

CITY OF SPARTA
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES FOR FIRST MEETING 2023-2024
April 24, 2024

Mayor Kevin Riley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
The City Clerk swore in the newly elected officials: Jim Church, Aldermanic District 1; Bruce Humphrey, Aldermanic District 3; James Womick, Aldermanic District 5; Josh Lydon, Aldermanic District 7
Roll Call of the new City Council was done by the City Clerk.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Kuderer

PRESENT: Jim Church, Kevin Brueggeman, Bruce Humphrey, Troy Harris, James Womick, Robert Arnold, Josh Lydon, David Kuderer, Mayor Kevin Riley

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Todd Fahning, Dan Hellman, Michelle Tryggestad, Emilee Nottestad, Booker Ferguson, Andy Kuen, Jayme Bahl, Jamie Adams, Bryan and Julie Jandt, Jeff and Carol Olson

A motion was made by Josh Lydon and seconded by Bruce Humphrey to approve this agenda. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Bruce Humphrey and seconded by Troy Harris to approve the Monroe County Herald as the Official Newspaper for the City of Sparta. Motion carried 6-2, with Jim Church and Josh Lydon voting no.

A motion was made by Bruce Humphrey and seconded by Kevin Brueggeman to approve Park Bank, Union Bank Sparta, Citizens First Bank, 1st Community Credit Union, River Bank, State Bank of Sparta and the Wisconsin State Investment Pool as the Public Depositories for the City of Sparta. Motion carried 7-0, with Josh Lydon abstaining.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS FOR APRIL 2024

TO BE APPOINTED:

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>EXPIRING TERMS/NEW</u>	<u>WHOLE COMMITTEE</u>
<u>BLOCK GRANT COMMISSION:</u>		
<u>Kevin Brueggeman</u>	Alderman Member, one-year term	Same
<u>Robert Arnold</u>	Alderman Member, one-year term	
<u>James Womick</u>	Alderman Member, one-year term	
<u>Toni Polkoski</u>	Citizen Member, one-year term	
<u>Becky Oswald</u>	Citizen Member, one-year term	
<u>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:</u>		
<u>Tegan McClain-Wise</u>	Citizen Member, three-year term	Lance Hauser John Edwards Brian Harrie Carlos Holcomb, Alternate 1

Mary Knoll
Wallace Habegger

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Kevin Brueggeman Alderman Member, one-year term
Troy Harris Alderman Member, one-year term
Josh Lydon Alderman Member, one-year term
Dave Kuderer Alderman Member, one-year term
John Gessner Citizen Member, four-year term

Paul Geier
Bryan Jandt

BOARD OF REVIEW:

Gary Peterson Citizen Member, five-year term
Toni Polkoski Citizen Member, five-year term

Gene Arenz
Wallace Habegger
Heidi Lydon

CHAMBER TOURISM COMMITTEE:

Robert Arnold Alderman Member, one-year term

EXTRA-TERRITORIAL ZONING COMMITTEE:

Toni Wissestad Citizen Member
Ron Button Citizen Member
John Ambro, Chair Citizen Member

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Josh Lydon, Chair Alderman Member, one-year term
Bruce Humphrey Alderman Member, one-year term
Dave Kuderer Alderman Member, one-year term

Same

LIBRARY BOARD:

Paul Lenz Citizen Member, three-year term
Sandie Perry Citizen Member, three-year term
Bruce Humphrey Alderman Member, one-year term

Reinhard Mueller
Terry Putman
Amy Bernath

PARK BOARD:

Jill Wise Citizen Member, three-year term
Mike Harris Citizen Member, three-year term
Megan Mulvaney Citizen Member, three-year term

Robert Arnold Alderman Member, one-year term

Bob Halverson Jr 2025

(COUNCIL APPT.)

Josh Lydon Alderman Member, one-year term

(COUNCIL APPT.)

Kevin Brueggeman Alderman Member, one-year term

(COUNCIL APPT.)

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Troy Harris Alderman Member, one-year term

(COUNCIL APPT.)

David Kuderer Alderman Member, one-year term

(COUNCIL APPT.)

