

CITY OF ANTIGO
COMMON COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 10, 2021

Common Council of the City of Antigo met in Regular Session on the above date at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Mayor Bill Brandt presiding.

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Barb Rebstock	Ward 1	Present	
Sandra Fischer	Ward 2	Present	
Tim Kassis	Ward 3	Present	
Tom Bauknecht	Ward 4	Present	
Carol Feller Gottard	Ward 5	Present	
Joel Wagner	Ward 6	Present	
Glenn Bugni	Ward 7	Present	
Reinhardt Balcerzak	Ward 8	Present	6:10 PM
Scott Henricks	Ward 9	Present	
Bill Brandt	Mayor	Present	

Aldersperson Kassis was in attendance via telephone.

Department Managers in attendance were: Mark Desotell, Director of Administrative Services, and Kaye Matucheski, Clerk-Treasurer/Finance Director.

Others in attendance were: Jeanne Jensen, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer; Angie Close, Langlade County Economic Development Corporation; Danny Pyeatt; Walt Wess; John Medo; Kevin Fischer; Joel Nowinsky; Jean Nowinsky; Terry Brand; Mike Lawton; for a portion of the meeting, Robert Baumann; and via telephone, Kevin Passon, Antigo Daily Journal; Paul Grinde; and Leonard Boltz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Approval of the Minutes from the January 13, 2021 Meeting

Aldersperson Bugni moved, Aldersperson Rebstock seconded, to approve the January 13, 2021 Council Minutes.

RESULT:	CARRIED - VOICE VOTE
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CITIZEN COMMENT

- 1. Subjects on the Current Agenda

Walt Wess, 1515 5th Avenue, stated he looked at some statistics of Langlade County. He moved here because of the stability of the County and noted his concerns that low income housing will change that. He does not feel it is necessary.

Paul Grinde, 735 Laurisa Lane, addressed Council stating he is in favor of the project and that he submitted a letter to Mark Desotell that he would like as part of the public record. Mr. Grinde noted there is not enough quality rental housing in the City. Developers will not invest in building if they do not think it will work.

Mayor Brandt noted the article in today's newspaper does not accurately reflect what the City is doing tonight. The City is only looking at taking proposals and if we do not get any we like, they can be refused. Hopefully there will be some market rate proposals. Tonight is merely to go forward to get some proposals. He noted this is being done now to give the City time and have hearings on it.

- 2. Subjects Not on the Current Agenda

Robert Baumann, 823 Lincoln Street, addressed Council regarding a City of Antigo composting site. He distributed a copy of his speech which he also read.

Mayor Brandt forwarded Mr. Baumann's proposal to the Public Works Committee meeting for discussion. Mr. Baumann will be sent a copy of the agenda.

UPDATE ON CITIZEN'S REFERRALS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL AGENDA

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tom Bauknecht, Ward 4
SECONDER:	Glenn Bugni, Ward 7
AYES:	Rebstock, Fischer, Kassis, Bauknecht, Feller Gottard, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 10-21: Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Exercise Special Assessment Police Powers Under Section 66.0703 Wisconsin Statutes (Special Assessments for Sidewalk and Driveway Approach Program for 2021)

RESOLVED, by the Common Council, City of Antigo, Wisconsin:

1. The Common Council hereby declares its intention to exercise its police power under Section §66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes, to levy special assessments upon property as identified within the attached map for special benefits conferred upon such property for the 2021 Sidewalk and Driveway Approach Program.
2. The Common Council determines that the improvements constitute an exercise of the police power and the amount assessed against such parcel shall be based on the total cost of said improvements as specified above.
3. The Land Surveyor/Project Manager shall prepare a report that shall consist of:
 - a. Preliminary plans and specifications for the improvements
 - b. An estimate of the entire cost of the proposed improvements
 - c. Schedule of proposed assessments
4. When the report is completed, the Land Surveyor/Project Manager shall file a copy thereof with the City Clerk for public inspection.
5. When receiving the report, the Clerk is directed to give a Class I notice of a public hearing on such report before the Common Council as specified in §66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes. The hearing shall be held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, unless otherwise specified, at a time set by the Clerk in accordance with §66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes.
6. The assessment against any parcel may be paid in cash or in five annual installments with interest as established by Council.

Resolution No. 11-21: Clerk-Treasurer/Finance Director Authorization to Waive Event Permit Fees and Insurance Requirements for Previously Held Events

WHEREAS, many events are held throughout the year that utilize city property, park space, facilities, and/or city services and they are required to file special event permit applications and insurance certificates with the City; and,

WHEREAS, organizations that hold events that meet at least one of the following criteria; (1) being open to the public for an educational purpose or remembrance for those in the community, (2) recognizing volunteers, or (3) investing any profit generated from the event back into the community, have in the past requested and been granted waivers for the permit fee and insurance requirement; and,

WHEREAS, allowing the Clerk-Treasurer/Finance Director to grant the waivers for previously held events will eliminate the need to take each event separately to the committees and Council for approval; and,

WHEREAS, any new events would have to be individually approved by the committees and Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo, to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer/Finance Director to waive the permit fees and insurance requirements for the attached list of previously held events.

