

CITY OF PITTSVILLE
Common Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 12, 2025
Community Hall, 5291 Third Avenue

Meeting was called to order by Mayor, Dale Nichols at 5:53pm.

Present by Roll: Alderpersons Mark Darr, Mike Hobbs, Casey Krohn, Robert Schooley and Dennis Todd. Brian Kissner was not present at roll but arrived at 5:55pm

Also Present: Chief Duerr, Peter Petersen, Tammy Hardinger, Jon Chasteen (arrived later), Jordan Rayburn (arrived later), Peggy-Sue Behselich (arrived later), Alan Behselich (arrived later)

The mayor led with the Pledge of Allegiance. No conflicts of interest identified. Kissner arrived.

Tammy Hardinger presented to council a Proclamation for the 50th Anniversary of the Library. (Jon & Jordan arrived) The celebration is planned for April 5th starting tentatively at 11am, all are welcome. Tammy gave council a quick annual report for the library, since 2018 circulation has gone up over 5,500 along with that came extra funding. This helps to host the Elementary School 4K-5th grade on a regular basis. Wood County is working with Tammy to possibly do an exercise program a couple of days a week in the Community Center, watch for more info from the library. The mayor indicated that Tammy is an excellent Ambassador for the Library.

Motion by Krohn, second by Kissner to move Development of Parcel #31.00745 up on the agenda. Motion carried. (Peggy-Sue & Alan arrived) Jon indicated that they do have a purchaser for the parcel but within the covenants it states "immediate development" At this time the purchaser plans to build in 5 years with keeping the parcel maintained. Motion by Kissner, second by Darr to have our attorney generate a development agreement with the purchasers that they have until 03.01.2030 to start the project with a completion date of 03.01.2031. Motion carried.

Alderson Schooley expressed his concern regarding the Water/Sewer Rate increase letter that was sent out, also with Referendum passing/taxes going up it's a big hit to the community. Alderson Krohn stated that the Water/Sewer Commission should be doing more simplified rate cases vs 3 simplified and 1 whole rate case in 13 years. The mayor reminded the council that for multiple years our external audit has come back with the Water department operating in the negative and that we need to have enough money to replace things such as the water tower/treatment facilities. The council was asked to return with recommendations to the Water/Sewer commission. Hobbs stepped out.

Alderson Krohn would like the topic of livestreaming meetings to be on the next agenda for transparency to the community. Hobbs returned.

Motion by Todd, second by Schooley to approved the 01.21.2025 council minutes. Motion carried.

The following reports were presented: City Clerk/Treasurer's Report, CDA minutes from 01.29.2025 Water/Sewer Treasurer's Reports, Police Reports and DPW Reports. The mayor asked to have the portion of the clerk salary reviewed to reflect how much time is utilized in the sewer department. Motion by Darr, second by Hobbs to approve the reports as presented. Motion carried.

The Vibrant Spaces Grant was discussed, it is unknown at this time if we will be awarded. The grant announcement date is 03.14.2025. The mayor will reach out to another contractor to see if interested and obtain a bid.

Ice Rink liner was discussed, unknown what the thickness of the liner is. Hobbs will look into it and it will be on next months agenda.

Petersen has not heard back from other communities about their salt sheds to get estimates. Last snow storm about 2 yards of salt was used but it was not a big one nor was it too icy. Will be on next months agenda.

Motion to rescind by Krohn, second to rescind by Kissner to approve the addition of midblock street lights on 4th St and 5th St and a street light at the corner of Jonathan and 1st Ave with paying for the purchase of the poles. Motion carried. Motion by Todd, second by Kisser to utilize Alliant Energy recommendations and placement of lights and to pay for the lights up front. Motion carried. Petersen will talk to Alliant about placement of a light on the corner of Jonathan and 1st when the road work is being completed.

Future Housing Development was discussed along with the projects approximately \$23 million dollars worth that TID 3 paid for. Areas were discussed as possibilities. It was asked to be on next months agenda for further conversation.

Multi-Family Rehab was discussed with recommendations by the mayor of how to structure the Incentive. Will be put on next months agenda for further discussion.

Motion by Schooley, second by Kissner to approve the signing of the Library Proclamation for the 50-year celebration. Motion carried.

Motion by Darr, second by Todd to approve payment for Bird City Network and continuation of being a Bird City. Motion carried.

Motion by Hobbs, second by Kissner to remove the Community Hall phone after the 04.01.2025 election. Motion carried. Will be on next months agenda to create a plan for an election phone.

Motion by Hobbs, second by Darr to approve signing of the Easement to Parcel 31.00417 and 31.00332. Motion carried.

Motion by Kissner, second by Schooley to convene into closed session pursuant to State Statute Section 19.85(1) (g) 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. The specific item to be considered is filed paperwork on case 2023CV000050. Roll Call: Darr-yes, Hobbs-yes, Kissner-yes, Krohn-yes, Schooley-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried and council convened into closed session at 7:37pm

Closed session action the mayor was asked to follow-up with our attorney to wait for the next response in the case.

Future agenda items include: An update from the Riverside Park meeting 02.26.2025 at 6pm, Livestreaming meetings, Review of Clerk Salary to Sewer Department, Vibrant Spaces Grant, Ice Rink Liner, Salt Shed, Future Housing development, Multi-Family Rehab, Community Hall Phone. The mayor pointed out the most recent Boardman Clark newsletter information on open meetings law. Reminded the council not to reply all if an email is sent out.

Motion by Todd, second by Kissner to approve checks #25359-#25425, 01.22.2025 – 02.12.2025. Motion carried.

Motion by Todd, second by Darr to adjourn at 8:00pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Renee Losievski
Clerk/Treasurer