

FEBRUARY 12, 2008

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, Tim Kraus, Ed Wagner, Josh Hansen, Donald Krueger, John Spiros, Tom Buttke and Pete Hendler

ABSENT: None

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

The invocation was given by Minister Hardie Logan, Church of Christ.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MAYOR

There was a moment of silence in honor of Clayton Simonson, former Fire Chief for the City of Marshfield, who passed away on February 5, 2008.

Word to the Wise: People who want milk should not seat themselves on a stool in the middle of a field in hopes that the cow will back up to them. Author: Elbert Hubbard

You are the expert on what you think. Author: Unknown

Employee Milestone Recognition

Neal Nelson, Street Division	February 13, 1978	30 years of service
Jesse Nowak, Wastewater Utility	February 23, 1983	25 years of service

CC08-024 Motion by Feddick, second by Feirer to approve the minutes of the Common Council meeting of January 22, 2008. All Ayes

Motion carried

No items were added to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Duane Schueller, 1106 Onstad Drive. He spoke in support of Resolution No. 2008-04. Over 2000 people signed a petition asking for the Fire Station issue to be placed on the April 1, 2008 ballot as a referendum question. Give the citizens of Marshfield an opportunity to vote on this issue. When over 2000 people sign a petition, they are trying to tell you something.

Gary Gray, 507 W. Park Street. He spoke about the Capital Improvement Program. We are in an era of transparency. Taxpayers want government to be a little more open and transparent. This has nothing to do with the integrity of the people involved in government. The CIP committee has 12 people on it and 7 of those people are not elected by the taxpayers. There are paid staff people determining the amount of taxes that taxpayers will pay eventually. It should be primarily elected officials that are held responsible for the CIP. The process needs to be opened up to increase more participation from the public.

Paul Waterman, 1126 W. Onstad Drive. He spoke in support of Resolution No. 2008-04. He asked the Council to honor the petition signed by over 2000 people to get this Fire Station issue to a referendum. Give the voters of the City of Marshfield an opportunity to express their views.

Paul Adler, 808 S. Drake Avenue. He was an employee of the Fire Department for 29+ years and in May of 2000 he retired. He attended and participated in all the meetings of the Fire Department Facility Needs Committee of 2002 as a visitor. He has heard some of the incorrect information circulating among the taxpayers and he wanted to address it. He was told by someone that Wausau only had one fire department station. Wausau actually has three stations and is considering a fourth. He wonders how much false information or lack of information prompted people to sign the petition or call their alderperson. He supports the proposed recommendation of the Fire Department Facility Needs Study of 2002 which proposes a second station and a possible third station in the distant future as growth patterns and other data validate the need of more equitable emergency services for the people of Marshfield. He also supports the addition of personnel to accomplish this goal. Listen to the Fire Chief and the Fire and Police Commission's recommendations for providing emergency services for our community. Trust their judgment and decisions.

Jeff Schultz, 201 N. Cedar Avenue. He asked the Council to put the Fire Station issue as a referendum question on the April ballot. No matter what the final outcome, the people will have had their say and will more likely buy into what is ultimately decided.

Administrator Brehm responded to Gary Gray's comments regarding the CIP Committee. This committee is an Administrative Committee and they do not levy taxes nor do they approve the levying of taxes. That final decision is made by the Common Council and anything that the Administrative Committee recommends can be changed by the Common Council.

Aldersperson Kraus requested that item #R, Resolution No. 2008-04, be moved up on the agenda.

Since there were no objections, Mayor Meyers said that it would be moved up on the agenda to after item #I.

First reading of Ordinance No. 1124, amending the definition of temporary housing and amending Section 15-53 (2) of the City's Municipal Code to permit temporary housing in a mobile home district.

CC08-025 Motion by Buttke, second by Hendler to suspend the rules and vote on this item.

All Ayes

Motion carried

Aldersperson Wagner indicated that he has been in contact with one gentleman that has been very upset with the way the land is being kept next to him. He has passed this information onto the appropriate city authorities.

