MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD CITY HALL ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023

A. Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Neitzke at 5:16 PM.
Present: Alderpersons Denise Collins, Bruce Bailey, Karl Kastner, Shirley Saryan
Excused: Pamela Akers
Also present: Jennifer Goergen, City Clerk

B. New Business

1. Discussion and decision to approve an updated agreement with Catalis Tax & CAMA, Inc. (formerly Grota Appraisals, LLC) for assessment services for a term ending July 31, 2025. (P. Schafer)

   Mayor Neitzke said that this is the new corporate structure of our assessor.

   Motion by Alderperson Kastner, seconded by Alderperson Collins to approve.

   Under discussion, Mayor Neitzke said that Catalis used to be Grota.

   On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and decision to appoint a new city assessor. (P. Schafer)

   Mayor Neitzke appointed Les Ahrens as the official City Assessor. Mike Smigelski works for the company, and he does our stuff, but an appointment needs to be made for the City Assessor. The assessing firm will be Catalis Tax & CAMA, Inc., which formerly was Grota Appraisals. Mike Grota was appointed as the City Assessor, but he is now taking a part-time role at the company. Les Ahrens is our Assessor. He is not a city employee, and we contract the assessing services, but we have to name a City Assessor when it comes to legalities.

   Mayor Neitzke appointed Les Ahrens as the new City Assessor. Motion by Alderperson Collins, seconded by Alderperson Bailey to confirm appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Common Council to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1)(g), to consider the following:

   a. Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

      Motion by Alderperson Collins, seconded by Alderperson Bailey to go into closed session at 5:20 PM. On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Adjourn closed session and reconvene into open session.

   Motion by Alderperson Kastner, seconded by Alderperson Collins to adjourn closed session and reconvene into open session at 5:34 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Decision to approve legal representation agreement between City of Greenfield and Lichtsinn & Haensel, S.C. with Atty. Joseph A. Abruzzo representing and providing legal services, and authorize Mayor to sign agreement.

   Motion by Alderperson Kastner, seconded by Alderperson Bailey to approve. On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

C. Adjourn

Motion by Alderperson Collins, seconded by Alderperson Bailey to adjourn at 5:35 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer Goergen, City Clerk

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