

Common Council of the City of Hudson, Wisconsin  
Monday, June 3, 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 7:03 p.m. Mayor O'Connor led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Members in Attendance: Cathy Munkittrick, Alison Egger, Mike Johnson, Scott St. Martin, Geoff Willems, Josh Olson and Sue Gherity.

Others Present: Derek Fravert, Marion Webber, Jon Muller, Nathan Pulscher, Ted Wegleitner, Drew Nelson, EMS personnel and others.

Presentations – Chief Geoff Willems introduced new patrol officer, Derek Fravert then Judge Sue Gherty administered his oath of office.

Public Hearings

“Class B” Liquor and Class “B” Beer Annual Liquor License Renewals for Azul Tequila, Inc, Cinema Entertainment Group and Redtail Enterprises.

Mayor O'Connor opened the hearing for public comment. No public comment was received.

Motion by Morrissette II, second by Hall, to close the public hearing.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes (6) Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on Annual Liquor License renewals as listed on the issue sheet for Azul Tequila, Inc. Cinema Entertainment Group and Redtail Enterprises.

Motion by Hall, second by Morrissette II, to grant renewals for the “Class B” liquor and Class “B” Beer license applications. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes (6) Motion carried.

Public Hearing for the request of a combination “Class B” liquor and Class “B” beer liquor license submitted by 7 One 5 dba Omerta, 523 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Mayor O'Connor opened the hearing for public comment.

Attorney Andrew Nelson stated that he is representing the applicant, Paul Rode. Mr. Nelson spoke in favor of issuing the liquor license to Paul Rode, adding that Paul Rode currently has a liquor license for Agave Kitchen and has always been compliant with liquor licensing laws and the application process.

Motion by Morrissette II, second by Alms, to close the public hearing. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes (6) Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on the issuance of a Combination “Class B” liquor and Class “B” beer license to 7 One 5, LLC dba Omerta, 523 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Motion by Hall, second by Webber, to approve the issuance of the Reserve Class B license.

Sarah Atkins Hoggatt said that as representative for the downtown district, she has received numerous complaints from several business owners regarding the balance between retail and liquor establishments downtown. She stated that there could be parking issues. Joyce Hall agreed that it would be favorable to attract other types of businesses downtown. There was discussion regarding parking and building plans.

Aldersperson Morrissette II added that he would like to see building plans prior to issuing the liquor license. Andrew Nelson replied that Paul Rode would like to secure a liquor license before investments are made in the architectural and design work. Andrew Nelson answered questions from the council.

With the council’s consent, Joyce Hall withdrew her motion.

Motion by Hall, second by Alms, to withdraw her motion and postpone it until June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes (6) Motion carried.

Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present

Tom Goeltz, 763 Aldro Rd. stated that he and his wife has spent the last two years working with the Minnesota legislature in passing a Hands-Free bill. They plan to introduce the same ordinance at the next Public Safety meeting.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve the regular meeting minutes from the May 20, 2019 Regular Council meeting.
- B. Approve the following claims in the amount of \$1,159,086.59.

Fund	A/P Amounts	P/R Amounts	Totals
100 General	211,930.72	137,684.74	349,615.46
280 Impact Collection	250.00		250.00
290 Room Tax & Comm Subs	235.30		235.30
310 Library	594,961.54		594,961.54
451 2017 & 2018 Cap Projects	104,872.02		104,872.02
452 2019 & 2020 Cap Projects	57,207.50		57,207.50
620 Parking	4,674.99	568.99	5,243.98
630 Ambulance	8,034.75	20,984.50	29,019.25
640 Storm Sewer	2,172.18	4,358.03	6,530.21
860 Tax Agency	11,151.33		11,151.33
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 995,490.33</b>	<b>\$ 163,596.26</b>	<b>\$ 1,159,086.59</b>

- C. Approve the operator license applications as listed on the issue sheet.

- D. Approve the Secondhand Dealer license application submitted by Hunter Bjorkman for an ecoATM to be placed at 2222 Crestview Drive (inside Walmart 1365) for the licensing period of June 4, 2019 to December 31, 2019.
- E. Approve the Taxi license renewal application submitted by A Taxi.
- F. Approve the Taxicab Driver's License applications for six applicants as listed on the issue sheet.
- G. Approve the updated Salary Schedule for Department Heads and Exempt Employees.
- H. Approve the purchase of a 2018 Dodge Journey for the police department with additional costs to equip the vehicle with necessary equipment.
- I. Approve the salary reclassification for the City Engineer position.

Item D was pulled prior to the start of the council meeting. This will be introduced for consideration at a future meeting.

