

Common Council of the City of Hudson, Wisconsin  
Monday April 8, 2019 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers of City Hall, 505 Third Street

The Common Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Rich O'Connor at 7:10 p.m. Mayor O'Connor led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mayor Rich O'Connor, Randy Morrissette II, Bill Alms, Paul Deziel, Jim Webber, Sarah Atkins Hoggatt and Joyce Hall.

Also Present: Devin Willi, Catherine Munkittrick, Mike Mroz, Scott St. Martin, Josh Olson, Geoff Willems, Ramsey Lee, Sean Lentz, Marian Webber, Rebecca Mariscal and others.

Presentations- None

Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present

Ramsey Lee spoke in favor of the lack of accessible and affordable transportation for those with disabilities in the City of Hudson. A written statement detailing his comments was provided to the city clerk.

Marian Webber stated that she agreed with Ramsey Lee regarding the lack of accessible and affordable transportation for those with disabilities.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve the regular meeting minutes from the March 25, 2019 Regular Council meeting.
- B. Approve the following claims in the amount of \$651,640.92.

	<b>Fund</b>	<b>A/P Amounts</b>	<b>P/R Amounts</b>	<b>Totals</b>
100	General	474,556.83	125,392.99	599,949.82
235	Room Tax & Comm Subs	500.00		500.00
280	Park Dedication Fees	4,922.50		4,922.50
415	Tid 5	300.00		300.00
450	Capital Projects	215.31		215.31
452	2019 & 2020 Cap Projects	4,024.06		4,024.06
620	Parking	6,180.52	391.51	6,572.03
630	Ambulance	9,313.57	19,791.38	29,104.95
640	Storm Sewer	5,839.45	212.80	6,052.25
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 505,852.24</b>	<b>\$ 145,788.68</b>	<b>\$ 651,640.92</b>

- C. Approve the operator license applications for Kevin Nelson.
- D. Approve the architect design services for the Grandview Park Restroom facility in the amount of \$13,000.
- E. Approve the bid received from A-1 Excavating in the amount of \$1,449,240.50 for the 2019 Vine Street Improvement Project and the alternate bid of \$91,170.00 for the Heggen Street Trail.

- F. Approve the conditional use permit to add additional signage to the freestanding sign at the Plaza 94 shopping center located at 1701-1801 Ward Avenue- Kraus Anderson
- G. Approval of setting a public hearing date for May 6, 2019 for an amendment to Municipal Code, Chapter 255- Zoning, to include small animal or reptile education businesses.
- H. Approve the scope of work and the LOE for 2019 Street Maintenance in the amount of \$4,000 and authorization to proceed with advertisement for bids.
- I. Approve the Appointment of a Finance Director
- J. Approve the purchase of a parking enforcement vehicle for the police department in the amount of \$16,895.
- K. Approve the temporary beer/wine license application to the Hudson Area Library Foundation for the Gatsby Gala scheduled for May 11, 2019 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm at the library.

Aldersperson Deziel pulled item J for discussion.

Motion by Morrisette II, seconded by Hall, to approve the remaining consent agenda items.  
Roll Call Vote: All Ayes (6) Motion carried.

Item J- Approve the purchase of a parking enforcement vehicle for the police department in the amount of \$16,895.

Deziel asked for clarification on how the current parking enforcement is handled and why there is a need for this vehicle. Lt. Jason Muenich replied that the vehicle will be equipped with a license plate reader. Morrisette II added that the license plate reader will be tied into the national database. Michael Johnson explained that currently, the work of a parking enforcement officer is done on foot. The vehicle will be equipped with a license plate reader which will allow the enforcement officers to do their job more efficiently while providing safety.

Motion by Hall, seconded by Alms, to approve the purchase of a parking enforcement vehicle.  
Roll Call Vote: All Ayes (6) Motion carried.

