hyslop moved item J to next on the agenda.

J) ***Extra-jurisdictional authority, sign-off on Lake Forest development plat.*** Ginner explained that the State of Wisconsin is requiring anyone with extra-jurisdictional authority in the Lake Forest development area, sign off on their development plat. Because a corner of the development falls within a mile and a half of Eagle River, the City would need to approve their plat or waive review of the plat. Resolution #1010 was presented to waive the extraterritorial plat review for any and all plats related to the Crossing at Lake Forest, North Development LLC, owner. *Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to approve Resolution #1010 as presented, waiving City of Eagle River extraterritorial plat review for any and all plats related to The Crossing at Lake Forest". Carried on a roll call vote, all.*

A) Street Closing/temporary sign/amplification/display of goods permits: Movies in the Riverview Park – Olson Memorial Library ex post facto, Heartland Communications -WRJO Street Dances, Abundant Life Church – Vacation Bible School, Rotary Club of Eagle River – 62nd Annual Rotary Antiques Show and Sale, Vilas County Ag Society – Vilas County Fair, Three Eagle Half Marathon & 5K. *Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to approve all event permits as presented. Carried, all*

B) Operator's licenses: Regular: Judith Akins, Michael Amber, Rose Bauknecht, Candice Behnke, Linda Bellman, Jonathan Braaten, Tessa Coleman, JoAnn Errington, Sandra Franciskovich, Dawn Giese, Jessica Goulet, Erin Hartman, Meg Hayes, Theresa Iacucci, Matthew Justice, Andreana Lobermier, Candy Loppnow, Michael Nabbefeld, Gail Newitt, Marla Nyman, Lisa Opfer, Elizabeth Phillipich, Elke Rea, Linda Remington, Mary Kay Rogers, Joseph Romdenne, Michelle Root-McDaniel, Terri Schenck, Julia Schilling, Kyla Schneider, Todd Schroeckenthaler, Vicki Schuerr, Tyler Sims, Kevin Sullivan, Taylor Tervo, Laura Trammell, Terry Tryggeseth, Melissa Upchurch, Jeff Vollenweider, Angela Weist, Larry Raddatz, June Clure, Jessica Pritchard, Chelsey Blicharz, John Ariola Pending: Chad Wright, Mary Davidson, Karen Dugre, Kristine Jones *Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Marquardt to approve regular operator's licenses as presented and pending licenses contingent on approval from the Chief of Police. Carried, all*

C) Picnic Licenses: Class "B" Beer and Class "B" Wine Vilas County Fair. *Motion by Kressin, 2nd by Burkett to approve picnic licenses as presented. Carried, all*

D) Taxi Business License: J Barnes & Company. *Motion by Kressin, 2nd by Marquardt to approve taxi business license to J Barnes & Company as presented. Carried, all*

E) Taxi Drivers Licenses: John T Barnes and Michael Gray. Mayor Hyslop and Chief Dobbs had provisionally approved Michael Gray license until Council convened for their regular meeting. *Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Schaffer to issue taxi drivers licenses to John T Barnes and Michael Gray. Carried, all*

F) Direct Sales Permits: Don Malott, Employer/James Wu, Seller – Hot tub sales from tent at Eagle Lanes, June 14th through June 28th. *Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Burkett to approve direct sales permit as presented to Don Malott employer/James Wu Seller. Carried, all*

G) Permit for the Sale & Storage of Class C Fireworks: Winston Slavens – Phantom Fireworks Eastern Region at Pick N Save parking lot, 711 US Hwy 45. *Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Marquardt to approve permit for the sale and storage of Class C fireworks within the City limits to Winston Slavens, Phantom Fireworks Eastern Region. Carried, all*

H) Liquor License Renewals: Riverstone Brewing – Authorization to use Class B combo liquor license using Tiki bar area only until building construction is complete at 219 N Railroad. *Burkett abstained from voting. Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to authorize Riverstone Brewing to use the Class B Combination Liquor License for the Tiki bar area only while construction continues, contingent on City receiving copy of temporary State Occupancy Permit. Carried on a roll call vote, Ayes: Schaffer, Kressin, Marquardt Abstaining: Burkett*

180-day waiver review – Hiker Box LLC, 211 S Railroad St. Tom Stephens and Jessica Allen of Hiker Box LLC were unable to attend but confirmed by written email that they have had sales and are actively using the Class B Combo liquor license at 211 S Railroad St.

Liquor License Renewals 7/1/23 – 6/30/24:

