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 Gayland Hendrickson, Northridge Church.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MAYOR

Word to the Wise: An open mind collects more riches than an open purse. Author: Anonymous

<u>CC06-328</u> Motion by Krueger, second by Meyer to approve the minutes of the Common Council meeting of September 26, 2006. All Ayes

Motion carried

The recommended action for Item I, consideration of a Crossing Guard at Columbus and 5th Street, was revised.

Director of Parks and Recreation Ed Englehart introduced the new Zookeeper, Jerry Jepson.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Kacie Prickett of 900 W. 4th Street spoke about needing a Crossing Guard at Columbus and 5th Street. She circulated a petition and 440 people signed in support of a Crossing Guard at the corner of 5th and Columbus. This street is very busy and she doesn't want to see anyone get hurt. Kids should be safe going to school.

Corisa Prickett of 900 W. 4th Street also spoke in support of a Crossing Guard. There is a lot of traffic on 5th street. There is a concern that there is not enough volume of kids crossing at this intersection but it only takes one child to be injured. We can't expect children to get to a busy intersection like 5th Street and have them judge the distance and speed of a car and cross the street.

Ed Erickson, Acting Fire Chief announced that this is Fire Prevention Week. He reminded everyone to check their smoke detectors once a month. The event "Get Fired Up for Fire Safety" will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2006. A live fire sprinkler system demo will be held at 2:30 p.m. on that day.

 $\underline{\text{CC06-329}}$ Motion by Siegler, second by Meyer to transfer \$1,365.12 from the Contingency fund to fund a Crossing Guard at the corner of 5^{th} and Columbus for the remainder of 2006.

Alderperson Anderson requested that this be budgeted for the 2007 fiscal year.

Administrator Brehm said that this item is not included in the recommended 2007 budget since this issue came up subsequent to that. The Common Council at the November 6, 2006 budget meeting can make a motion to add this to the budget.

Police Chief Stroik said that they have attempted to make contact with the staff at the private school but they have not returned their calls. He will continue to try and make contact with them. His preference is that the schools provide safety patrol under the Police Department's supervision. The school provides the children and than they are trained and equipped and they learn how to manage other people.

Alderperson Beaudry requested that all the dangerous intersections be looked at to find out what is available and what needs to be done before they start piecemealing everything.

Alderperson Wagner wants to see some other alternatives presented to them before the November budget meeting.

Alderperson Anderson added that other intersections have been mentioned that currently do not have crossing guards so he would like to see a city-wide action plan that the city could implement that would not cost a significant amount of resources.

Police Chief Stroik commented that he does not have the staff to get this information put together by budget time. Maybe in six months he could have it done but there is a lot of data to be collected. Regarding funding this position for the rest of this year in the amount of \$1365.00, he should have enough money in the crossing guard budget to cover this position for the remainder of 2006 because they were short-handed for a period of time. If they get to the end of the year and they are short of money he will come back to the Council at that time.

Alderperson Siegler amended her motion to, "<u>authorize the Police Chief to hire a crossing guard for the corner of 5th Street and Columbus for the remainder of 2006 and the money needed to fund this position in the amount of \$1,365.00 will be taken out of the current crossing guard budget. The second also agreed to amend the motion.</u>

Vote on motion <u>CC06-329 as amended</u>; All Ayes **Motion carried**

Terry Frankland, President of the Fire and Police Commission and Tom Lenard, V.P. of the Fire and Police Commission gave a brief update on the Joint Fire/Police Chief concept.

The Commission's rationale to look at a combined person to head the Police and Fire Department are:

- 1. Those two department heads are not the same as they were a number of years ago. They need to look at how the people today need to be adverse in looking at budgets and the administrative time that they need to put into that position.
- 2. They need to look at what more can they do together as two departments.

The Commission has asked for job descriptions from those municipalities that are currently using this type of system. They are not going to make this decision alone. They have talked to Acting Fire Chief Ed Erickson, Police Chief Joe Stroik and the two union presidents from both the Fire Department and the Police Department to help them in this process to develop a job description. They do have a legal opinion that it is legal to do this in the City of Marshfield.

