

JUNE 23, 2015

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, Alanna Feddick, Chris Jockheck, Gordon H. Earll, Ed Wagner, Rich Reinart, Gary Cummings, Rebecca Spiros and Tom Buttke

ABSENT: Peter Hendler

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

No items were added to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Bill Mitten, 8158 Porp Ct, Marshfield. He spoke about the 2nd Street Green Street Corridor. The issues that he has with this plan are:

- 1) The plan was kept secret. None of us in the area affected knew that any of these plans were coming out.
- 2) We were not allowed for any input into what was going on with the plan.
- 3) We didn't know about the plans until they were formally drawn up and they were presented to us by Josh Miller.
- 4) When surveys were taken, it didn't include leaving the street the same.

Numerous customers, employees, and delivery persons can't understand why the street is going to be changed the way that it is. He spoke with the planner that put the plan together and one of the reasons he mentioned for this was to have a walking and biking trail between the ball diamonds and the Library. We have a beautiful walking and biking trail right now that goes from one spot to the other. The survey should have also asked how often people walk or bike between these areas because the ball diamonds aren't open that many months out of the year and we don't see a lot of traffic coming down 2nd Street or the walking trail on Veterans Boulevard either. Another one of his reasons was that there is a need for outdoor dining in the downtown. We had outdoor dining years ago; Kris' Sidewalk Café and it was a very nice place but it wasn't cost effective, because it was only used a few months out of the year. Eventually the new owners extended their building out toward where the sidewalk café was and now they have a much larger café and can make it cash flow. We have no restaurants on 2nd Street. Where are the people going to get the food and if the people brought a lunch from home, would they prefer to sit on 2nd Street to eat their lunch or would they go to Wildwood Park, Braem Park, Griese Park or all of the other beautiful parks that we have in the city? The survey again, should have asked people if we have outdoor dining in the downtown how often per year would they be using it. The response would have probably been never. The planner also mentioned that there is a need for benches downtown. We have benches from one end of Central Avenue to the other. They get very little use now. We don't need any more benches in the downtown. The bottom line is the business owners and the customers in the area don't want any of the offers that they have received. We would prefer to leave it the same. After the Plan Commission meeting, they came up with two options to vote on and again leaving it the same was left out. The Emergency services are going to be hindered. We get semi-trucks that back in and they are going to block part of the street. At least now, people can skirt around on one side with the configuration of one way they won't be able to. In talking with Speedy Delivery, Fed Ex and UPS, they are concerned that they are going to be blocking traffic and it is not their fault because they didn't configure the street, but they need room to unload and they are in the downtown all day long, day and night. One issue that really bothered him with the Plan Commission meeting was that the Main Street Program was publicly accused of doing nothing. He has lived in Marshfield his whole life and when they

purchased their building 26 years ago, the Main Street Program was just starting and the downtown looked absolutely horrible. If you look back at your assessments back then they were all going down on all the properties. Most were dilapidated. They were absolutely terrible. Many were vacant. Now the properties are well kept up. Most of the buildings are occupied. In the last 25 or 26 years the values have gone up tremendously. In looking at the parking lots, 25 years ago we had nice parking lots where in the center they would have bushes and little rocks but the bushes weren't taken care of and they were just full of weeds. Now our parking lots have beautiful flowers. They are well kept. People are picking up the trash constantly to keep them looking nice. Again, this is all part of the Main Street Program. There was somewhere in the vicinity of \$100,000 raised just to pay for these amenities to make the downtown look nicer. There are flower pots up and down the streets and they are all well-kept and are absolutely beautiful. Main Street and all their volunteers deserve a public pat on the back and a thank you and not a kick in the pants.

John Sikora, 9011 Thompson Rd, Marshfield. He spoke in opposition to the 2nd Street Green Street Corridor. A 50' semi-tractor trailer backed in and blocked that road off for almost 40 minutes. If we make that street one-way and block the traffic off for 45 minutes, an hour or more that is not good, especially from the emergency vehicle end of it. The voice of the public here is better than majority to leave 2nd Street the way that it is.

Angie Eloranta, Main Street Marshfield thanked all the city staff who have worked really hard on the 2nd Street Green Street Corridor project. We really do appreciate your hard work to better our downtown and all the efforts that you put into it. The Main Street Board supports the downtown businesses that are ultimately going to be affected by this. We have listened and the downtown businesses have said that taking away their parking stalls will hinder their businesses; however despite some concerns, Main Street supports the downtown master plan and feels that there are other innovative and beautifying ways to improve the 2nd Street corridor. Hopefully we can all work together, listen, collaborate and then implement this project.

