

MAY 23, 2006

PUBLIC HEARING: Called to order by Mayor Meyers at 6:50 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza regarding Street Improvement Projects and Proposed Special Assessments. Project No. 1747 – Onstad Drive from Marathon Street to Blodgett Street; Palmetto Avenue from McMillan Street to Waushara Drive; Anton Court from Anton Avenue to the east; Spruce Avenue from Park Street to Magee Street; Pine Avenue from Arnold Street to Blodgett Street; Fillmore Street from Palmetto Avenue to Hinman Avenue; Ash Avenue from 2nd Street to 3rd Street; and Hume Avenue from Fillmore Street to Becker Road.

FOR: No One

AGAINST: No One

The public hearing closed at 6:53 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: Called to order by Mayor Meyers at 6:54 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza regarding vacation of Apple Avenue (Becker Road to Grant Street).

FOR: No One

AGAINST: No One

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

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, Alanna Feddick, Trish Siegler, Marty Anderson, Ed Wagner, Chris Meyer, Donald Krueger, Tom Buttke and Edward Beaudry, Jr.

ABSENT: John Spiros

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

Invocation was given by Pastor Larry Sheahen, Faith Fellowship.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MAYOR

Word to the Wise: A pat on the back, though only a few vertebrae removed from a kick in the pants, is miles ahead in results.” Author: Bennett Cerf

CC06-175 Motion by Krueger, second by Wagner to approve the minutes of the Common Council meeting of May 9, 2006. All Ayes

Motion carried

No items were added to the agenda.

A presentation of the Convention and Visitors Bureau 2006-2009 Strategic Plan was given by Bill Geist, consultant who worked with the Convention and Visitors Bureau in formulating this plan.

CC06-176 Motion by Feddick, second by Siegler to receive and place on file the Convention and Visitors Bureau 2006-2009 Strategic Plan. All Ayes

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

1. Alderperson Beaudry announced that the Mayor and Council President Buttke are raising money for the Children's Miracle Network by having a contest to see who can lose the most weight. The winner will be announced at the Maple Fall Festival on September 16, 2006.
2. Alderperson Feddick thanked Dan Knoeck and Tom Turchi for working with the residents in the Mannville area.

MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CC06-177 Motion by Feddick, second by Wagner to receive and place on file the minutes of the Library Board of April 11, 2006; Zoning Board of Appeals of April 11, 2006; Fairgrounds Commission of April 19, 2006; Fairgrounds Commission of May 2, 2006 special meeting; Marshfield Utility Commission of May 15, 2006 (approval of the minutes will constitute approval of Job Order #17179 at a cost of \$31,738 and Board of Review of May 15, 2006. All Ayes

Motion carried

MINUTES OF ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

CC06-178 Motion by Meyer, second by Feddick to approve the minutes of the Plan Commission of May 16, 2006. All Ayes

Motion carried

MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

CC06-179 Motion by Buttke, second by Beaudry to approve the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee of May 11, 2006. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC06-180 Motion by Feirer, second by Meyer to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works of May 15, 2006. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC06-181 Motion by Anderson, second by Siegler to approve the minutes of the Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee of May 16, 2006. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC06-182 Motion by Feddick, second by Wagner to receive and place on file the minutes of Mill Creek Business Park Covenant Committee of May 17, 2006. All Ayes

Motion carried

Second reading of Ordinance No. 1068, amending the unnecessary use of railroad whistles, horns and bells at private crossings within the City of Marshfield.

CC06-183 Motion by Buttke, second by Beaudry to approve Ordinance No. 1068. Wagner voted Naye, rest Aye.

Motion carried

Second reading of Ordinance No. 1070, attaching certain lands from the Town of Cameron, Wood County, to the City of Marshfield.

CC06-184 Motion by Meyer, second by Feirer to approve Ordinance No. 1070. All Ayes

Motion carried

First reading of Ordinance No. 1069, amending Section 17-39 and 17-41, Electrical Code, City of Marshfield Municipal Code.

CC06-185 Motion by Wagner, second by Feirer to suspend the rules and vote on Ordinance No. 1069. Meyer, Krueger, Buttke and Beaudry voted Naye, rest Aye.

Motion failed

(Motion failed because it takes two-thirds of all the members of the governing body, which is seven.)

First reading of Ordinance No. 1071, establishing the specific implementation plan for Prairie Run Planned Unit Development, Phase I, located north of West McMillan Street and changing zoning designation of the property to PUD-SIP (Planned Unit Development – Specific Implementation Plan).