Mayor/Chair
John Ambro
Ron Button
Toni Wissestad

_____ Alderman Member, one-year term (Park Board Chairman)
(ORDINANCE)

POLICE COMMISSION:

<u>Sara Anderson</u>	Citizen Member, five-year term	John Kress, III
		Desiree Stuart
		Gary Ascher
		Mike Arenz

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

<u>Kevin Brueggeman</u>	Alderman Member, one-year term	Same
<u>Jim Church, Chair</u>	Alderman Member, one-year term	
<u>James Womick</u>	Alderman Member, one-year term	
<u>Robert Arnold</u>	Alderman Member, one-year term	
<u>Dave Kuderer</u>	Alderman Member, one-year term	

CITY SEALER:

State of Wisconsin, Department of Consumer Protection

A motion was made by Josh Lydon and seconded by Kevin Brueggeman to approve the following Mayoral Appointments. Motion carried 7-1, with Jim Church voting no.

Attorney Dan Hellman addressed the City Council with information per Robert's Rule of Order regarding making nominations and voting via secret ballot. Mayor Riley will then close the nominations once no more nominations are received. Each will vote via secret ballot and then hand voted ballots to the City Clerk. The City Clerk, with a witness, will tally ballot votes for each position.

A motion was made by Bruce Humphrey and seconded by Troy Harris to move that positions be elected by secret ballot. Motion carried 7-1, with Jim Church voting no.

NOMINATIONS FOR PARK BOARD – THREE POSITIONS:

Josh Lydon nominated Robert Arnold for Park Board member.
Jim Church nominated Josh Lydon for Park Board member.
Bruce Humphrey nominated Kevin Brueggeman for Park Board member.
Josh Lydon nominated Jim Church for Park Board member.
Troy Harris nominated Troy Harris for Park Board member.

Mayor Riley announced that nominations are closed.

Vote position #1: Robert Arnold

A motion by Bruce Humphrey was made to take nominations for each position after each vote. There was no second on the motion. Motion failed.

Vote position #2: Josh Lydon

Vote position #3: Kevin Brueggeman

Robert Arnold, Josh Lydon, and Kevin Brueggeman will each serve a one-year term on Park Board.

PLANNING COMMISSION – TWO POSITIONS:

Bruce Humphrey nominated Troy Harris for Planning Commission member.
Josh Lydon nominated Robert Arnold for Planning Commission member.
Kevin Brueggeman nominated Troy Harris for Planning Commission member.
Robert Arnold nominated Robert Arnold for Planning Commission member.
Troy Harris nominated Troy Harris for Planning Commission member.
Bruce Humphrey nominated David Kuderer for Planning Commission member.

Mayor Riley announced that nominations are closed.

Vote position #1: Troy Harris

Vote position #2: David Kuderer

Troy Harris and David Kuderer will each serve a one-year term on Planning Commission.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Bruce Humphrey nominated Josh Lydon for Council President.
Kevin Brueggeman nominated Bruce Humphrey for Council President. Bruce Humphrey respectfully declined.
Troy Harris nominated Jim Church for Council President.
Kevin Brueggeman nominated Josh Lydon for Council President.

Mayor Riley announced that nominations are closed.

Vote position #1: Josh Lydon

Josh Lydon will serve a one-year term as Council President.

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION INCREASING AMOUNT THAT MAY BE SPENT
ON MEMORIAL PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
DESIGN AND INSTALLATION**

Jim Church read the Resolution the first and second time. Josh Lydon moved to read the Resolution third time by title only, rules be suspended and placed before the Council for immediate action, seconded by Jim Church. Motion carried 8-0. Mayor Riley read the Resolution third time by title only and the Resolution was approved on a roll call vote 8-0.

A motion was made by Josh Lydon and seconded by Jim Church to approve the Carnival License for Sparta Festivals for Butterfest on June 6 through June 9, 2024 in Memorial Park. Motion carried 8-0.

At 6:51 p.m. a motion by roll call vote was made to go into Closed Session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

RE: Assessment Legal Issue

and

RE: LMI Properties, LLC

and

RE: Sand Creek Landfill

Jim Church, Kevin Brueggeman, Bruce Humphrey, Troy Harris, James Womick, Robert Arnold, Josh Lydon, and David Kuderer all voted yes to go into closed session.

At 7:57 p.m. a motion by roll call vote to return to open session.

Jim Church, Kevin Brueggeman, Bruce Humphrey, Troy Harris, James Womick, Robert Arnold, Josh Lydon all voted yes to return to open session.

A motion was made by Jim Church and seconded by Bruce Humphrey to hire an attorney to represent the City of Sparta in the Sand Creek Landfill case and defend the City of Sparta in any litigation. Motion carried 6-0, with Kevin Brueggeman abstaining.

There were no items for future consideration.

A motion was made by Josh Lydon and seconded by Kevin Brueggeman to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Lydon
City Clerk