

JULY 12, 2005

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, Gerald Nelson, Marty Anderson, Jerry Bennington, Sr., Chris Meyer, Donald Krueger, John Spiros, Tom Buttke, and Edward Beaudry, Jr.

ABSENT: Alanna Feddick

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

Rev. Larry Jones, Cornerstone Community Church gave the invocation.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MAYOR

Word to the Wise: Part of today's problem is that our paychecks are *minus* tax, and our bills are *plus*. Author: John Raudonis

CC05-237 Motion by Nelson, second by Bennington to approve the minutes of the Common Council meeting of June 28, 2005. All Ayes

Motion carried

There were no items added to the agenda.

Fire Chief Gregg Cleveland presented FF Everett Mueller with his badge. Mr. Mueller has completed his probationary period.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Dr. Kurt Reed, 1181 Cty Y West. He is an Infectious Disease Pathologist at the Marshfield Clinic and also a Research Scientist at the Foundation. He spoke to the Council regarding the request to waive the GIS fee for the Research Foundation. The Research Foundation has been researching West Nile since its first outbreak in the State of Wisconsin in 2001. They have been working with the State of Wisconsin doing mosquito surveillance for West Nile. What they have found is that a lot of cities don't have a very coordinated plan for the outbreak of West Nile. Last year they began putting together a surveillance plan for Marshfield. What they are trying to discover is which areas are at risk, where in Marshfield are the mosquitos present which are at risk for West Nile, what is their relative abundance, and how does it change to different parts of the City. When cities do get an outbreak they can spend hundreds of thousands of dollars trying to get it under control. Marshfield can save a lot of money doing West Nile intervention if using a more scientific approach. This summer they are doing some control intervention experiments to determine which types of treatment work best. They are using several techniques to help with this research, however, one of the most important thing they can do is have a high-resolution orthotopic aerial photograph of the City of Marshfield. They have used this with other cities. These photos have no commercial value to the Marshfield Clinic. The photos will be used only for this purpose and if they need to use them for another purpose, they would get permission from the City of Marshfield.

CC05-238 Motion by Feirer, second by Bennington to receive and place on file the minutes from the Community Development Authority of June 2, 2005 and the Zoning Board of Appeals of June 14, 2005. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC05-239 Motion by Anderson, second by Spiros to approve the minutes from the Historic Preservation Committee of June 13, 2005 and the Convention & Visitors Bureau of June 28, 2005. All Ayes

Motion carried

CO05-240 Motion by Spiros, second by Meyer to approve the minutes of the Cable TV Committee of June 27, 2005. All Ayes

Motion carried

CO05-241 Motion by Buttke, second by Meyer to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works of July 5, 2005. All Ayes

Motion carried

CO05-242 Motion by Bennington, second by Anderson to approve the minutes of the Finance, Budget, & Personnel Committee of July 5, 2005. All Ayes

Motion carried

CO05-243 Motion by Beaudry, second by Spiros to approve the minutes of the Judiciary, License, and Cemetery Committee of July 5, 2005. All Ayes

Motion carried

CO05-244 Motion by Buttke, second by Bennington to waive the fee from the request of the Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation.

Aldersperson Buttke agrees that revenue is important, but he feels that when the parameter was set, the intent was to have items that are reoccurring. He doesn't see many organizations asking for the waiving of the fee. This is a benefit to the community because it is a potentially serious problem. He wants some safeguards that this information will not be used for anything else.

Amber Miller stated they would have to sign a license agreement that would prohibit publishing without written consent or using it for any other department.

Aldersperson Beaudry stated Marshfield is in the process of doing a citizen survey, which is costing us \$15,000 for them to give the information for us. In this case, the Clinic is getting information for a much higher priority, because it deals with the health of everyone else in town and we want to charge them for the information. This just doesn't make sense. We need to look for revenue, but we have to look at it from a logical perspective. This is being done for the citizens of Marshfield.

Vote on motion **CO05-244** All ayes

Motion carried

Second reading of Ordinance 1054, amending Section 8-77(2)(b) of the Municipal Code relative to parking lot regulations.

CO05-245 Motion by Buttke, second by Nelson to approve Ordinance No. 1054. All Ayes
Motion carried

First reading of Ordinance No. 1055, amending Prairie Run Planned Unit Development Phase I, and changing zoning for property located north of McMillan Street and further described hereinafter from R-2 (Large Lot Single Family Residential) to PUD-GDP (Planned United Development – General Development Plan).

CO05-246 Motion by Nelson, second by Meyer to approve Resolution 2005-26 supporting AB 198, which would allow municipalities to combine their police and fire departments.

Mayor Meyers stated that this has been considered in Marshfield in the 1980's. It didn't fit Marshfield. If this were passed at the state level, the Fire and Police Commission would have to look into this for Marshfield. Mayor Meyers stated he looked into it and the League of Municipalities was behind it so that the communities have the option.

William Penker, Fire & Police Commissioner, stated this item has not come as an agenda item before the commission. This could be placed on the agenda in the future, but at this point the commission has nothing to say.

Chief Cleveland stated he looked into this and there is no legislative interest for supporting this bill. He feels that all communities need to be efficient, but fire service has evolved. We are doing paramedic, confined space, and hazardous material. There is so much specialization, it would be difficult to combine.

Chief Stroik stated he doesn't have a problem with looking at the concept, but the training and technical expertise needed by both department is very intense. Each Police Officer is sent to a minimal of 50 hours of training a year to stay current with new laws, etc.

Aldersperson Meyer seconded the motion because he doesn't feel that it may be an option for Marshfield, it is legislation that will give communities an option. He is not sure if it would be right for us.

Aldersperson Buttke is voting no because there is not enough information out there. If it would go through the Fire and Police Commission he may reconsider, but at this point he is voting no.

Vote on motion **CO05-246** Feirer, Nelson, Meyer, Krueger voted aye, Anderson, Bennington, Spiros, Buttke, Beaudry voted naye

Motion failed

CO05-247 Motion by Bennington, second by Meyer to refer Resolution No. 2005-27, vacating and discontinuing the east 30 feet of that portion of South Apple Avenue between 21st Street and 25th Street in the City of Marshfield, Wisconsin, to the Plan Commission for a recommendation. All ayes

Motion Carried

CO05-248 Motion by Bennington, second by Anderson to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, chapter 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public property, investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Specifically, the City Administrator has requested a closed session to discuss the Joint Dispatch Center negotiations. Roll call vote, all Ayes (Time 7:48 p.m.)

Motion Carried

Presented in closed session: Alderpersons Feirer, Nelson, Anderson, Bennington, Meyer, Krueger, Spiros, Buttke, Beaudry, Mayor Meyers, City Attorney John Hutchinson, Fire & Police Commissioner William Penker, Finance Director Keith Strey, Police Chief Joe Stroik, Fire Chief Gregg Cleveland, Human Resources Manager Lara Baehr, Mayor's Secretary Amy Krogman.

CO05-249 Motion by Bennington, second by Beaudry to return to open session. Roll call vote, all Ayes (Time 8:15 p.m.)

Motion Carried

No action was taken in open session regarding the closed session item.

Motion by Nelson, second by Bennington to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Motion carried

Amy Krogman
Mayor's Secretary