Resolution No. 12-21: Implementation of a Fire Department Cadet Program with an Estimated Cost of \$6,000

WHEREAS, the Antigo Fire Department is requesting to start a Cadet Program which is aimed at prioritizing local candidates to enter into the Firefighter/Paramedic profession and assists local high school students in the National Cadet program which the Wausau Fire Department is part of; and,

WHEREAS, the Fire Department will work with the Antigo School District to provide students the ability to be part of the "School to Work" program and spend time at the fire department; and,

WHEREAS, the Cadet Program is estimated to cost about \$6,000 which includes tuition, books, and testing fees for Fire Fighter I and EMT Basic with funding derived from general operating funds and the funding assistance program through the Department of Health and Human Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo, to approve starting a Firefighter Cadet Program at an estimated cost of \$6,000 with funds to be derived from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Human Services assistance program and from general operating funds.

Resolution No. 13-21: Increase Fire Chief's Write-Off Authority of Deceased Patient Accounts with No Estate to \$2,000

WHEREAS, the City of Antigo Fire Chief has authority to write-off up to \$1,000 for deceased patient accounts that have no estate per Council action in 2009; and,

WHEREAS, the ambulance rates have increased over the years but the dollar amount for approved write-offs has not increased; and,

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has requested the write-off authority be increased to \$2,000 for the accounts of deceased patients with no estate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo, to increase the Fire Chief's authorization limit to write-off balances of deceased patient accounts with no estate to \$2,000 effective immediately upon approval.

Resolution No. 14-21: Change Order #1 in the Amount of \$53,565.20 from A-1 Excavating for the Fifth Avenue Project

WHEREAS, the City of Antigo hired A-1 Excavating for the Fifth Avenue Reconstruction project which was substantially completed in 2020; and,

WHEREAS, while the project was ongoing numerous situations occurred that had to be addressed at the time of the work and could not wait for committee approval; and,

WHEREAS, these changes resulted in Change Order #1 in the amount of \$53,565.20 which is attached for the details; and,

WHEREAS, in an attempt to keep total project costs to a minimum, City staff will be used to accomplish some remaining items such as installation of landscaping and concrete planters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo, to approve Change Order #1 from A-1 Excavating for the Fifth Avenue Project in the amount of \$53,565.20.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the funding will be derived from the appropriate utility, street construction and bonding.

Resolution No. 15-21: Authorization to Utilize the Water Utility Equipment Replacement Fund for Maintenance Repairs Identified During Inspections for Municipal Drinking Well #'s 19 and 20

WHEREAS, Infrastructure Alternatives Inc. (IAI), acting as the City's third-party administrator for the Water Treatment Plant and related infrastructure, scheduled the 10-year required testing for City well #'s 19 and 20; and,

WHEREAS, IAI subsequently recommended various repairs, including the brushing/cleaning of well screens, replacing of pitted casing, and pump maintenance be addressed before placing the wells back into service allowing the most cost effective manner without needing the inspection contractor to mobilize on multiple occasions; and,

WHEREAS, the 2020 City budget allowed for \$25,000 for inspection of well #'s 19 and 20 (actual inspection fee \$21,740 by Municipal Well and Pump) with the overall cost of inspection/repairs totaling \$44,262 creating a shortfall of \$19,262.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo, to authorize the additional well maintenance by Municipal Well and Pump subsequent to its having been completed while Well #'s 19 and 20 were individually taken out of service as recommended by Infrastructure Alternatives, Inc. in the amount of \$44,262.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the remaining balance of \$25,000 identified in the 2020 budget for inspections will be applied to this effort and the additional \$19,262 authorized to be derived from the Water Plant Replacement fund bringing the total available funding for the inspection and repairs to well #'s 19 and 20 to \$44,262.

CONSENT AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

Department Manager Reports

Appointment of Citizen Participation Committee Members as Required by the Community Development Block Grant

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 16-21: Ratify Mayor Brandt's Approval of a Settlement for the Past Due Amount for Edison Club Rent

WHEREAS, the City rented the Edison Club building to Marcus Welnetz and Cody Resch in 2015/2016 and there was an outstanding balance of approximately \$4,100 when they ceased operations; and,

WHEREAS, the remaining balance of this rent is \$1,885.00 as Mr. Welnetz has been making occasional payments over the last few years after the City sends reminders and contacts him; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Administrative Services discussed the balance with Mr. Welnetz and came to an agreement, with Mayor Brandt's approval, that he would pay \$400.00 each month for January, February, and March for a total of \$1,200.00 and the City would agree to write off the remaining balance of \$685.00; and,

