

OCTOBER 13, 2014

PUBLIC HEARING: Called to order by Mayor Meyer at 6:54 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza pertaining to vacating and discontinuing the portion of unopened Wildflower Drive from the end of the existing cul-de-sac to the unopened cul-de-sac on Sunflower Street lying within the Prairie Run Subdivision, and vacating and discontinuing those portions of Red Hawk Lane, Highview Drive and Schueller Drive lying within the Schueller's City Lights Plat.

FOR: None

AGAINST: None

COMMENTS: None

The public hearing closed at 6:55 p.m.

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.

CC14-211 Motion by Feirer, second by Cummings to approve the minutes of the Common Council meeting of September 23, 2014.

Motion carried

No items were added to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

William Penker of 600 S. Sycamore Avenue. He spoke about the request from the Marshfield Area Pet Shelter. The proposed pet shelter will be a business and like any business it can succeed or not and it needs start up funds. This venture could potentially receive startup funds of \$250,000. Does the lender (the taxpayer) provide substantial funds to a startup venture without having background material in hand? The shelter will apparently solve a problem that is only going to get worse but what is it, how large is it and does it involve pets, feral animals or both.

Kevin Hamill representing the Union members and employees of the Marshfield Police Department. He talked about the city's health insurance plan changes for 2015. Concerns have also been brought up about WEA is questioning the doctors on procedures that they are requesting to be performed and denying some of them. The entire 7% increase is being passed on to the employees. He would have expected city staff to send out RFP's for 2015 knowing that they had a 7% increase in health care premiums coming towards them and that wasn't done.

Travis Sherdern, Police Department employee. He also spoke about the city's health insurance and offered some alternatives that they thought would be worth exploring. (1) Offer multiple plans; and (2) Offer buy-outs for health insurance. He asked the Council to consider all options that are available but simply accepting this proposal as is, not shopping around or looking at other options, would be selling the employees short as well as the citizens of Marshfield.

Brad Breuer representing the Marshfield Firefighters. He encouraged the Council to consider looking at other options when considering the city's health insurance. Let the employees feel like they are getting the best option instead of shouldering the entire 7% increase with the insurance plan that is being proposed.

Chris Jockheck invited the public to the second Civility Project Forum held on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at the Marshfield Library at 6:30 p.m.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

None

CONSENT AGENDA

CC14-212 Motion by Buttker, second by Jockheck to receive and place on file, approving all recommended actions for the items listed on the consent agenda. Meeting Minutes/Reports: Library Board Finance Committee of July 15, 2014; Library Board Special Meeting of July 22, 2014; Library Board of August 12, 2014; Main Street Board of September 3, 2014; Parks, Recreation & Forestry Committee of September 11, 2014; Airport Committee of September 18, 2014; Main Street Board of October 1, 2014; Historic Preservation Committee of October 6, 2014; Board of Public Works of October 6, 2014; Judiciary and License Committee of October 7, 2014 and Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee of October 7, 2014.

Alderman Feddick asked for motion FBP14-079 to be pulled from the Finance minutes of October 7, 2014. It reads as follows: **FBP14-079** Motion by Earll, second by Feddick to authorize filling the position of Assistant Street Superintendent and any other vacancy that occurs during the recruitment process within the Street Division. Smith voted Nay. Motion carried

Vote on motion **CC14-212 as amended**.

Motion carried

CC14-213 Motion by Wagner, second by Smith to confirm the action that the Finance committee made through motion FBP14-079. Ayes - 10

Motion carried

An external and internal search will be conducted to fill the position(s) in the Street Department.

Second reading of Charter Ordinance No. 26, requiring that the position of Assessor be appointed by the Common Council for an indefinite term.

CC14-214 Motion by Earll, second by Feirer to approve Charter Ordinance No. 26. Ayes – 8; Nays – 2 (Feddick and Hendler)

Motion carried

Second reading of Ordinance No. 1288, rezoning request by Josh Gluege, representing the property owners Lonnie and Paulette Peterson, to change the zoning of two vacant parcels located at 401 and 407 East 21st Street (parcels numbers 33-06268 and 33-06269), from “SR-3” Single Family Residential to “TR-6” Two-Family Residential District.

Aldersperson Smith requested permission to abstain from voting on this item due to a potential perceived conflict of interest. There was no objection.

CC14-215 Motion by Wagner, second by Cummings to approve Ordinance No. 1288. Ayes - 8; Nay – 1 (Jockheck); Abstain – 1 (Smith)

Motion carried

First reading of Ordinance No. 1290, amending Section 14.69 pertaining to amount of sewer service charges.

CC14-216 Motion by Buttke, second by Cummings to approve Resolution No. 2014-39, discontinuing those portions of Red Hawk Lane, Highview Drive and Schueller Drive lying within the Schueller’s City Lights Plat. Ayes - 10

Motion carried

CC14-217 Motion by Hendler, second by Jockheck to approve Resolution No. 2014-45, vacating and discontinuing the portion of unopened Wildflower Drive from the end of the existing cul-de-sac to the unopened cul-de-sac on Sunflower Street lying within the Prairie Run Subdivision. Ayes – 10

Motion carried

CC14-218 Motion by Feirer, second by Cummings to approve Resolution No. 2014-60, Certified Survey Map for the dedication of public right-of-way for North Peach Avenue. Ayes – 10

Motion carried

CC14-219 Motion by Smith, second by Hendler to approve Resolution No. 2014-58, implementing a revised rental rate schedule for the Vehicle/Equipment Internal Service Fund effective January 1, 2015. Ayes - 10

Motion carried

CC14-220 Motion by Wagner, second by Cummings to approve Resolution No. 2014-59, implementing a revised Wastewater Utility machinery and equipment rental rate schedule effective January 1, 2015. Ayes - 10

Motion carried

CC14-221 Motion by Wagner, second by Hendler to approve group health insurance contracts with Wisconsin Education Association (WEA) Trust for calendar year 2015 for all benefit-eligible employees, including elected officials and instruct staff to find a way of mitigating the effect of the increase on the employees and come back to the Council with a proposal by the last budget session and look at some very creative ways of dealing with health insurance in 2015. Ayes - 10

Motion carried

CC14-222 Motion by Buttke, second by Jockheck to approve “Consent to Assignment & Release Agreement” to allow the sale of the Tower Hall property.

Motion carried

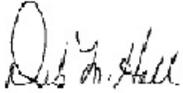
CC14-223 Motion by Cummings, second by Jockheck to approve the appointment of Mike Winch, Street Superintendent, to be the City’s Weed Commissioner.

Motion carried

Future Agenda Items

Policy on how to hand external vs. internal recruitment.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Deb M. Hall".

Deb M. Hall
City Clerk