JULY 25, 2006

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, John Spiros, Tom Buttke and Edward Beaudry, Jr.
ABSENT: None

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

Invocation was given by Rev. Ruth Egerer, Wesley United Methodist Church.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MAYOR
Word to the Wise: Don't knock the weather. Nine-tenths of the people couldn't start a conversation if it didn't change once in awhile. Author: Frank McKinney Hubbard

CC06-231 Motion by Krueger, second by Spiros to approve the minutes of the Common Council meeting of July 11, 2006.

Alderperson Wagner requested that his comments regarding the Shared Dispatch Center be added to the minutes.

Vote on motion **CC06-231 as amended**: All Ayes
Motion carried

No items were added to the agenda.

CC06-232 Motion by Krueger, second by Anderson to approve Resolution No. 2006-33, resolution awarding the sale of $5,475,000 Taxable Electric System Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2006. All Ayes
Motion carried

First reading of Ordinance No. 1074, creating the Committee on Youth.

Katie Ermatinger and Katie Miller gave a presentation on what the Youth Advisory Committee have been working on for the last several months.

A presentation on the Fire Station Study was given by Bob Sworski and Ed Michefske of Short, Elliott & Hendrickson Co. (SEH).

Previous studies conclusions were:

1. Substantial growth on the north and west areas of the City causing disproportionate response times.
2. Future growth predicted in these areas.
3. Current fire station does not meet today's standards.
4. Cost in providing staffing for a second fire station is a major political concern.
5. Create a sprinkler system ordinance.
6. Two active railroad crossings provide obstacles and can lead to increased response times.
7. Highway 13 and Highway 10 traffic can lead to increased response times.
8. Physical building deficiencies.

Facility Options:

1. Option No. 1: Construct a new central station - $2.5 million
2. Option No. 2: Remodel the existing station only - $1.97 million
3. Option No. 3: Remodel the existing station and build a satellite station, most likely on the NW side of the City - $1.736 million.
4. Option No. 4: Provide limited remodeling to existing station and construct a new main station - $1.8 million

Conclusions and Recommendations by SEH:

1. More space is needed.
2. Current station is very inadequate.
3. EMS response times must be viewed side by side with Fire Department response times.
4. Construct a second fire station.
5. Implement a "modified" Option No. 4.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Dr. Edward Blau, 501 N. Anton Avenue. He is concerned about the increased problem with the deer population in the City. They do no good and are a threat to properties, public safety and to our health. There is the threat of lyme disease. The City needs to hire professional archers to take care of the problem. A feeding ban would only be a temporary measure and how do you enforce a feeding ban.

Jeff Schultz, 201 N. Cedar Avenue. He urged the Council to maintain the City Clerk and City Assessor as elected positions and reject the attempt to make them appointed positions. Perhaps the better thing to do is change the term to 4 years.

Francis Gruenke, 910 S. Columbus Avenue. He is in favor of the Wood County Shared Dispatch Center. He would like the Fair Commission to offer discounted tickets to the handicapped people like they offer to the Senior Citizens.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Brehm gave a report on the following:

1. MACCI July 2006 Benchmark Report

MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

CC06-233 Motion by Krueger, second by Spiros to receive and place on file the minutes of the University Commission of May 18, 2006; Fairgrounds Commission of June 21, 2006 and the Marshfield Utility Commission of July 10, 2006 (approval of the minutes will constitute approval of Job Order #17214 at a cost of $40,626 and Job Order #5484 at a cost of $215,750).

Alderperson Feirer amended item #6, last paragraph on the Fairgrounds Commission minutes to reflect $9,000 instead of $5,500.

Vote on motion **CC06-233 as amended**; All Ayes.
Motion carried

MINUTES OF ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

CC06-234 Motion by Meyer, second by Krueger to approve the minutes of the Plan Commission of July 18, 2006 and the Industrial Park Authority of July 19, 2006.

Plan Commission motion PC06-50 should be Motion Carried not Motion Failed.

Vote on motion **CC06-234 as amended**; All Ayes
Motion carried

MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES
CC06-235 Motion by Buttke, second by Spiros to approve the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee of July 13, 2006. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC06-236 Motion by Feirer, second by Feddick to approve the minutes of the Committee on Aging of July 13, 2006. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC06-237 Motion by Feirer, second by Meyer to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works of July 17, 2006. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC06-238 Motion by Anderson, second by Siegler to approve the minutes of the Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee of July 18, 2006.