WHEREAS, this agreement would allow the City to collect a portion of the past due amount as there would be little recourse if Mr. Welnetz did not make future payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo, to ratify Mayor Brandt's approval of accepting \$1,200.00 in past due rent for the Edison Club and writing off the remaining balance of \$685.00.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Glenn Bugni, Ward 7
SECONDER:	Reinhardt Balcerzak, Ward 8
AYES:	Rebstock, Fischer, Kassis, Bauknecht, Feller Gottard, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks

Resolution No. 17-21: Consideration to Solicit Housing Development Proposals for the Potential Utilization of an 8.25 Acre of City-Owned Property Located Along Hogan Street North of the Remington Detention Pond

WHEREAS, the City of Antigo owns vacant land along Hogan Street and north of the Remington Detention Pond that has been identified by interested developer's for a multi-family housing opportunity; and,

WHEREAS, City staff have identified 8.25 acres immediately north of the detention pond as a suitable development site for the requested activity providing access to municipal utilities, roadway frontage and points of access; and,

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel & Legislative Committee met and determined that it would be in the best interest of the City to entertain proposals from interested developers in such a way to incorporate a wide variety of housing type options including single family, duplex, and multi-family developments for further consideration by the Committee/Council process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo, to authorize staff to advertise a Request for Proposal for development of an 8.25 acre parcel of City-owned vacant land located west of Hogan Street and north of the Remington Detention Pond for various style housing and funding types for further consideration by the Committee/Council process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Request for Proposals will provide the flexibility for interested developers to identify a variety of housing styles, site layouts, and potential funding sources leading to a number of options for Committee/Council consideration and public input.

RESULT:	CARRIED [7 TO 2]
MOVER:	Scott Henricks, Ward 9
SECONDER:	Barb Rebstock, Ward 1
AYES:	Rebstock, Fischer, Kassis, Bauknecht, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks
NAYS:	Carol Feller Gottard, Joel Wagner

Resolution No. 18-21: Additional 2020 Budget Adjustments and Transfers

WHEREAS, Resolution #112-19 authorized 2020 budget transfers and amendments that were known as of the end of December, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, departments are allowed to submit 2020 invoices until the February Council meeting which requires a final review for any additional adjustments that are needed based on actual experience; and,

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel & Legislative Committee approved taking the needed adjustments directly to the February Council meeting as these need to be completed before the auditors request the final 2020 numbers in late February.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo. to authorize the attached 2020 budget transfers and amendments.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Reinhardt Balcerzak, Ward 8
SECONDER:	Tom Bauknecht, Ward 4
AYES:	Rebstock, Fischer, Kassis, Bauknecht, Feller Gottard, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks

Resolution No. 19-21: Adopt an Updated Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

WHEREAS, the City of Antigo has applied for a Community Development Block Grant; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Administration and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development require recipients of Community Development Block Grant funds to have in place a Citizen Participation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the current Citizen Participation Plan was adopted in 2017 and needs to be updated as the requirements have changed; and,

WHEREAS, the Citizen Participation Plan shall encourage citizen participation (especially by persons of low- to moderate-income), provide citizens reasonable and timely access to local meetings and information, provide for technical assistance, provide for public hearings, provide for a complaint procedure, and establish a Citizen Participation Plan Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo, to adopt the attached Citizen Participation Plan which replaces any previously adopted plan.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Glenn Bugni, Ward 7
SECONDER:	Reinhardt Balcerzak, Ward 8
AYES:	Rebstock, Fischer, Kassis, Bauknecht, Feller Gottard, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Barb Rebstock, Ward 1
SECONDER:	Joel Wagner, Ward 6
AYES:	Rebstock, Fischer, Kassis, Bauknecht, Feller Gottard, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks

1. Direct Deposits for January 8 and 22, 2021 Payrolls
2. BMO Bank Accounts Payable Check Nos. 74341 - 74562
3. Self-Funding Health Insurance Check No. 2052
4. Block Grant Revolving Loan Check Nos. 3667 - 3668

COMMITTEE REFERRALS

Mayor Brandt referred Robert Baumann's composting proposal to the Public Works Committee.

Mayor Brandt noted his emergency powers are in place to the next Council meeting. After the March Council meeting he would like to get back to all regular committee meetings. He noted for Committee meetings, members can call in and vote but for Council meetings, Alderpersons cannot vote when calling in.

Alderman Bugni stated he hopes the possible development will address the needs for housing for senior citizens.

Mayor Brandt allowed Leonard Boltz, N10215 Hollister Lake Road in Pearson to address Council. Mr. Boltz noted he is a retired military and airline person and has lived all over the United States. He noted concerns that developers never live in the neighborhoods where they build. He stated he feels the taxes will increase for police, water, etc. He commented follow the money and find out who is going to benefit from a housing project.

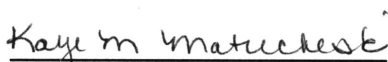
ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Bugni moved, Alderman Wagner seconded, to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. Carried.

Approved:


Bill Brandt, Mayor

Attest:



Clerk - Treasurer