OCTOBER 24, 2005

Regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Meyers at 7:05 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza.
PRESENT: Michael Feirer, Alanna Feddick, Gerald Nelson, Marty Anderson, Jerry Bennington, Sr., Chris Meyer, Donald Krueger, John Spiros, Tom Buttke, and Edward Beaudry, Jr.
ABSENT: None

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

Pastor Art Scottberg, Redeemer Christian Church gave the invocation.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MAYOR
Word to the Wise: Man is a strange animal. He doesn't like to read the handwriting on the wall until his back is up against it. Author: Adlai Stevenson

CC05-357 Motion by Nelson, second by Bennington to approve the minutes of the Common Council meeting of October 11, 2005. All Ayes
Motion carried

There were no items added to the agenda but items T,U,V regarding the Closed Session were removed from the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
None

A presentation of the "Citizen Survey Results" was given by Professor Geoff Peterson, University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire Political Research Institute.

Highlights of the results:
►A slim majority of the respondents were willing to accept increases in property taxes in order to maintain existing city services.
►Respondents indicated strong support for continued funding of the Wildwood Zoo and Hefko pool, but much weaker support for continued funding of the airport.
►Respondents generally favored lower-cost solutions to existing city issues, such as remodeling rather than replacing the existing fire station.
►Respondents were generally pleased with the level of service they receive from the city.
►Clear divisions are visible between the older and younger respondents and between the wealthy and less-wealthy respondents.

CC05-358 Motion by Buttke, second by Krueger to accept and place on file the Citizen Survey Report. All Ayes
Motion carried

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
City Administrator Brehm gave a report on the following:
1. City's 2006 Budget
2. Comprehensive Plan
3. MACCI's September Business Plan Benchmark Report
4. Proposed State Legislation

MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CC05-359 Motion by Krueger, second by Anderson to receive and place on file the minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals of September 13, 2005; Special Zoning Board of Appeals of September 20, 2005; Fire and Police Commission of October 6, 2005 and Marshfield Utility Commission of October 17, 2005 (approval of the minutes will constitute approval of Job Order #5462 at a cost of $140,901). All Ayes
Motion carried

MINUTES OF ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

CC05-360 Motion by Bennington, second by Feirer to approve the minutes of the Electrical Board of October 5, 2005; Convention and Visitors Bureau of October 12, 2005 and Plan Commission of October 18, 2005. All Ayes
Motion carried

MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

CC05-361 Motion by Feirer, second by Feddick to approve the minutes of the Committee On Aging of October 6, 2005. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC05-362 Motion by Buttke, second by Spiros to approve the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee of October 13, 2005. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC05-363 Motion by Meyer, second by Bennington to approve the minutes of the Airport Committee of October 13, 2005. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC05-364 Motion by Feirer, second by Buttke to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works of October 17, 2005. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC05-365 Motion by Anderson, second by Bennington to approve the minutes of the Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee of October 18, 2005. All Ayes
Motion carried

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

CC05-366 Motion by Feddick, second by Bennington to receive and place on file the minutes of the Central Wisconsin State Fair Board of September 19, 2005. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC05-367 Motion by Feddick, second by Spiros to approve Resolution No. 2005-40, writing off various uncollectible ambulance accounts receivable totaling $13,043.08. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC05-368 Motion by Anderson, second by Feddick to approve Resolution No. 2005-41, supporting Assembly Bill 756 which would exempt municipalities from the county tax levy for certain services; and urging the Governor and Legislature to approve the same. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC05-369 Motion by Buttke, second by Spiros to approve Budget Resolution No. 19-2005, transferring $5,000 from a Wildwood Zoological Society donation to the Parks Operation and Maintenance budget for deer corral fencing improvements. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC05-370 Motion by Feddick, second by Bennington to approve Budget Resolution No. 21-2005, transferring $2,000 from the donation account to the Aquatic Facilities budget to cover the cost of the free swim program, and $1,550 from the donation account to the Aquatic Facilities budget for the purchase of pool deck chairs and lounges. All Ayes
Motion carried

Mayor Meyers gave an update on the Central Dispatch Services. He sent Chairman Gurtler a letter on October 14, 2005 basically to clarify the intent of the agreement that the City had with Wood County and Wisconsin Rapids that was passed by the Wood County Board in July of 2005. A director for the dispatch center was to be hired before any recommendations would be made as far as the location of the new dispatch site. That was not adhered to. There was an Emergency Management meeting on October 4, 2005 where this was discussed, unbeknownst to Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield. Action was taken by three out of the five members that were at that meeting. It was taken up by the County Board last Tuesday. There was a motion by the County Board that reads, "Motion by Rozar, second by Josephson that the decision at the Emergency Management Committee regarding the Shared Dispatch location be negated. That the understanding contained in the County Board Resolution that was previously passed be reaffirmed that the decision regarding location be made after the Dispatch Manager is onboard." It was passed 34-3 by the County Board. There is still overwhelming support in continuing with this venture with Wood County and Wisconsin Rapids.

Motion by Bennington, second by Nelson to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.
Motion carried

Deb M. Hall
City Clerk