Administrator Brehm made a correction to the minutes to reflect that currently the Information Technology Lead Analyst is a C44 not a C43 as shown at the top of page 2 of the minutes.

Vote on motion **CC06-238 as amended**; All Ayes
Motion carried

CC06-239 Motion by Krueger, second by Spiros to approve the minutes of the Judiciary, License and Cemetery Committee of July 18, 2006. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC06-240 Motion by Meyer, second by Buttke to approve the minutes of the Airport Committee of July 20, 2006. All Ayes
Motion carried

Second reading of Ordinance 1072, attaching certain lands from the Town of McMillan, Marathon County, Wisconsin to the City of Marshfield, Wisconsin.

CC06-241 Motion by Buttke, second by Siegler to approve Ordinance No. 1072. All Ayes
Motion carried

Second reading of Ordinance 1073, providing for repealing of Article V of Section 18 of the Municipal Code.

CC06-242 Motion by Feddick, second by Siegler to approve Ordinance No. 1073. All Ayes
Motion carried

First reading of Charter Ordinance No. 22, requiring that the position of City Clerk be appointed by the Common Council for an indefinite term.

Alderperson Feddick is concerned about the proposed organizational structure. No where in the charter ordinance does it say what the organizational structure is. If we are taking this vote away from the citizens which we are doing by making these positions appointed, than we as the Council members elected by the citizens should retain the supervision of these positions. The Council would then be held responsible to the citizens. Doing it any other way would remove the checks and balances that exist.

Alderperson Anderson is in favor of both Charter Ordinances. All city staff reports to the Common Council. Even though they may not directly report to the Council, the Common Council has the ability to review and to fire any city staff member that they deem fit. He would look to the City Administrator to make sure that a position is functioning correctly and report back to the Council if in deed they are. That is why we hire a City Administrator. He also asked the City Clerk to pull together information on when the last time there was a contested race for either of these positions.

Alderperson Wagner agreed with Alderperson Feddick's comments. He would like to see the organizational chart changed to have these positions report to the Common Council. He is concerned that all of the functions of city government are now being rolled into one place. Checks and balances need to be there. We are the next surrogated line for the representative of the people. If the people don't elect the Clerk, the Council are the next one in line.

Alderperson Beaudry responded that someone has to be the supervisor if these positions are changed to be appointed. If you are going to make the Common Council be the supervisors of these positions, than the Council needs to have an intricate knowledge of what these jobs entails and whether it is being done or not.

Administrator Brehm commented that if these positions were made appointed there are still statutory requirements that they would have to administer and implement. It would be no different than what happened when the City Treasurer's position which was elected was made appointed and combined and consolidated with the Comptroller's office and a Finance Department was created. The Finance Director is still required to carry out those statutory requirements of the office and the Finance Director in the current organizational chart reports directly to the City Administrator.

Alderperson Buttke encouraged the Council that when it comes time to vote on this base your decision on whether you feel these positions should be appointed or elected and not necessarily just on the chain of command because that can be changed in the future if you don't agree with it.

First reading of Charter Ordinance No. 23, requiring that the position of City Assessor be appointed by the Common Council for an indefinite term.

First reading of Ordinance No. 1075, requesting re-zoning for approximately 8 acres of land on the north side of E. 29th Street and East of CTH A from "A" (Agricultural Holding District) to "I" (Public and Semi-Public Institutions District).

CC06-243 Motion by Siegler, second by Beaudry to approve Resolution No. 2006-31, 6-year airport plan. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC06-244 Motion by Krueger, second by Siegler to approve Resolution No. 2006-32, which authorizes the borrowing of $155,000 with a State Trust Fund Loan to partially fund the Airport Terminal Construction Project. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC06-245 Motion by Buttke, second by Feirer to approve Budget Resolution No. 14-2006, transferring $11,000 from the Contingency account to the Building Services and Inspection account for the demolition of 3021 West Mann Street. All Ayes
Motion carried

Discussion regarding feeding deer within the city limits.

The majority of the Council felt that the City should look into a feeding ban first and directed staff to bring back some information for their review.

Mayor Meyers said that he has collected some information and that staff will find out what other communities do and what their success and failures have been.

Administrator Brehm added that the two options are consider banning feeding but you need to be specific as to what feeding is. The other option that could be used in combination with that one is issuing special permits whether it is at deer hunting season or during the summer months and working in cooperation with the DNR to get those permits.

Motion by Krueger, second by Anderson to adjourn at 9:14 p.m.
Motion carried

Deb M. Hall
City Clerk