Name	DBA	Physical Address	Agent
<u>Class A Combination Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverages:</u>			
CMAJ Co	Arrow Gift Shop	201 E Wall St	Mary Kate Hayes
Dolgencorp LLC	Dollar General Store 9967	1060 E Pine St	Melody Laudolff
Indianhead Oil Co LLC	Holiday Stationstore #49	226 S Railroad St	Deborah Clemens
Indianhead Oil Co LLC	Holiday Stationstore #257	928 N Railroad St	Phyllis Clate
Krist Oil Co	Krist Food Mart	114 W Pine St	Stacy Oas
Kwik Trip Inc.	Kwik Trip 131	201 W Wall St	Jennifer M Framnes
T.A. Solberg Co Inc.	Trigs Food and Drug	925 E Wall St	Terry Tryggeseth
T.A. Solberg Co Inc.	Trigs Shell Eagle River	1005 E Pine St	Terry Tryggeseth
Ultra Mart Foods LLC	Pick-n-Save #6351	711 N Railroad St	Gregory Butler
Walgreen Co	Walgreens #12545	108 W Wall St	Melissa Upchurch
<u>Class B Combination Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverages:</u>			
Links Pub & Gill at ERGC LLC	Links Pub & Grill	457 E McKinley Blvd	Arthur Hollis
Hiker Box LLC	The Hiker Box	211 S Railroad St	Jessica L Allen
Dantam1985 LLC	Buckshots Downtown	207 E Wall St	Daniel G Ullsperger
Edy B's Inc	The White Spruce	419 N Railroad St	Clarence E Blankinship
Erins Pub & Grub LLC	Erins Pub & Grub	933 N Railroad St	Erin Dreger
Riverstone Brewing Co	Riverstone Brewing Co	219 N Railroad St	Daniel Ullsperger
Hodag Hospitality Holdings	Eagle Lanes	534 W Pine St	Michael A Kocourek
Hold on Tight Inc.	Smuggler's	123 S Railroad St	Maureen Thornborrow
Jessica's Cucina LLC	Bortolotti's Cin Cin	1114 N Bluebird Rd	Jessica Bortolotti-Johnstone
The Craftsman American Tav	The Craftsman American Tavern	118 S Main St	Matthew Justice
The Tiny Tap LLC	The Tiny Tap	127 S Railroad St	Mark J Vanden Boom
The Warehouse Inc.	The Warehouse	107 S Railroad St	Donna Murray Tiedge
Veterans Resource Center Inc	Veterans Resource Center	418 W Pine St	Dennis Geiseman
WCD Complex LLC	WCD Complex	1311 N Railroad St	Thomas M Anderson
Williams Supper Clubs LLC	Williams Pine Gables Supper Club	1002 W Pine St	Gregory B Williams
<u>Class B Beer:</u>			
Hodag Hospitality Holdings	Hi Pines Campground LLC	1919 Hwy 45 N	Michael A Kocourek
<u>Class B Beer and Class C Wine:</u>			
Aiello's on Wall St LLC	Aiello's on Wall Street	208 E Wall St	Tina M Aiello
ER Walkers LLC	Leifs Café	904 N Railroad St	Raul Torres
Hodag Hospitality Holdings	Vilas Cinema	214 E Wall St	Michael A Kocourek
Mary Kate's Wine Bar	Mary Kate's Wine Bar	205 E Wall St	Mary Kate Hayes
Trees for Tomorrow Inc.	Trees for Tomorrow	519 E Sheridan St	Amanda Gingerich

Motion by Kressin, 2nd by Schaffer to approve 7/1/23 – 6/30/24 liquor license renewal applications as presented. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

M) Eagle River Light & Water: Resolution #1009 to adopt the 2022 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Sanborn reviewed the report with the Council. Daryl Rutkowski gave an overview of the report with an explanation of violation listed under Effluent Quality and Plant Performance citing it was due to working with MSA on an alternative system for one month but have since reverted back to their previous procedure. *Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Kressin, to adopt Resolution #1009 adopting the 2022 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for the Wastewater Treatment Plant as presented. Carried on a roll call vote, all.*

N) Golf Course: Golf Pro Tony Sable provided a written report for review. Sable reminded all that they are celebrating their 100-year anniversary at the course. Sable commended Course Superintendent Kyle Anderson and his crew for the state of the course, reporting the course is in great shape. Sable reported revenues were up from last year at this time.

O) Eagle River Revitalization Program: Ginner discussed the WEDC/CDI grant for the Rotary Square project. The project consists of two separate projects, building and landscaping. Attorney Garbowicz has given his approval to move ahead with the WEDC/CDI grant for the landscaping portion of the project. *Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Kressin to accept \$50,000 WEDC/CDI grant for Rotary Square project pending confirmation of changes of WEDC amended contract and City Attorney approval and to give Mayor Hyslop the authority to sign the amended contract. Carried on a roll call vote, all*

Approve Construction Contract between City and Rotary for Rotary Square project: *Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to approve the building construction contract between the City of Eagle River and Eagle River Rotary for the Rotary Square project. Carried on a roll call vote, all.*

Approve Maintenance Agreement between City and Revitalization for Rotary Square. ERRP will take over financial responsibility for maintenance for 10 years with successive one-year renewals. *Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to approve the Maintenance Agreement between the City of Eagle River and Eagle River Revitalization for Rotary Square. Carried on a roll call vote, all.*

P) Move to extend zoning permit fee exemptions to Northland Pines School District, with the exception of new buildings or additions. Ginner explained the City would like NPSD to complete permit applications to share information but would waive the fee on anything but new buildings or additions. *Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Marquardt to extend zoning permit fee exemptions to Northland Pines School District, excepting any new buildings, additions, or any expansion of the footprint of the buildings. Carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: Burkett, Marquardt, Schaffer Nays: Kressin*

Q) Approve payment of bills for the city and the golf course: *Motion by Schaffer, 2nd 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.*

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

S) Administrators report on activities in all departments & general monthly duties: Ginner presented a written update of departmental happenings for review. Ginner updated Council on the status of the State Bill regarding shared revenue, reporting the City of Eagle River is looking at a 240.6% increase, from \$23K to approximately \$80K. Ginner also reported Pick-n-Save has hired a company to clean the former green house area at 711 US Hwy 45.

T) Treasurer's monthly update: Hoffmann supplied a written update for review.

U) Clerk's monthly update: Bolte supplied a written update for review, reporting the Clerks Report was being written as a cross between an update to the Council and a procedural manual of the Clerk position.

Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Carried all.

Becky J Bolte - Clerk