

MARCH 24, 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, Char Smith, Gary Cummings, Rebecca Spiros, Tom Buttke and Peter Hendler

ABSENT: None

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

No items were added to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

David Becker spoke about the request from UW Marshfield/Wood County for \$1 million from the City for the STEM Project. Taxes are high enough and he doesn't know where this money would come from. If changes need to be made then they should increase the tuition.

Dan Helwig from Design Unlimited spoke about the City Housing Subdivision Project. He is concerned about the City getting involved in the housing market. After reading the Housing Study that has been done by the City there were two major problems that he saw. One of the primary concerns is that Marshfield needs more housing. It didn't make any difference what type of housing. This project is headed down a road where the term affordable housing is attached to it. What is affordable housing? Affordable housing in this community isn't a \$200,000 brand new house in a subdivision. The other thing about the Housing Study that was important was that last year only 3-5 homes were built in the City of Marshfield. Marshfield has a stagnant housing market. We have to figure out how to re-energize that. How do we handle the taxes in this community? What is this development going to do to the taxes in this community? If this is subsidized what is the homeowner paying taxes on? Where is the fairness in all of this? How is it that you are picking one segment of the population and catering to that group? He proposed that the City contribute 1/3 to the streets. This would treat the developers equally and it handles all housing equally.

CC15-049 Motion by Cummings, second by Feirer to approve the minutes of the Common Council meeting of March 10, 2015 regular meeting.

Motion carried

STAFF UPDATES

City Administrator Barg talked about the request to increase the room tax rate. He has met with members of the Convention and Visitors Bureau and others to talk about this issue and they would like some time to look into this. This item will come before the Council either late spring or early summer.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Philip Schmidt, Street Division

April 5, 2010

5 years

The Mayor read a proclamation declaring April 7, 2015 as National Service Recognition Day.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

John Maggitti from the Marshfield Utility Commission. They received their annual audit for 2014 and there was no bad news and no surprises. On the Water side there were no freeze outs over the winter of 2014/2015. On the Electric side, the PSC has revised the rate of return calculation downward from 6% to 5% and as a result of that they will not be making a rate case on the Electric side in 2015 so there will be no rate increase in 2015. The Commission voted to donate a \$100,000 for the City Housing Subdivision project.

Jason Angell, Planning and Economic Development Director said that the Conditional Use Permit for the Library Project is not included on this agenda because they are working to finalize the legal description for the property. Once this is completed they will include it on the resolution and bring the Conditional Use Permit along with the minutes of the City Plan Commission to the Council for approval.

CONSENT AGENDA

CC15-050 Motion by Feirer, second by Buttke to receive and place on file, approving all recommended actions for the items listed on the consent agenda. Meeting Minutes/Reports: Convention & Visitor Bureau of January 27, 2015; Fire & Police Commission of February 5, 2015; Fire & Police Commission of March 5, 2015; Committee on Aging of March 6, 2015; Economic Development Board of March 6, 2015; Parks, Recreation & Forestry Committee of March 12, 2015; Utility Commission of March 16, 2015; Board of Public Works of March 16, 2015; Judiciary and License Committee of March 17, 2015; Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee of March 17, 2015 (1. Agreement for payment of delinquent holding tank waste fees; 2. Memo of Agreement with Police Officer Bargaining Unit; and 3. Tentative Agreement with Fire Fighters Local 1021 IAFF); and Airport Committee of March 19, 2015.

Motion carried

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

CC15-051 Motion by Wagner, second by Hendler to approve Resolution No. 2015-17, awarding the sale of approximately \$2,830,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2015A.

Ayes - 10

Motion carried

CC15-052 Motion by Smith, second by Jockheck to approve Resolution No. 2015-18, awarding the sale of approximately \$3,435,000 General Obligation Community Development Bonds, Series 2015B. Ayes – 10

Motion carried

CC15-053 Motion by Earll, second by Buttke to approve Budget Resolution No. 06-2015, transferring \$10,420 within the Protective Services Special Revenue Fund from State Shared Proceeds to Other Capital Funds. Ayes – 10

Motion carried

CC15-054 Motion by Wagner, second by Feirer to approve Budget Resolution No. 07-2015, transferring \$6,600 within TID #4 to the Urban Development budget for the 2nd Street Green Street Corridor conceptual design work. Ayes – 8; Nays – 2 (Cummings, Buttke)

Motion carried

Second reading of Ordinance No. 1297, repealing Section 3-66 (11) pertaining to the Sustainable Marshfield Committee.

CC15-055 Motion by Hendler, second by Buttke to approve Ordinance No. 1297. Ayes – 10
Motion carried

CC15-056 Motion by Wagner, second by Hendler to authorize the Economic Development Board (EDB) to continue moving forward with the proposal to create a City Subdivision with the understanding that City funding will be provided at a date and amount yet to be determined.

Ayes – 8; Nays – 2 (Feddick, Spiros)

Motion carried

Before the Council began the discussion on the funding request from UW Marshfield/Wood County for the STEM Project the Mayor turned the Chair over to Council President Earll since he has a conflict of interest because he is an employee of UW Marshfield/Wood County.

Discussion on the funding request from UW Marshfield/Wood County for STEM Project.

CC15-057 Motion by Wagner, second by Feirer to direct the City Administrator to prepare a resolution to be presented to the Common Council in support of the UW Marshfield/Wood County STEM Project.

Motion carried

Mayor Meyer resumed the Chair.

CC15-058 Motion by Hendler, second by Earll to approve temporary suspension of enforcing ordinance prohibiting cell phone use while operating a motor vehicle. Ayes - 10

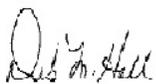
Motion carried

City Administrator Barg presented the 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Program. This includes projects totaling \$30,552,000 of which \$786,000 is financed from Borrowed – TIF; \$7,282,000 Borrowed – Nonrecurring Projects; \$14,000,000 Borrowed – Recurring Projects; \$0 Debt – Wastewater Utility; \$2,000,000 Donation/Private Funds, \$4,409,000 Fees – Wastewater Utility; \$1,375,000 – Operating Funds and \$700,000 Room Tax.

Future Agenda Items

None

Motion by Spiros, second by Jockheck to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.



Deb M. Hall
City Clerk