#### Unfinished Business

#### Discussion and possible action related to proposals submitted by St. Croix EMS and Lakeview EMS for EMS services.

Aldersperson Alms provided the city clerk with a document highlighting the EMS deliberations from 2016 to present day.

Alms made a motion, seconded by Morrisette II, to enter into contract negotiations with Lakeview and that the contract negotiations occur with multiple elected officials.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Morrisette II, Alms, Deziel and O'Connor. Naes: Webber, Atkins Hoggatt and Hall. (4-3) Motion carried.

Morrisette II read a statement supporting his decision to begin discussions with Lakeland for EMS services for the City of Hudson. He commended former and current EMS staff for the work they have done.

Hall read a statement supporting the retention of EMS with St. Croix EMS. She added that obtaining a chase vehicle will be crucial to St. Croix EMS. She urged council to make a commitment to St. Croix EMS by remodeling the Ward Avenue building and hire an interim chief as River Falls has done.

Atkins Hoggatt spoke in favor of retaining St. Croix EMS. She also stated that Public Administration Services had the ability to assist the RFP process. Devin Willi replied that he was not aware that they provided this service.

Atkins Hoggatt stated that she would like council to consider contract criteria prior to voting on the motion on the floor. She proposed to have an interim director in place until a decision regarding the EMS is made.

Webber said that trust with St. Croix EMS will be lost if we enter into contract negotiations with Lakeland. He then asked for clarification regarding the conditions for a referendum. Devin Willi provided information.

There was further discussions among the council regarding EMS services. Hall asked if Alms would amend his original motion to include Atkins Hoggatt's suggestions. Alms denied the request.

Webber added that there are issues with both directions. He stated his thoughts on both options. Ramsey Lee stated that he agreed with Sarah Atkins Hoggatt in having a concrete proposal prior to negotiation talks with Lakeland.

Deziel thanked both Lakeview and St. Croix for their RFPs and for their desire to serve the City and the people of Hudson. He had a list of criteria that was used to make his decision. Deziel stated that though he'll support the decision to enter into contract negotiations with Lakeland, it doesn't mean that he'll vote for a contract with Lakeview. He listed seven requests that he'd like to have agreement on prior to entering into a contract. Deziel reiterated his support to the motion to enter into contract negotiations with Lakeview.

Hall made a motion, seconded by Webber, to have a parallel process to develop a strategic plan and look into Public Administration Associates to work on it for us.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Webber, Atkins Hoggatt and Hall. Naes: Morrissette II and Alms. Deziel abstained from voting. (3-2) Motion carried.

Deziel asked to postpone the creation of a parallel strategic plan for a month. Atkins Hoggatt replied that at minimum, she would like Public Administration Associates to submit a proposal that would utilize their internal EMS experts to get an estimate on the cost.

Atkins Hoggatt made a motion, seconded by Hall, to develop an RFP to ask for outside entities that specialize in city management and have experience with EMS administration in particular, to write a full blown strategic plan that achieves our goals and mission and vision as we set forth which has yet to be agreed upon as a group.

Alms asked for clarification on whether the motion entailing precluding from negotiations from beginning with Lakeview. City Attorney, Cathy Munkittrick replied that it would not as that motion has passed.

Motion by Deziel, seconded by Alms, to recess. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes: Motion carried. Council recessed at 9:00 pm.

Council reconvened at 9:10 pm.

There was clarification on Hall's motion. City Attorney, Cathy Munkittrick stated that this motion is void because it can't be implemented because it isn't consistent with our procurement policy. Atkins Hoggatt withdrew her motion.

Motion by Atkins Hoggatt, seconded by Hall, to finalize a list of criteria for a strategic plan for St. Croix EMS that we will send out to interested organizations for a proposal that would achieve our list of criteria and possibly be done using an interim director appointed from within that organization's resources.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Atkins Hoggatt and Hall Naes: Morrisette II, Alms, Deziel and Webber (2-4) Motion failed.

