

**JUNE 1, 2020 COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF EDGERTON**

Mayor Christopher Lund called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Sarah Braun (remotely), Casey Langan, Candy Davis, Robert Reynolds, Anne Radtke (remotely), and Jim Burdick.

Others Present: City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, City Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Hegglund, Municipal Services Director Howard Moser, Utility Director Randy Oren (remote), Police Chief Bob Kowalski, Aquatics Director Anne Gohlke, Library Director Kirsten Almo, City Attorney Bill Morgan, The Edgerton Reporter and a few citizens.

Hegglund confirmed the meeting agendas were properly posted on Friday, May 29, 2020 at the Post Office, City Hall, Edgerton Library entrance door and City's website.

ACCEPT THE AGENDA: A Candy Davis/Jim Burdick motion to accept the agenda as printed passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: David Evenchenko, 205 E Lawton St appeared with concerns about the condition of the property at 207 E Lawton St. He stated the property was purchased over 3 years ago and the owner has not kept up the property. The lawn is not getting mowed or the snow shoveled, and construction materials are all over the property. He feels this is a hazard to the neighborhood.

Roger Schoonover 804 N Main St, appeared with concerns about the condition of the property at 802 N Main St. He feels the property owner is being allowed to ignore the laws. He stated the back lawn is not getting mowed and the property is not being kept up.

MINUTES: A Jim Burdick/Casey Langan motion to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2020 Common Council meeting with corrections passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

RE-OPENING PUBLICLY OWNED FACILITIES & SERVICES: Mayor Lund stated he is not in favor of a local order. He feels a local order would have no impact since people could just go a few miles outside of the city and take part in activities that would be restricted here.

Anne Radtke thought it was a good idea to follow the Rock County guidelines.

Event Packets: The Council discussed the approval of event packets. Most of the annual events for this summer have already been cancelled. However, there may be some event packets that will be brought forward. The Council could deny, approve with condition of following the County guidelines, or approve with no restrictions.

Robert Reynolds suggested the Council review each event packet on a case by case basis. Each event will be different and require different restrictions.

A Candy Davis/Robert Reynolds motion to continue with the current process of approval for event packets and have the Council evaluate each on a case by case basis keeping the Rock County Guidelines in mind passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

Team Sports: The City does not run the team sports organizations; however, the teams do use the city-owned facilities and the city does provide preparation services for team sports organizations.

The County Guidelines do not recommend team sports until phase 3. The Council could (1) prohibit all team sports in public parks which is enforceable by the local police; (2) allow team sports without restrictions and provide support; or (3) prevent team sports, not enforce against those that play team sports but not provide any support services until team sports are in compliance with the Rock County Guidelines.

Robert Reynolds stated he would like to see the team sports go on but feels we should not put city employees in danger by providing services.

The Youth Baseball Board President, Travis Doerr stated the board is split in regards to continuing with team sports. He suggested it would be very difficult to follow social distancing when you have that many kids and parents together. They would be willing to follow the guidelines set forth by the Council.

Tim Kahl, Softball Board President, stated that most of the surrounding softball teams, play their games on school property. Therefore, they are limited to where they can play because school properties are closed.

Candy Davis stated she feels the Council should not be more rigid than the County by prohibiting team sports, however she also feels the city should not provide any city services if it does not follow the County Guidelines.

Robert Reynolds stated he feels it should be left up to the boards of each team sport to make the decision if their teams will participate, however he does not feel the city staff should be put in danger by providing services.

A Jim Burdick/Candy Davis motion to recommend team sports follow the Rock County Guidelines, the City will not enforce compliance, but will not provide any city services until team sports are allowed according to County guidelines passed on a 5/1 roll call vote. Anne Radtke voted against the motion.

Park Restrooms: The City has public restrooms at Racetrack Park by the shelter and ball diamonds and in Central Park by the pool. The Racetrack Park restrooms are cleaned and maintained by the DPW staff and the Central Park restrooms are cleaned and maintained by the pool staff. The restrooms near the Racetrack park shelter could be open during shelter rentals by providing a key to the renter. If restrooms are open, daily sanitation would be needed which would require more staff time.

A Candy Davis/Jim Burdick motion to leave Racetrack Park restrooms closed until all team sports are allowed according to Rock County Guidelines (phase 3), and to provide a key to the restroom (on the hill) if there is a shelter rental passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

Pool opening: Staff has evaluated recommendations from the CDC; the Wisconsin Dept of Health Services; the Rock County Health Department; and other available resources regarding pool openings. Currently the County plan recommends pools can open under Phase 1 but restrict the number of patrons to 25% capacity.

Candy Davis asked how the management and staff would handle the restrictions of operating at 25% capacity. She had a concern about the staff's comfort level in turning people away if the pool is at capacity.

Aquatics Director Anne Gohlke stated the cashiers would keep track of the number of people coming and going. One possibility would be to only operate on a 2-hour time interval. That would allow the premise to be emptied, cleaned, and allow a new set of patrons to enter. It would also give more patrons the opportunity to use the facility.

Jim Burdick stated he liked the time interval option. He also suggested limiting entrance to residents only. Ramona Flaniagan suggested this would put a burden on the staff to check documentation. Anne Gohlke stated many of the younger patrons arrive without an adult and may not have residency documentation.

Casey Langan inquired how the social distancing would be implemented. He suggested requiring all underage patrons to have an adult with them. Anne Gohlke felt social distancing is going to have to be self-managed, however she is planning to have a staff member walk the premise to remind patrons of the social distancing recommendations. The biggest issue in social distancing will be the patrons that are out of the water. The CDC suggests the virus will be less likely spread in the water due to the chemicals in the pool.