Motion by Morrissette II, second by Alms, to approve the consent agenda items.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes (6) Motion carried.

#### New Business

Discussion and possible action to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1)(c) to consider employment and performance evaluation data of public employees over which the governmental body exercises responsibility and pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(f) to consider specific personnel problems, personal history which if discussed in public are likely to have a substantially adverse effect on the reputation of persons involved.

This topic was not discussed.

#### Discussion and Possible Action on Ambulance Service Agreement between the City of Hudson and Lakeview Memorial Hospital Association.

Mayor O'Connor stated that the contract negotiation committee finalized the language to be sent on to council last Thursday night voted to send it to council. That language is presented for discussion and possible action.

Motion by Hall, second by Atkins Hoggatt to postpone a vote on the contract until the public has time to evaluate the contract and provide input.

Mayor O'Connor and members of the council provided comments to the proposed contract and reasons why it should be voted on or postponed. Josh Olson answered questions regarding staffing needs.

Ayes: Deziel, Atkins Hoggatt, Hall  
Naes: Morrissette II, Alms, Webber, O'Connor  
Motion failed 3-4

Motion by Atkins Hoggatt to reject the contract all together.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Alms, second by Webber, to accept the ambulance service agreement between the City of Hudson and Lakeview Memorial Hospital Association as outlined in the draft contract we received on May 31<sup>st</sup> and to direct the City of Hudson Public Safety Committee to determine and recommend the necessary length of time for transition, the process by which we transition and the changes in the existing public safety deliveries if necessary up to and including first responders and dive team.

There was a brief discussion about the effective date of the contract. City Attorney, Cathy Munkittrick replied that once the contract is approved and signed, it would be binding and effective; implementation will take time.

Jon Muller with Lakeview EMS stated that they would need to update their operation plan to include the City of Hudson and other communities. They'll work with the Public Safety Committee to come up with an understanding and agreement as to when a full implementation can be completed. Jon Muller stated that there could be situations where they would step in and provide back-up support if needed, but three months would be ideal.

Hall asked Jon Muller if they have enough staffing to provide back-up coverage as needed. John replied that everyone in EMS has staffing issues. What we see in St. Croix EMS is not uncommon; he just happens to have a larger pool of staff. He has more full-time staff and doesn't see a lot of issues with staffing.

Ted Wegleitner, President of Lakeview Memorial Hospital, asked Cathy Munkittrick to include the following language in the contract, "The implementation would be on a mutually agreed upon timeline"

Discussions regarding staffing concerns followed.

Mayor O'Connor and members of the council provided comments and read prepared statements to the proposed contract. Some concerns brought up dealt with costs to the end user, response times, compatibility of the county dispatch and Lakeview, dedicated coverage for emergency events and interfacility transfers.

Mayor O'Connor stated that this isn't about the people that are staffing our current EMS system. The people that have worked for the City are highly professionally and highly dedicated people who have served our community faithfully and unselfishly. He added that we owe them a debt of gratitude and a lot of appreciation for the work they have done; this includes all the people who have served since the inception of the program.

Council recessed at 8:51 pm and reconvened at 8:56 pm.

Roll call vote for Alderperson Alms' motion.  
Ayes: Morrissette II, Alms, Webber, Mayor O'Connor  
Naes: Deziel, Atkins Hoggatt Hall  
4-3 Motion Carried

Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor – None

Discussion and possible action to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility relating to City of Hudson St. Croix EMS employees and pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(e) to deliberate regarding possible agreements with St. Croix EMS employees where competitive or bargaining reasons require.

Motion by Alms, second by Hall, to go into Closed Session.  
Roll Call Vote: All Ayes (6) Motion carried

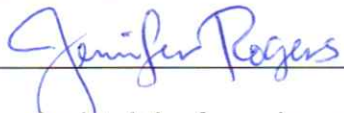
Reconvene into open session for discussion and any possible action relating to employment, compensation, performance evaluation data, relating to City of Hudson St. Croix EMS employees and possible agreements with St. Croix EMS employees where competitive or bargaining reasons require.

Motion by Atkins Hoggatt, second by Hall, to reconvene into Open Session. Roll Call Vote: (6) Motion carried

Motion by Atkins Hoggatt, second by Hall, to increase all St. Croix EMS wages for all EMTs and paramedics who have at least filled one shift anytime in 2019 by thirty percent effective at 6:00 am this morning. Roll Call Vote: (6) Motion carried

Adjournment

Motion by Atkins Hoggatt, second by Hall to adjourn.  
Roll Call Vote: All Ayes (6) Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:47 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.

APPROVED:

Rich O'Connor, Mayor 

Date approved by Council: June 17, 2019