Pat Baer, 112 W 4th Street, owner of Charles Apartments. He spoke about the 2nd Street Green Street Corridor. His concern is for the five retail shops and the lawyer's office on the first floor. He agreed with Bill Mitten and doesn't want the change, especially on West 2nd Street. 2nd Street was redone two years ago and two years later they want to redo it again. Two years ago, the city shortened the sidewalks and made him shorten the Charles Apartments' canopy which was no small project. Now two years later, they want to widen the sidewalks. This is insane. He prefers things remain as they are, but if there are changes that are going to be done; he would like to keep the ten parallel parking spots in front of his five retail shops and the lawyer's office. The one plan that does away with all ten of those is insane. It would be very damaging to the retail shops and to the lawyer's office there to do something like that. If the city is really going to go with this corridor concept, they need to look at what else could be done as far as additions, amenities, or whatever and leave the basic set up as it is now. If there is going to be some additional drain, or whatever the city needs to look at the half of a block on the southern side of the street from the alley to Chestnut Avenue where there are no buildings in front of it, because that parking is the least valuable if something were to be done. He prefers not to lose any parking, but if something is done that would be the least damaging to the businesses. There has to be other things that can be looked at and like Bill Mitten said, why not talk it over with the business owners ahead of time before something is drawn up and get their input and not come up with a plan that is going to damage the people.

Mayor Meyer asked staff to address the comments that were made about this being a surprise. That is simply not the case. Public hearings were held, but people didn't attend those meetings.

City Planner Miller explained that there was a lot of feedback during the development of the downtown master plan. We also had a visioning workshop on that. We met one on one with most of the business owners and property owners along 2nd Street. We also did an online survey which almost 200 people filled out and we had two open houses which were attended by a total of six people. The open houses were held on two different nights at different times to make it available for different people with different schedules to try to attend and we didn't have a great turnout. As part of the survey and part of the one on one contacts with the businesses, we asked for contact information from Main Street Marshfield so we could do an email distribution and invite them to the various meetings and we also invited them to the meetings with the Board of Public Works and Plan Commission. We also held presentations with the Economic Development Board and MACCI. We did all that after we had some general concepts. We developed those concepts strictly as kind of a talking point, something to look at. If we didn't have anything to look at, we wouldn't really have something to start with. It wasn't like those were the concepts set in stone by any means and it wasn't intended to be that way. That was giving us a starting point. We thought that was a good way to do it.

CC15-132 Motion by Feirer, second by Spiros to approve the minutes of the Common Council meeting of June 9, 2015 regular meeting.

Motion carried

STAFF UPDATES

None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Meyer recognized the passing of a long time city employee, Betty Anderson. She worked for the city for over 26 years in the Finance Department. She was diagnosed in June of 2011 with cancer and passed away this past week. He sent condolences to her family.

Employee Recognition

William Schroeder, Street Division	June 27, 1995	20 years
Mary Anderson, Public Works	July 1, 1980	35 years
Chelsea Slade, Library	July 5, 2000	15 years
Christopher Hasz, Police Department	July 6, 2010	5 years
David Baker, Library	July 13, 2000	15 years

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

None

CONSENT AGENDA

CC15-133 Motion by Wagner, second by Cummings to receive and place on file, approving all recommended actions for the items listed on the consent agenda. Meeting Minutes/Reports: Utility Commission of May 11, 2015 (1. JO #5709, Cedar Avenue (Arnold to Blodgett). Cedar Ave reconstruction at a cost of \$43,096.89 and 2. JO #5710, Wildwood Court replace 1035 of 4" cast iron water main with 6" HDPE water main and install 420 feet of new 6" HDPE water main on Wildwood Court at a cost of \$124,835.16); Central Wisconsin State Fair of May 18, 2015; Utility Commission of June 1, 2015 (1. JO #5711, 1818 N. Oak replace aeration tower at a cost of \$233,427.); Main Street Marshfield of June 3, 2015; Economic Development Board of June 4, 2015; Utility Commission Special Meeting of June 15, 2015; Board of Public Works of June 15, 2015 (1. Approve final concept of 2nd Street Green Street Corridor project (one-way traffic with angle parking); Judiciary and License Committee of June 16, 2015, Finance, Budget, and Personnel Committee of June 16, 2015, Plan Commission of June 16, 2015 (1. Resolution No. 2015-29, CUP by Cornerstone Church to reduce the landscape requirements at 1417 W. McMillan Street; and 2. Resolution No. 2015-30, rescinding Resolution No. 2013-41 CUP parking requirements for Nutz Deep II).

Aldersperson Earll pulled out motion PW15-76 from the Board of Public Works minutes.

***PW15-76** Motion by Wagner, second by Jockheck to recommend to the Common Council to proceed with the option of angle parking and one way streets for the 2nd Street Green Street Corridor from Maple Avenue to Chestnut Ave.
Cummings voted 'No' – Motion carried*

Vote on motion **CC15-133 as amended.**
Motion carried

CC15-134 Motion by Jockheck, second by Buttke to reaffirm the action of the Board of Public Works. Ayes – 5; Nays – 4 (Feddick, Earll, Reinart and Cummings).
Motion carried

Mayor turned the Chair over to Council President Cummings so he could respond to some of the comments that were made.

