JANUARY 13, 2004

Regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Meyers at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza.
PRESENT: Michael Feirer, Brad Parks, Gerald Nelson, Tim Kraus, Jerry Bennington, Sr., Russell Stauber, Don Krueger, Ray Gougeon, Tom Buttke and Edward Beaudry, Jr.
ABSENT: None

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

Deacon Dan Hannig, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, gave the invocation.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MAYOR
None

CC04-001 Motion by Nelson, second by Bennington to approve the minutes of the Common Council meeting of December 23, 2003. All Ayes
Motion carried

No items were added to the agenda.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
None

COMMUNICATIONS
None

MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
CC04-002 Motion by Stauber, second by Parks to receive and place on file the minutes of the Board of Review of October 21, 2003, October 23, 2003, October 24, 2003 and October 27, 2003; Community Development Authority of December 4, 2003 and Library Board of December 9, 2003. All Ayes
Motion carried

MINUTES OF ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES
CC04-003 Motion by Buttke, second by Feirer to approve the minutes of the Historic Preservation Committee of December 8, 2003 and Electrical Board of January 7, 2004. All Ayes
Motion carried

MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES
CC04-004 Motion by Gougeon, second by Buttke to approve the minutes of the Airport Committee of December 30, 2003. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC04-005 Motion by Feirer, second by Parks to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works of January 5, 2004.

CC04-006 Motion by Kraus, second by Buttke to vote on motion PW04-04 separately. Feirer, Nelson and Krueger voted Naye, rest Aye.
Motion carried

Alderman Kraus said that the residents in the area are very concerned as to a yield sign being put up at that intersection. Even though there is a no through street sign there, a tree has been knocked off; a child almost hit and speeders going on the lawns. The suggestion was made to put a yield sign there. After discussion with the police chief and a phone conversation with Mrs. Paula Gadtke who lives on that street, she said that the other residents in that area all would like to see a stop sign put at that intersection instead of a yield sign. If not only for the safety of the children but for the fact that it seems to be that high school kids are using Arnold and Hinman bypass to race against their school mates to go to school instead of going down Peach and Becker. If we put a yield sign up there, they are concerned about people still rolling swiftly through that intersection making a left-hand turn. He feels that the interest of the residents of that area should over-whelmingly sway us to vote towards safety instead of just putting a yield sign up there.

City Engineer Turchi said that it is there recommendation to put yield signs at this intersection. Currently there are no recorded traffic accidents at this intersection for the last three (3) years. When they make recommendations, they follow standard guidelines set by the Federal Highway Administration. One of the statements in our policy and in the Federal Highways policy, is that the installation of stop signs when they are not necessary causes drivers to start looking at other stop signs in other locations and not obeying those as well either.

Police Chief Stroik commented that facts don't always show us what is going on. This one in particular, if we are hearing complaints about cars speeding through the intersection, near misses, and children at danger. He agrees that we should error on the side of safety. If they want a stop sign out there, it is an intersection, maybe we need to put one up.

Director of Public Work Knoeck stated the consequences of putting a stop sign where it may not be warranted. What happens is if that approaching vehicle approaching the stop sign never sees an on-coming car as they approach the stop sign, pretty soon they are going to just slow down and then slowing down less and less. After a while, they will be going through that stop sign as if it wasn't there. In affect, it is acting like a yield sign because they never see a car coming when they approach the stop sign.

CC04-007 Motion by Kraus, second by Buttke to vote on motion PW04-04 as it is currently stated in the Board of Public Works minutes of January 5, 2004 which reads, "Motion by Nelson, second by Krueger to recommend installation of yield signs at the intersection of Arnold Street and Hinman Avenue with Arnold Street yielding to Hinman Avenue and that upon approval by the Common Council the recommended changes be made to the Administrative Code of Traffic and Parking Regulations." Parks, Kraus, Bennington, Gougeon, Buttke and Beaudry voted Naye, Feirer, Nelson, Stauber and Krueger voted Aye.
Motion failed

CC04-008 Motion by Kraus, second by Bennington to place stop signs on Arnold Street. Both on the east and west side of the Hinman intersection. Feirer, Nelson and Krueger voted Naye, rest Aye.
Motion carried

Vote on motion **CC04-005 as amended**. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC04-009 Motion by Bennington, second by Kraus to approve the minutes of the Finance, Budget an Personnel Committee of January 6, 2004. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC04-010 Motion by Feirer, second by Nelson to approve the minutes of the Judiciary, License and Cemetery Committee of January 6, 2004. All Ayes
Motion carried

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS
CC04-011 Motion by Gougeon, second by Feirer to receive and place on file the minutes of the Central Wisconsin State Fair Board of November 17, 2003. All Ayes
Motion carried

Second reading of Ordinance No. 1002, attaching certain lands from the Town of Lincoln, Wood County, to the City of Marshfield, Wisconsin.

CC04-012 Motion by Parks, second by Nelson to approve Ordinance No. 1002. All Ayes
Motion carried

Second reading of Ordinance No. 1004, adopting Supplement No. 1 dated November 2003 to the City of Marshfield, Wisconsin Municipal Code.

CC04-013 Motion by Buttke, second by Bennington to approve Ordinance No. 1004. All Ayes
Motion carried

Second reading of Ordinance No. 1005, pertaining to a zoning revision for property located at 1901 Karau Drive from 'B-4' General Commercial to 'M-2' Light Industrial.

CC04-014 Motion by Stauber, second by Beaudry to approve Ordinance No. 1005. All Ayes
Motion carried

First reading of Ordinance No. 1007, pertaining to changes to Chapter 6 of the City of Marshfield, Wisconsin Municipal Code incorporating additional safety provisions governing use of pyrotechnics and flame effects before a proximate audience.

CC04-015 Motion by Bennington, second by Feirer to refer the ABE Outdoor Advertising appeal to the Plan Commission for further consideration and recommendation of the Veterans Parkway Design Guideline Committee.

Alderman Nelson said that we worked three years on a new sign ordinance and here we are making changes already. We should at least let the ordinance age a little bit before we start making changes/exceptions.

Director of Planning and Economic Development Miller responded that the Plan Commission also designated two areas within the City limits as Special Districts having special considerations. One was the Central Business District and the other one was the Veterans Parkway corridor. Both committees have begun to meet and they are to draft specific design guidelines to address the special needs of those districts. Those committees have not finished drafting the design guidelines and the Plan Commission wanted to give both of those committees opportunities to draft those guidelines prior to making a decision that would be irreversible once it was made and before a precedent was set

Vote on motion **CC04-015**; Nelson voted Naye, rest Aye.
Motion carried

CC04-016 Motion by Feirer, second by Buttke to refer the Mueller Outdoor Advertising, LLC appeal to the Plan Commission for further consideration and recommendation of the Veterans Parkway Design Guideline Committee. Nelson voted Naye, rest Aye.
Motion carried

Motion by Stauber, second by Parks to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. All Ayes
Motion carried

Deb M. Hall
City Clerk