CC06-186 Motion by Beaudry, second by Feddick to approve Resolution No. 2006-20, vacating and discontinuing Apple Avenue from Becker Road to Grant Street. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC06-187 Motion by Feddick, second by Meyer to approve Final Resolution No. 2006-26, in the matter of Improvement Project No. 1747 – Asphalt paving and milling of the existing asphalt surface on the following streets:

- a. Onstad Drive from and including its intersection with Marathon Street to and including its intersection with Blodgett Street.
- b. Palmetto Avenue from and including its intersection with McMillan Street to and including its intersection with Waushara Drive.
- c. Anton Court from and including its intersection with Anton Avenue to the east. Spruce Avenue from and including its intersection with Park Street to and including its intersection with Magee Street.
- d. Pine Avenue from and including its intersection with Arnold Street to and including its intersection with Blodgett Street.
- e. Fillmore Street from and including its intersection with Palmetto Avenue to and including its intersection with Hinman Avenue
- f. Ash Avenue from and including its intersection with 2nd Street to and including its intersection with 3rd Street.
- g. Hume Avenue from and including its intersection with Fillmore Street to and including its intersection with Becker Road.

All Ayes

Motion carried

CC06-188 Motion by Wagner, second by Anderson to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Marshfield and the County of Wood for the purchase of Handicapped Accessible Voting equipment and direct city staff to sign the same. All Ayes

Motion carried

Recessed at 7:46 p.m.

Reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

A presentation of the City of Marshfield's Budget Process was given by Keith Strey, Finance Director.

A presentation of the 2007 Budget Overview and Update and the Proposed 2007 Budget Parameters was given by City Administrator Brehm.

CC06-189 Motion by Buttke, second by Beaudry to hold over the 2007 Budget Parameters until the next Common Council meeting.

Recommended changes to the 2007 Budget Parameters

Aldersperson Feirer

- Parameter #8; The 2007 budget should be developed so that there is no increase in the city's tax rate. Delete the rest of the paragraph.

Aldersperson Feddick

- Parameter #1; remove the word "non-essential".
- Parameter #4; The city should consider additional areas in which services can be provided at a reduced cost including but not limited to services provided on a contractual basis and seeking community partners to provide services and address needs. (This would combine #4 and #5).
- Parameter #8; The 2007 budget should be developed so that there is no increase in the city's tax rate and that there is no decrease in the unreserved/undesignated general fund and no additional borrowing above last year's.

Aldersperson Siegler

- Leverage staff to increase efficiencies and help increase economic development. This could be added as an additional point.

Aldersperson Anderson

- He would like to see some type of mechanism for reporting back to the Council on the success of each of the points that are adopted. This might not be an additional point but he would like to see some type of report.

Aldersperson Wagner

- Parameter #8; he would feel comfortable with either Alderspersons Feirer or Krueger's recommended change to this parameter.

Aldersperson Meyer

- He had no additional changes. There is plenty of time to discuss the budget. These are guidelines/parameters. He is OK with the parameters as they were presented. He can live with the changes as recommended for parameter #8 but he had no additional changes.

Aldersperson Krueger

- Parameter #8; The 2007 budget should be developed so that there is no increase in the city's tax rate. There will also be no decrease in the general fund unreserved balances or increased borrowing over what was done in 2006. He does not want to see the mill rate go above the 2006 rate. He can also live with what Aldersperson Feirer has recommended for #8.

Aldersperson Buttke

- Services have been talked about for years now. It comes down to what level of services do the people want. The Common Council as well as all the people need to look at this to see if they would be comfortable with lesser services than we have now. It is easy to say "Let's cut taxes" but there are some real issues associated with that.

Aldersperson Beaudry

- This document is being looked at too much as a contract instead of a parameter. When you look at #8, he doesn't want to see any increase in the tax rate either. But on the other hand, he would like somebody to tell him what services are going to be cut. Because there is no way that we are going to provide the same budget with the same services. With the increases in the fuel, personnel costs, and health insurance, it can not happen without reducing something.

Administrator Brehm urged the Council to contact him between now and the next meeting with additional comments and/or clarification. We have limited revenue sources. The only leverage that we have is the property tax levy. We are facing some significant increases in utilities in gasoline and diesel fuel. The Council has already committed to increasing indebtedness obligations in 2007 by \$100,000. You have committed and obligated the City to participate in the implementation cost of the Central Dispatch for \$124,000. One of the recommendations is to remove the funding source which is the fund balance applied. Typically what has happened in the past is that capital projects were cut initially to maintain the same level of services. You can increase revenues, cut expenditures or do a combination of both. With the general sense of direction that he thinks the Common Council wants to go in with the same tax rate, expenditures will have to be cut because you can only raise your taxes \$139,000 without changing the rate.

Vote on motion **CC06-189**; All Ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Feddick, second by Anderson to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Motion carried

Deb M. Hall
City Clerk