Mayor Meyer resumed the Chair.

City Administrator Barg said that staff has heard the complaints and the concerns loud and clear. We know that people have a lot of issues that they want to have worked through with this plan and staff will certainly meet to try to address whether it is parking, loading docks, or whatever to make this the best project possible if in fact we do get to that point down the road. We will do everything we can.

First reading of revised Ordinance No. 1299, amending Section 9-58 of Marshfield Municipal Code (Pawnbrokers, Secondhand Article and Jewelry Dealers).

CC15-135 Motion by Buttke, second by Earll to suspend the rules and vote on Revised Ordinance No. 1299. Ayes – 8; Nays – 1 (Feddick)
Motion carried

Aldersperson Feddick expressed concerns with the business owners and their extensively lack of notice from our last meeting to this one about this revision. She is concerned that we are putting rules

on certain businesses in this community that aren't in other communities. She understands from a law enforcement perspective it might make it easier to track things down, but we are also putting a huge load on our business that are trying to make a profit and have a hard time when what they are dealing with is \$20 wrenches. She is supportive of adopting state statutes and continuing to apply that, but she not in favor of making it more restrictive.

CC15-136 Motion by Buttke, second by Earll to approve Revised Ordinance No. 1299. Ayes – 8; Nays – 1 (Feddick)

Motion carried

First reading of Ordinance No. 1304, Rezoning Request by Jamie Teatz to change the zoning from “SR-6” Single Family Residential to “TR-6” Two Family Residential located at 310 East Cleveland Street to correct the zoning district, allowing the existing duplex property to conform to the Zoning Code.

CC15-137 Motion by Jockheck, second by Reinart to suspend the rules and vote on Ordinance No. 1304.

Mayor Meyer cautioned the Council about suspending the rules. Suspending the rules is generally reserved for emergency actions.

Vote on motion **CC15-137**; Ayes – 8; Nays - 1 (Feddick)

Motion carried

CC15-138 Motion by Feirer, second by Buttke to approve Ordinance No. 1304. Ayes - 9

Motion carried

First reading of Ordinance No. 1305, Rezoning Request by Marshfield Clinic to change the zoning from “SR-4” Single Family Residential to “CD” Campus Development located at 913 North Pine Avenue to allow this property to be part of the Marshfield Clinic Campus Development.

Mayor Meyer pointed out that a super majority of the Council will be needed for Ordinance No. 1305 to pass at the next meeting.

Aldersperson Spiros mentioned that she will not be able to vote on Ordinance No. 1305, because she works for the Marshfield Clinic.

Mayor Meyer explained that a super majority is 75% of those present and voting. The 75% doesn't include council members abstaining.

CC15-139 Motion by Feddick, second by Wagner to approve Resolution No. 2015-31, adopting the Public Participation Plan for the Comprehensive Plan Update. Ayes - 9

Motion carried

CC15-140 Motion by Cummings, second by Feirer to approve Budget Resolution No. 12-2015, Transferring \$25,000 within the Economic Development Fund from unassigned Utility Dividends to Economic Development Board for demolition costs for property at 451-453 South Central Avenue.

Ayes - 9

Motion carried

CC15-141 Motion by Spiros, second by Earll to approve Budget Resolution No. 13-2015, transferring \$14,529 from a donation to the Emergency Medical Services Fund #605 for purchase of a LUCAS 2 chest compression system. Ayes - 9

Motion carried

CC15-142 Motion by Buttke, second by Reinart to approve Budget Resolution No. 14-2015, transferring \$25,000 from the General Fund Contingency Budget to the General Fund Law Enforcement Budget for the Heroin Prevention Project. Ayes - 9

Motion carried

CC15-143 Motion by Earll, second Feirer to approve the groundbreaking ceremony for construction of the new library on Friday, July 31st at 11:00 a.m.

Aldersperson Jockheck expressed concerns with holding the groundbreaking ceremony on a weekday at 11:00 a.m. This is a community effort for a community building and he would like to see the ribbon cutting be held on a Saturday evening to accommodate people who have to work.

Vote on motion **CC15-143**; Ayes - 9

Motion carried

Finance Director Strey shared a survey of municipal tax rates of surrounding communities.

Future Agenda Items

The Board of Public Works meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7th at 5:30 p.m. followed by a Special Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. (to look at the final bid package for the Library and Community Center project based on the rebidding of some of the items) and then that will be followed by the Finance, Budget, and Personnel Committee meeting.

Motion by Spiros, second by Jockheck to adjourn at 8:41 p.m.

Lori A. Panzer
Deputy City Clerk