At this time they will only be looking at the job description for this position and not the organizational structure below it. It will be a work in process if they need to reorganize some things.

If you take it all on at once, they feel that they will have a large mess. They will be looking at how this affects the other areas within the departments and the day-to-day functions. Those are the things that are going to wash out and as they get there they will make those adjustments as they see fit.

The timeline, if they are going to do this, is to have a job description in the next 4-7 weeks and than post it so they can look for a person.

Assuming that they go ahead with this, it is a work in process. It could take 12-24 months and they could get that far into it and realize that this is not what is good for the City of Marshfield and decide to go back to a separate Police Chief and Fire Chief.

The Commission encouraged everyone to bring their thoughts, concerns and ideas to them.

Alderperson Anderson requested that the Fire and Police Commission make another presentation to the Council once this issue is more solidified.

MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

<u>CC06-330</u> Motion by Anderson, second by Siegler to receive and place on file the minutes of the University Center of March 15, 2006; Library Board of June 13, 2006; University Center Commission of July 13, 2006; Fire and Police Commission of August 28, 2006 special meeting; Library Board of September 12, 2006; Fire and Police Commission of September 18, 2006 special meeting and Fire and Police Commission of September 28, 2006. All Ayes **Motion carried**

MINUTES OF ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

<u>CC06-331</u> Motion by Feddick, second by Wagner to approve the minutes of the Convention and Visitors Bureau of September 13, 2006 and Industrial Park Authority of October 3, 2006. All Ayes **Motion carried**

MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

<u>CC06-332</u> Motion by Krueger, second by Beaudry to approve the minutes of the Cable TV Committee of September 25, 2006. All Ayes

Motion carried

<u>CC06-333</u> Motion by Feirer, second by Feddick to approve the minutes of the Committee on Aging of October 5, 2006. All Ayes

Motion carried

<u>CC06-334</u> Motion by Feirer, second by Krueger to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works of October 2, 2006. All Ayes

Motion carried

<u>CC06-335</u> Motion by Anderson, second by Feddick to approve the minutes of the Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee of October 3, 2006.

Administrator Brehm noted that the City's renewal for health insurance for 2007 represents a 0% increase. One of the significant reasons why is the implementation of an HRA plan and also the introduction of co-pays by the employees in the nonrepresented group.

Vote on motion <u>CC06-335</u>; All Ayes

Motion carried

<u>CC06-336</u> Motion by Krueger, second by Wagner to approve the minutes of the Judiciary, License and Cemetery Committee of October 3, 2006. All Ayes

Motion carried

<u>CC06-337</u> Motion by Meyer, second by Anderson to receive and place on file the minutes of the Sustainable Marshfield Committee of September 18, 2006. All Ayes

Motion Carried

<u>Second reading of Ordinance No. 1083</u>, amending sewer service charges and amending provisions regarding holding tank service charges, portable toilet waste, and septic tank waste.

<u>CC06-338</u> Motion by Buttke, second by Feirer to approve Ordinance No. 1083. All Ayes **Motion carried**

<u>Second reading of Ordinance No. 1084</u>, amending Section 19-61 of the Municipal Code to add a public hearing requirement for preliminary plats.

<u>CC06-339</u> Motion by Anderson, second by Wagner to approve Ordinance No. 1084. Feddick voted Naye, rest Aye.

Motion carried

<u>Second reading of Ordinance No. 1085</u>, amending Section 3-66 (c) of the Municipal Code of the City of Marshfield relating to supervision of the preparation of the Code of Ordinances.

<u>CC06-340</u> Motion by Wagner, second by Feirer to approve Ordinance No. 1085. All Ayes **Motion Carried**

<u>CC06-341</u> Motion by Buttke, second by Feddick to approve Budget Resolution No. 19-2006, transferring \$674 from a Marshfield Safety Council donation in the Fire Donations account to the Fire Prevention budget for the purpose of equipment and supplies for the Fire Prevention Clown Program. All Ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Siegler, second by Feddick to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Motion carried

Deb M. Hall City Clerk