

MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD CITY HALL ON TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023

A. Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Neitzke at 7:00 PM.

Present: Alderpersons Andrew Drzewiecki, Bruce Bailey, Karl Kastner, Pamela Akers, Shirley Saryan

Also present: Jeff Katz, Director, Neighborhood Services; Jennifer Goergen, City Clerk.

B. Opening Prayer

An opening prayer was given by Pastor Steve Rogers.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Neitzke jumped to agenda item E.

D. Approval of the April 18, 2023 Common Council minutes

Motion by Alderperson Kastner, seconded by Alderperson Bailey to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Neitzke went to agenda item E1.

E. Mayor's Report

Mayor Neitzke said that he is very proud of the Police Department for how they acted. He spoke about the budget and public safety; that his thoughts and prayers go out to our entire force; how the fires on Monday were handled; and to never lose sight of the public safety component of our jobs; and he thanked Pastor Rogers for his services.

Mayor Neitzke went to agenda item D.

1. Appointment of Weed Commissioners

Mayor Neitzke reappointed John Nehm and Mark Gregory and/or their assigns as Weed Commissioners.

F. Aldermanic Reports

Alderperson Bailey spoke about Arbor Day at 10 AM at Konkel Park on Saturday, May 6th.

Mayor Neitzke commented that immediately following that is Little League's Opening Day. Mayor Neitzke and his son will throw the first pitch.

Alderperson Akers said that the Farmer's Market starts Sunday. There will not be a Farmer's Market Memorial Day weekend due to the Dan Jansen Fest.

G. Announcements

H. Citizen Commentary

I. Old Business

1. Appointments to various committees and commissions:

a. Mayor appointments, confirmed by Council:

- i. One member to the Board of Review for a term to expire 5/1/2026 (formerly James Jaworowicz)
Place on next agenda.
- ii. One alternate member to the Tree Commission for a term to expire 5-1-24 (formerly Chloe Selkirt)
Place on next agenda.
- iii. One member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire 5/1/26 (formerly John Rivera)
Place on next agenda.

J. New Business

1. Appointments to various committees and commissions:

a. Mayor appointments, confirmed by Council:

- i. One member to the Board of Review for a term to expire 5/1/2027 (formerly Andrew Drzewiecki)

Mayor Neitzke appointed John Graber. Motion by Alderperson Akers, seconded by Alderperson Drzewiecki to confirm appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

John Graber was appointed to the Board of Review for a term to expire 5-1-2027.

2. Award bid for publishing legal notices. (Goergen)

Mayor Neitzke spoke about the bid for the official newspaper for South Now, the rates, and the fact that publications need to be watched because they can be missed. He said he wants to see legislation change the notice requirements and will continue to push for the change since very few people read the print form.

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

3. Approve applications for 2022-2023 operator licenses (Goergen)

Motion by Alderperson Akers, seconded by Alderperson Saryan to approve agenda item J3 - J4. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approve applications for 2023-2024 operator licenses. (Goergen)

Approved under agenda item J3.

5. Approve renewal applications for the following licenses to expire June 30, 2024: Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage, "Class A" Liquor (Cider Only), Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage, Combination "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage & Liquor, Class C Wine, Combination "Class A" Fermented Malt Beverage & Liquor, Reserve Combination "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage & Liquor, Dry Cleaning/Washing Machine, Entertainment, Pawnbroker/Secondhand Article Dealer, and Operator's Licenses (approval of licenses should be subject to the City of Greenfield ordinances regarding code compliance and payment of all delinquent taxes and charges). (Goergen)

Motion by Alderperson Kastner, seconded by Alderperson Drzewiecki to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Approve a permanent underground utility easement across a portion of the Turf Skatepark parcel, to Wisconsin Electric Power Company DBA We Energies. (Katz)

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

Under discussion, Alderperson Kastner asked if it was an existing structure. Jeff Katz, the director of Neighborhood Services, said that they are adding lights to the existing billboard, so it needs electric service run to it. It had lights before, but they were removed by the previous owner. Mayor Neitzke said that it's likely that the billboard will be removed and placed elsewhere on site. It is temporary power for the existing billboard until the other billboards go in.

Alderperson Akers asked who owns the billboard. Mayor Neitzke responded that the City sold it. The City bought it from Lamar, and Cobalt reimbursed the City for it. He spoke about the expectation that there will be a digital billboard. As part of that deal, there is an expectation that the City will gain a revenue stream.

