

NOVEMBER 12, 2013

Regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Meyer at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza.

PRESENT: Michael Feirer, Robert Workinger, Gordon H. Earll, Ed Wagner, Russell Stauber, Gary Cummings, Rebecca Spiros, Tom Buttke and Peter Hendler.

ABSENT: Alanna Feddick-Goodwin

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

Mayor Meyer proclaimed the week of November 10 – 16, 2013 as the Marshfield Area Community Foundation week. He also announced that he attended the annual Veterans Day Celebration at Veterans Park. He read a proclamation at that event honoring all Veterans.

CC13-272 Motion by Wagner, second by Feirer to approve the minutes of the Common Council budget meeting of October 22, 2013.

Motion carried

CC13-273 Motion by Cummings, second by Feirer to approve the minutes of the Common Council meeting of October 22, 2013.

Motion carried

No items were added to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Amanda McCarthy, 1700 E. McMillan Street. She spoke about the E. McMillan Street Project. On October 28th she met with the developer and presented the neighbors suggestions. Some of their suggestions were: 1) Building duplexes or single story multiplexes on the front of the property and keeping the two stories to the back. If that would not work they would suggest moving the two story units further back off of McMillan; 2) Removing one building or purchasing additional land for the five buildings; 3) The installation of sidewalks; 4) Landscaping that is visually appealing and provides some privacy and/or natural fencing; and 5) Construction of Hume Avenue so that there would be no access points on McMillan Street. The developer was unwilling or unable to purchase any additional land and he would not build duplexes, single story or push the buildings further off of McMillan. She is not sure where the developer stands today on the construction of Hume Avenue but at the meeting he was not interested. She asked the Council to vote no on the proposed zoning change.

Lori Belongia, Library Director invited everyone to an event that they will be holding on November 17th called Great Things are Happening Here. They will be celebrating the many good things that this community has to offer and the people that are providing them.

Joel Erhfurth from Mach IV Engineering & Surveying LLC. He is representing the Developer Tim Halbrook on the E. McMillan Street project. They did meet with the neighbors on October 28th. At the Plan Commission they were presented with 14 concerns from the neighbors. When they got to the meeting those concerns were narrowed down to 5 that the neighbors labeled as suggestions, compromises or improvements. The first two are basically interlinked. They asked them to consider duplexes or pushing the two story multiplex units back 75 – 100 feet. They explained to the neighbors that it is a fairly complicated land deal with high commercial prices. There are some reasons why they don't want to push the units back. This will improve the neighborhood drainage and storm water management. The existing site plan currently has the units 76 feet off of McMillan.

The landscaping that is being proposed by the Developer is about 40% more than the city code requires. Sidewalk on the northside of McMillan does not exist because it doesn't connect to anything. They would petition the city to see if they would put in some painted crosswalks. They are dedicating land to the city for green space. Economics make it difficult to purchase more land. They are willing to consider extending Hume Avenue but the neighbors asked them to extend Hume Avenue entirely on their property and that would cause them to lose a unit and about 20% of their revenue generating capability. That was a deal breaker for the developer. But they are open to extending Hume Avenue and if the City wants to extend Hume Avenue then they will certainly pay their fair share of the assessments. Extending everything on their property is not right. The statement that they are not willing to compromise is inaccurate. They have made a good faith effort to try and bring this development to Marshfield. They have made some costly concessions on their part that is in the best interest of everybody and the decision before the Council is what's in the best interest for the City of Marshfield.

Paul Werner, 1709 Heidi Lane. Spoke about the E. McMillan Street Project. The thing that he can see about this development is that in that whole neighborhood area everything is one story. That is why the neighbors probably have those issues. As far as traffic goes it is a good idea to have an emergency exit on the west side.

Mark Steevens, 1809 E. McMillan Street. Spoke about the E. McMillan Street Project. He asked the Council to stay with Marshfield's long-term Comprehensive Plan. As the plan stands this project would be welcomed on other available sites in the City instead of forcing this on the neighborhood. We need to look at the long term plan and build a subdivision for the working laborers. He questions the E. McMillan Street resolution that is on the agenda tonight. Has this been thoroughly thought out? Is the Council aware that much of this street and adjoining land is in the Town of McMillan? He called Dan Knoeck to find out what kind of assessment he would have. Dan started adding up the numbers and basically stopped adding them up when they exceeded \$40,000. He guesses that this is his penalty for speaking up for his property rights. There are many reasons why the Council should not approve this large apartment complex on this site.

Richard Cram, 1616 E. McMillan Street. Spoke about the E. McMillan Street Project. Putting a block on the driveway that would almost be across from his driveway, can the city guarantee that within a certain period of time that the residents wouldn't want this drive opened up. He would like a guarantee that this would only be opened up for emergency purposes. There is a lot of heavy truck traffic on that road.