Mayor Lund stated the pool does not make a profit for the City. By minimizing the attendance, the cost to the tax payers will increase. Casey Langan asked what the savings would be if the city did not open the pool. Ramona Flanagan stated the anticipated loss to the city for the operation of the pool was \$92,000. If the pool does not open there would be no revenue but some of the operating expenses would be eliminated also. There have been some capital expenditures that have already occurred. Anne Gohlke has put in some time to interview and hire staff so her wages would need to be paid. The utility bills also still need to be paid. The estimated loss for the pool if not open would be about \$17,000 as compared to \$92,000. Ramona Flanagan stated if the pool capacity is restricted at 25%, the loss would be greater. The exact amount of loss is difficult to determine due to the unpredictability of the weather and the number of patrons that would utilize the pool.

Rock County will analyze COVID metrics and determine if they are going to move into the next phase on Thursday.

A Robert Reynolds/Casey Langan motion to postpone the pool opening discussion until Monday June 8, 2020 passed on a 5/1 roll call vote. Anne Radtke voted against the motion.

A Special Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: A Candy Davis/Robert Reynolds motion to approve the bills and payroll list in the amount of \$95,575.28 passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

A Candy Davis/Jim Burdick motion to approve Class “B” Beer license renewals for: Marios’s Italian Restaurant LLC, agent Carla Zimmerman, and Edge Events LLC, agent Sarah Braun passed on a 5/0/1 roll call vote. Sarah Braun abstained.

A Candy Davis/Jim Burdick motion to approve the “Class B” combination liquor license renewals for: Towne Country Club Inc, agent Michael Hesselman; 2 Brothers Bar & Grill, agent Ilir Banushi; Café on Main, agent Ilir Banushi, El Patron Mexican Grill, agent Alejandro Ramirez; Last Nite Bar, agent Terry Nottestad; TK’s Decoy Bar & Grill, agent Tom Kuhlow; Pit Stop of Edgerton, agent James Lytle; The Baron LLC, agent Ilir Banushi; and Lounge 1848, agent Ilir Banushi passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

A Candy Davis/Jim Burdick motion to approve the Class “A” Beer license renewals for Kwik Trip #675, agent Sarah Pierce and Stop N Go #214, agent Andrew Bowman passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

A Candy Davis/Jim Burdick motion to approve the “Class A” combination liquor and beer license renewals for: Cowley’s Family Foods Inc Piggly Wiggly, agent Jason Cowley; Game Day Beverage Inc, agent Jasper Kaur; Casey’s General Store #3731, agent Heidi Marcyes ; and Burn’s Full Service LLC, agent Casey Burns passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

A Candy Davis/Jim Burdick motion to approve the Class “C” Wine license renewal for Edge Events LLC, agent Sarah Braun passed on a 5/0/1 roll call vote. Sarah Braun abstained.

A Candy Davis/Jim Burdick motion to approve Cigarette & Tobacco license renewals for Family Dollar; Game Day Liquor; Cowley’s Piggly Wiggly; 2 Brothers Bar & Grill; Kwik Trip; Stop-N-Go; Burn’s Full Service; and Casey’s General Store passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

A Candy Davis/Jim Burdick motion to approve a Dance Hall permit to: The Baron; 2 Brothers Bar & Grill; Lounge 1848; TK’s Decoy; Edgerton Towne Country Club; and Last Nite Bar & Grill passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

A Candy Davis/Robert Reynolds motion to approve Sandwich Board permits for: The Baron; 2 Brothers Bar & Grill; Lounge 1848; Game Day Liquor; Emmaus Community Church; and Ripples Resale passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

A Candy Davis/Jim Burdick motion to approve Private Property on Public Sidewalk permits for Burns Full Service and Ripples Resale passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

A Candy Davis/Robert Reynolds motion to award the Henderson St reconstruction bid to Nelson Excavating in the amount of \$74,563 passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

A Candy Davis/Jim Burdick motion to approve upgrades to the City owned parking lot on the corner of Henry and Rollin St for an estimated cost of \$9,700 passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

A Candy Davis/Jim Burdick motion to approve the addendum to the Cedar Corporation contract to include construction engineering for the W Rollin St project passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

A Candy Davis/Robert Reynolds motion to approve the addendum to the Cedar Corporation contract to include construction engineering for the Henderson St project passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

A Candy Davis/Jim Burdick motion to approve the addendum to the Cedar Corporation contract to include construction engineering for the west side pond project passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

A Candy Davis/Robert Reynolds motion to direct staff to pursue the negotiation of a cell tower lease located by the city garage passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

RENTAL OF ATHLETIC FIELDS: The City received a request from a regional lacrosse club to use the large soccer field at Racetrack Park for their practices. They requested the use of the fields on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:30 for the month of June and possibly into July. At this time the city does not have a policy regarding rental of the athletic fields. Staff contacted the High School soccer coach and the EYSA leaders. Both coaches expressed concern about the wear and tear on the fields. The High School coach stated that if allowed, the high school team would start practice on July 2nd so they would need to use the fields.

An Anne Radtke/Jim Burdick motion to deny any requests to use the athletic fields unless it is for a local group tied on a 3/3 roll call vote. Sarah Braun, Robert Reynolds and Jim Burdick voted against the motion. Mayor Lund broke the tie with a yes vote. The motion passed.

Being no other business before the Council, a Candy Davis/Robert Reynolds motion to adjourn passed on a 5/1 roll call vote. Jim Burdick voted against the motion.

Cindy Hegglund/wl
City Clerk-Treasurer

Adopted June 15, 2020