On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

7. Approve Reaffirmation of Guaranty as it pertains to the Loomis Crossing development and Cobalt Loomis, LLC. (Porter)

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

8. Approval of the American Red Cross Licensed Training Provider Agreement (Jaquish)

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

9. Discussion/decision regarding proposed naming of municipal building and or a room at City Hall. (Jaquish) Mayor Neitzke spoke about the Oakley Fisher Center in the Time Warner building, that Mr. Fisher's daughter preferred the Community Center, and about the Fishers' history with the City of Greenfield.

Alderperson Bailey spoke about his experiences with Mr. Fisher.

Mayor Neitzke spoke about Mr. Fisher's achievements, his experiences, and the Park and Recreation Board meeting.

Alderperson Kastner and Mayor Neitzke discussed which mayor was in office when City Hall was built.

Alderperson Kastner said that he was opposed to naming the Council Chambers after Oakley Fisher and said that it should be named after Mayor Neitzke's mother for her achievements within the City.

Mayor Neitzke spoke about his mother's achievements, about his vision for the City, and that he supports the naming of a room or building.

The Council asked if there was a list of alternatives.

Scott Jaquish, the director of Parks and Recreation, spoke about the background information, the previous mayors, the Park and Recreation Board meeting findings, the park names, the Community Center room names, the Community Center history and name, and the recommendation from the Park and Recreation Board.

Mayor Neitzke and Mr. Jaquish spoke about the Besson Community Room's naming history.

Mayor Neitzke said that he would rather have a room named after Mr. Fisher in the Community Center since he did a lot for the community. It would have to go back to the Park and Recreation Board since that is under their jurisdiction.

Mayor Neitzke spoke about former Mayor Besson.

Mr. Jaquish asked if there are other mayors who deserve a dedication.

Mayor Neitzke said he doesn't want anything named after him.

Alderperson Bailey and Mayor Neitzke spoke about the history of the Oakley V. Fisher Center.

Alderperson Saryan asked if naming Community Room A or B would interfere with future plans or the other names, and Mr. Jaquish said that it wouldn't affect anything and spoke about the rooms available and their location.

Motion by Alderperson Bailey, seconded by Alderperson Saryan to approve to rename either Community Center Room A or B with proper signage. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Approve granting temporary limited easements to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and waivers of appraisal. (BPW-Ald Bailey-4/25/23)

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

11. Approve an agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation accepting a grant for the design and construction of the Powerline Trail Phase 3. (BPW-Ald. Bailey-4/25/23)

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

Mr. Katz said that the grant is \$1.3 million because it requires a bridge from the Root River Parkway near

Layton Avenue west to Edgerton Avenue.

Mayor Neitzke said that the notices have been mailed regarding Powerline Phase 2, and Alderperson Akers said the notice has been posted to social media as well.

12. Discussion and decision to revise job description and change from hourly to salary pay classification for Planner in the Department of Neighborhood Services. (4/26/23 F&HR S. Saryan)

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

13. Discussion / Decision to revise the Organizational Chart by moving a Patrol Officer position to a Detective position within the Police Department. (4/26/23 F&HR S. Saryan)

Motion by Alderperson Drzewiecki, seconded by Alderperson Bailey to approve.

Under discussion, Alderperson Akers said that it's sad that a position has to be moved instead of adding a new one. Mayor Neitzke said that expenditures and the budget are why the position had to be moved.

On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

14. Discussion and decision to approve a revised job description and wage scale for the Superintendent of Public Works (4/26/23 F&HR S. Saryan)

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

15. Approval of schedules of disbursements in the amount of \$793,004.80. (4/26/23 F&HR S. Saryan)

Motion by Alderperson Kastner, seconded by Alderperson Bailey to approve agenda items J15 - J17. On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

16. Approval of mileage reimbursements in the amount of \$343.10. (4/26/23 F&HR S. Saryan)

Approved under agenda item J15.

17. Investments and reinvestments for March 2023. (4/26/23 F&HR S. Saryan)

Approved under agenda item J15.

18. Common Council to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1)(b) & (f), considering licensure, social or personal history, or medical information, for purposes of issuing a 2023-2024 operator license to the following:

- a. Sofia Vancleve

Motion by Alderperson Akers, seconded by Alderperson Bailey to go into closed session at 7:41 PM. On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

19. Adjourn closed session and reconvene into open session.

Motion by Alderperson Kastner, seconded by Alderperson Akers to adjourn closed session and reconvene into open session at 7:49 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

20. Decision re: Operator's License for Sofia Vancleve

Motion by Alderperson Kastner, seconded by Alderperson Bailey to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Items for future agenda

L. Adjourn

Motion by Alderperson Kastner, seconded by Alderperson Bailey to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer Goergen, City Clerk

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