Patricia Steevens, 1809 E. McMillan. Spoke about the E. McMillan Street Project. The bottom line issue is that this land was not zoned for this kind of housing unit. There are areas in the city that are zoned for this kind of housing unit.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

None

CONSENT AGENDA

CC13-274 Motion by Feirer, second by Hender to receive and place on file, approving all recommended actions for the items listed on the consent agenda. Meeting Minutes/Reports: Zoning Board of September 17, 2013; Community Development Authority of September 19, 2013; Cable TV Committee of September 23, 2013; Convention and Visitors Bureau of September 25, 2013; Committee on Aging of October 3, 2013; Community Development Authority Personnel Committee

of October 11, 2013; Community Development Authority Financial Committee of October 16, 2013; Evaluation Committee for Shared-Ride Taxi/Shuttle Bus Service of October 22, 2013; Airport Committee of October 24, 2013; Economic Development Board Subcommittee on Organization of October 25, 2013; Evaluation Committee for Shared-Ride Taxi/Shuttle Bus Service of October 29, 2013; Economic Development Board Subcommittee on Projects of November 1, 2013; Cable TV Committee RFP Subcommittee of November 4, 2013; Board of Public Work of November 4, 2013; Historic Preservation Committee of November 4, 2013; Judiciary and License Committee of November 5, 2013; Economic Development Board Subcommittee on Projects of November 6, 2013 and Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee of November 12, 2013 as read.

Motion carried

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

CC13-275 Motion by Feirer, second by Cummings to authorize postponement of submitting the grant application to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for Transportation Alternatives Program funds.

Motion carried

Second reading of Ordinance No. 1260, rezoning request by Tim Halbbrook to change the zoning of just over 6 acres of land from “TR-6” Single-Family Residential to “MR-12” Multifamily Residential District, located north of East McMillan Street, east of North Central Avenue, and west of Hume Avenue (southern portion of the vacant property east of the Wal-Mart property).

CC13-000 Motion by Earll, second by Stauber to approve Ordinance No. 1260.

Director of Planning and Economic Development Jason Angell presented information on properties in the City of Marshfield that are currently zoned “MR-12” or “MR-24”.

CC13-276 Motion by Earll, second by Buttke to postpone Ordinance No. 1260, Resolution No. 2013-56 and Resolution No. 2013-53 until the November 26, 2013 Common Council meeting.

Mayor Meyer asked Council President Feirer to chair the meeting so that he could speak.

CC13-277 Motion by Buttke, second by Stauber to amend motion **CC13-276** to change the postponement date to December 10, 2013. Workinger voted Nay.

Motion carried

Vote on motion **CC13-276 as amended**; Ayes - 7; Nays – 2 (Workinger and Wagner)

Motion carried

Mayor Meyer assumed the chair.

CC13-278 Motion by Wagner, second by Feirer to approve Resolution No. 2013-55, awarding a contract to Running, Inc. to provide a shared-ride taxi/shuttle bus service for 2014. Ayes – 9

Motion carried

CC13-279 Motion by Buttke, second by Hendler to approve Resolution No. 2013-57, authorizing the general manager of Marshfield Utilities to execute certain agreements on behalf of the City.

Motion carried

Second reading of Ordinance No. 1261 amending Section 14.69 pertaining to amount of sewer service charges.

CC13-280 Motion by Cummings, second by Earll to approve Ordinance No. 1261.
Motion carried

Second reading of Ordinance No. 1262 attaching certain lands from the Town of Cameron, Wood County to the City of Marshfield, Wisconsin.

CC13-281 Motion by Feirer, second by Cummings to approve Ordinance No. 1262.
Motion carried

Second reading of Ordinance No. 1263 attaching certain lands from the Town of Marshfield, Wood County to the City of Marshfield, Wisconsin.

CC13-282 Motion by Stauber, second by Hendler to approve Ordinance No. 1263.
Motion carried

Second reading of Ordinance No. 1264 repealing and reenacting Chapter 24 of the Municipal Code – Sign Code.

CC13-283 Motion by Buttke, second by Spiros to approve Ordinance No. 1264.
Motion carried

First reading of the appointment of Kristy Palmer of 12032 Roberta Lane, Marshfield to replace Corey Sullenger on the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Committee. Final action will be taken at the November 26, 2013 Council meeting.

First reading of the City appointments to the Joint Plan Commission City of Marshfield-Town of McMillan; Dan Knoeck, Ed Wagner and Karen Woodford. Final action will be taken at the November 26, 2013 Council meeting.

Future Agenda Items

None

Motion by Spiros, second by Buttke to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

Motion carried

Deb M. Hall
City Clerk