

City of Reedsburg Meeting of the Common Council
June 9, 2014

Present: Mayor Estes, Alderpersons Dave Knudsen, Jim Heuer, Phil Peterson, Calvin Craker, Brandt Werner, Jason Schulte, Megan Cowan, David Moon, Bill Finnegan.
Absent: None.
Others: Ken Witt, Jim Gerlach, Brian Duvall, Steve Zibell, Matt Scott, Chief Becker, Chief Douglas, Police, Fire, EMS, Citizens, Press.

Mayor Estes called the regular session of the Common Council to order at 7:00pm in the Common Council Chambers.

Moved by Heuer and seconded by Craker to approve consent agenda consisting of Minutes from the Council meeting held on May 12, 2014; May Bills; Applications for Temporary Class "B" license by Reedsburg Jaycees, June 11-15 at Nishan Park for Butterfest; license application by Reedsburg Jaycees, November 1 at Nishan Park for Hunters Night Out; license application by RACC Young Professionals, July 25 at City Park for Reedikulus Days; Operator Licenses for Grant Filus, Nathan Harms, Heather Hawley, Jeremy Petrie and Brenda Ziech; Annual Amusement and Liquor license renewals, subject to payment of fees and inspections. Motion carried 9-0.

The Mayor moved discussion on transferring dispatch services to Sauk County up on the agenda because of the full audience in attendance to discuss the issue. Twenty people spoke on the subject with fifteen speaking against transferring dispatch and five speaking in support of the transfer. Those in favor of transferring dispatch cited the projected \$250,000 annual savings for the taxpayer. Those speaking in support of maintaining dispatch were mostly police, fire and EMS personnel speaking to the quality of the service level provided locally over what they would expect to receive from Sauk County dispatch.

Moved by Finnegan and seconded by Peterson to maintain the City of Reedsburg Dispatch Services. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-2 with Werner and Knudsen voting against. Alder Knudsen suggested maybe the voters should weigh in with a referendum vote on the subject. **Moved by Knudsen and seconded by Craker to schedule an advisory referendum vote on whether to keep dispatch services or transfer them to Sauk County. Motion was defeated on a roll call vote 3-6 with Knudsen, Werner and Craker voting for the referendum.**

The Mayor called a public hearing to order for Ordinance 1792-14 amending Chapter 1A.03(C)(3)&(6) Personnel. No public comments. **Moved by Peterson and seconded by Heuer to approve Ordinance 1792-14. Motion carried 9-0.**

Recently elected Little Miss Reedsburg, Ava Wolfe, was in attendance at the City Council meeting after having just won the title an hour earlier. Mayor Estes congratulated here on her pageant win.

Carol Worth went over the 2014 Water Revenue Bond financing plan for the Water Utility. **Moved by Craker and seconded by Knudsen to approve soliciting for \$895,000 in Water Revenue Bonds. Motion carried 9-0.**

Moved by Knudsen and seconded by Werner to approve \$12,000 Webb Fund grant to Pineview Elementary School for school garden project. Motion carried 9-0.

Moved by Heuer and seconded by Craker to deny insurance claim of \$1,670.49 by Jon Hinze of 340 Myrtle Street for tree damage to his vehicle. Motion carried 9-0.

Moved by Heuer and seconded by Craker to introduce Ordinance 1794-14 Free Little Libraries and set a public hearing date of July 14, 2014.

Moved by Heuer and seconded by Finnegan to adjourn. Motion carried 9-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Witt
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer