

Chairperson Gary Jepsen called the meeting to order with the following members present: Gary Jepsen, Larry Farl, and Larry Grisen.

Also present: Mayor Richard Champeny, Paul Eppen, Pete Brommer, Perry Thomsen, Orlyn Hokschi, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Torgerson.

Agenda Item 1: Building permit applications.

- a. Paul Eppen- S2015 Grapeview Lane.

Grisen seconded by Farl to approve a building permit to Paul Eppen to construct a 24' x 40' storage building at S2015 Grapeview Lane. All members voting yes.

- b. Any other building permits. None.

Agenda Item 2: Building permit violations. None.

Agenda Item 3: Discussion and consideration to hire a building inspector.

Gary Jepsen stated that the building inspector is needed for remodels. Electrical, plumbing, and structural inspections for the remodels are the important inspections. For new one and two family home construction, the state inspector handles all the inspections.

Perry Thomsen, a former local contractor, went over the various reasons why the City should have a building inspector.

Paul Eppen agreed that a building inspector would be a good idea for the City. Paul Eppen suggested for the meantime to require specific, detailed plans when applying for a building permit.

Agenda Item 4: Discuss and approve proposals for asbestos testing at the Riverland Energy building.

The committee reviewed three quotes from asbestos testing companies:

NorthStar-----\$3,410 to \$3,750 Costs are estimated, prior approval needed to exceed quote

Legend-----Not to exceed \$3,440

Braun-----\$3,007.46 with possible additional cost, prior approval needed to exceed quote

Grisen commented that in the Legend quote it is stated that they will not repair any damage caused by the asbestos inspection.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Farl to recommend to Council approval of the quote from Legend for the asbestos testing at the Riverland Energy building at a cost not to exceed \$3,440.00. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item 3 continued: Discussion and consideration to hire a building inspector.

Pete Brommer from Nelson, WI who has done construction work, was invited to attend the meeting regarding his interest in becoming a certified building inspector. Brommer stated he would be interested. The committee discussed with him what would be expected of him as a building inspector. Brommer stated he would like a pay of \$50 per hour and to have the City pay for his training to become certified.

The committee thanked him and Perry Thomsen for their attendance at this meeting.

Agenda Item 5: Use of the city lot at 401 N. Main St for a Chamber event to be held at the same time as the Lock & Dam tour which is July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Jepsen stated that the Chamber will not be charging the vendors who will be using the lot.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Farl to approve the Chamber's use of the city lot at 401 N. Main for an event on July 26, 2025. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item 6: Permission for Enhance Alma (LuAnn Flurry) to place cameras at Pine Street by the Theater because of dog feces in the flower gardens.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Farl to give LuAnn Flurry permission to place cameras at Pine Street by the Theater because of dog feces in the flower garden upon clarification from the City Attorney if signs need to be erected stated cameras in use. All members voting yes.

Orlyn Hokschi questioned by LuAnn would be buying the cameras. Jepsen stated that this was her idea to do this.

Agenda Item 7: Operator Licenses

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Farl to recommend Council approval of operator licenses to Emily Jo Walker and Holly Burce. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item 8: Mobile home park permit-Keith Mississippi Properties.

Motion by Farl seconded by Grisen to recommend Council approval for a mobile home park permit to Keith Mississippi Properties. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item 9: Vouchers/bills and receipts for March 2025.

Mayor Champeny asked for authorization for an agreement with La Crosse sign company for the new sign at Riverland Energy in the amount of \$3,100.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Grisen to approve the sign agreement with LaCrosse Sign Company for the Riverland Energy building sign in the amount of \$3,100.00. All members voting yes.

Mayor Champeny presented the Lien and Peterson contract for the architectural work being done for the Riverland Energy building. The amount of \$40,000 is requested for the work.

Motion by Farl seconded by Grisen to recommend to the Council approval of the Lien and Peterson contract in the amount of \$40,000 (billed as used) for the architectural work for the Riverland Energy building. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Orlyn Hokscho commented about rumors he had heard about the Riverland Energy building. The mayor informed him that the planning and remodeling for the building are in the early stages and nothing definite has been determined.

Motion by Farl seconded by Grisen to enter into CLOSED SESSION under exemptions set under Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The committee will reconvene into Open Session. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

#### CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Farl seconded by Grisen to reconvene into Open Session. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Jepsen to table the possibility of a building inspector until further information is obtained. All members voting yes.

Motion by Farl seconded by Grisen to adjourn. All members voting yes.