Deziel stated that a severance package to the St. Croix EMS employees should be proposed if the City sign a contract. City Administrator, Devin Willi, stated that this topic was discussed a couple of years ago. Deziel would like to see an improvement to the proposal previously submitted. Mayor O'Connor agreed with Deziel.

### New Business

#### Discussion and Possible Action on selection of recruitment firm for the City Administrator position.

Devin Willi stated that the Finance Committee approved hiring Public Administration Associates, LLC to conduct the city administrator search at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.

Motion by Alms, seconded by Hall, to select Public Administration Services to recruit for the city administrator position at a cost not to exceed \$12,000. Roll Call Vote: 5-1 Motion carried. Opposed by Atkins Hoggatt

Atkins Hoggatt stated that she would like Public Administration Services to look at the government structure of the city and conduct an organizational review.

#### Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution 10-19, A Resolution awarding the sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2019A.

Sean Lentz reviewed the details of this resolution.

Motion by Morrisette II, seconded by Alms, to suspend the rules. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes (6) Motion carried.

Motion by Morrissette II, seconded by Alms, to approve Resolution 10-19. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes (6) Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution 11-19, A Resolution awarding the sale of General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2019B.

Sean Lentz reviewed the details of this resolution.

Motion by Alms, seconded by Deziel, to suspend the rules. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes (6) Motion carried.

Motion by Alms, seconded by Deziel, to approve Resolution 11-19. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes (6) Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on approving Market & Johnson as the construction company to build the proposed fire building.

Fire Chief, Scott St. Martin welcomed any questions or comments on this recommendation.

Motion by Alms, seconded by Hall, to approve the hiring of Market & Johnson to build the fire station to allow up to \$15,000 in change orders. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes (6) Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on Creation of Ad Hoc Committee for Review of the Proposals submitted for the Comprehensive Plan and to serve as a steering committee for the Comprehensive Plan process.

Devin Willi stated that an Ad Hoc Committee will need to be created to review RFPs received for the Comprehensive Plan. Mike Johnson stated that a steering committee is needed and anticipates that other committees will be established along the way, specific to different areas of the plan.

Motion by Atkins Hoggatt, seconded by Hall, to approve the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee for the Comprehensive Plan. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes (6) Motion carried

Discussion and Possible Action on an Annexation Agreement between the City of Hudson and Hearth Development LLC for parcels 020-1085-30-000 and 020-1085-20-000.

Mike Johnson provided details to this agreement.

Motion by Morrissette II, seconded by Webber, to approve the annexation agreement with Hearth Development, LLC. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes (6) Motion carried

Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance 6-19, Approving a petition for direct annexation by unanimous approval from the Town of Hudson to the City of Hudson annexing parcels 020-1085-30-000 and 020-1085-20-000 – Petition by the Edna F. L. Atwood Revocable Trust.

Mike Johnson stated that the adoption and publication of this ordinance will annex the property into the city. He included a budget analysis which included anticipated revenue collected from real estate taxes.

Motion by Alms, seconded by Deziel, to suspend the rules. Roll call vote: All Ayes (6) Motion carried.

Motion by Alms, seconded by Deziel, to adopt Ordinance 6-19. Roll call vote: All Ayes (6) Motion carried.

Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor

Mayor O'Connor congratulated all Alderpersons who won their re-election.

Communications and Items for Future Agendas - None

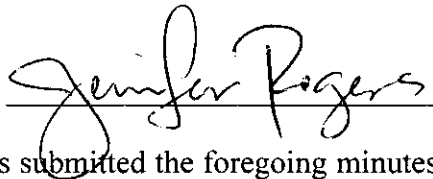
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City Attorney and/or City Staff

Adjournment

Motion by Hall, seconded by Atkins Hoggatt to adjourn. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes (6) Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 9:55 pm.

ATTEST: Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk



I hereby certify that the City Clerk has submitted the foregoing minutes to me and hereby by my signature approve said minutes and all acts of the Common Council as set forth therein.

Rich O'Connor, Mayor



Date approved by Council: 4-22, 2019