CC08-026 Motion by Kraus, second by Feirer to approve Ordinance No. 1124. Wagner voted Naye, rest Aye.

Motion carried

CC08-027 Motion by Hansen, second by Feddick to approve Resolution No. 2008-04, recommending that the decision as to the location of a second fire station be submitted to a vote of the public as a binding referendum.

Administrator Brehm read the referendum question. The wording of the referendum question is the wording as presented by the petitioners.

Should the Common Council be limited to having one central fire station within the boundaries of Arnold Street to the north, Seventh Street to the south, Peach Street to the east, and Oak Street to the west, or refurbishing and expanding the existing fire station?

Discussion was held.

Vote on motion **CC08-027**; Feirer, Siegler, Krueger and Buttke voted Naye, rest Aye.
Motion carried

MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CC08-028 Motion by Spiros, second by Wagner to receive and place on file the minutes of the University Commission of September 27, 2007; Zoning Board of Appeals of December 11, 2007; Community Development Authority of January 3, 2008; Library Board of January 8, 2008; Fire and Police Commission of January 22, 2008 and Fairgrounds Commission of January 23, 2008. All Ayes

Motion carried

MINUTES OF ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

CC08-029 Motion by Krueger, second by Spiros to approve the minutes of the Historic Preservation Committee of January 7, 2008; Convention and Visitors Bureau of January 9, 2008 and Industrial Park Authority of February 5, 2008. All Ayes

Motion carried

MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

CC08-030 Motion by Wagner, second by Kraus to approve the minutes of the Cable TV Committee of December 10, 2007. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC08-031 Motion by Hansen, second by Feddick to approve the minutes of the Sustainable Marshfield Committee of January 8, 2008. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC08-032 Motion by Hansen, second by Kraus to approve the minutes of the Sustainable Marshfield Committee – Strategic Planning Session of January 12, 2008. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC08-033 Motion by Wagner, second by Kraus to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works of February 4, 2008. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC08-034 Motion by Siegler, second by Feddick to approve the minutes of the Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee of February 5, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-035 Motion by Feddick, second by Feirer to approve the minutes of the Judiciary, License and Cemetery Committee of February 5, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

CC08-036 Motion by Feddick, second by Kraus to receive and place on file the minutes of the Central Wisconsin State Fair Association of January 21, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

Second reading of Ordinance No. 1123, attaching certain lands from the Town of Marshfield, Wood County to the City of Marshfield, Wisconsin and establishing zoning as 'M-3' General Industrial District.

CC08-037 Motion by Buttke, second by Hendler to approve Ordinance No. 1123. All Ayes
Motion carried

First reading of Ordinance No. 1125, defining and regulating the use of mobile telephones in Marshfield while operating a motor vehicle.

Aldersperson Wagner would like an amendment made to Ordinance No. 1125, specifically Section 4 regarding the effective date of the ordinance. He would like it reflected that the City would start charging the violation six months after the ordinance was in effect. From the date of the passage of the ordinance to six month later, the police officers will be authorized to stop and issue warnings. This would acclimate the public and the City could also start some of the educational programs.

Aldersperson Feddick said that texting should be added to the ordinance.

CC08-038 Motion by Krueger, second by Hendler to approve Payroll Resolution No. 2008-02, increasing the clothing allowance to \$500 annually for eligible non-represented staff. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-039 Motion by Buttke, second by Krueger to approve Resolution No. 2008-03, providing for a Public Participation Plan Process to Amend the Comprehensive Plan. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-040 Motion by Buttke, second by Kraus to approve the Cable Access Coordinator Agreement with Vidcom LLC for the period of September 15, 2007 to September 14, 2010. Feddick and Siegler voted Naye, rest Aye.
Motion carried

CC08-041 Motion by Kraus, second by Feirer to approve the 2007 Signage Space Rental Agreement between Community Bank of Central Wisconsin and the City of Marshfield for Marshfield Community Television. All Ayes

Motion carried

CIP POLICY 4.330

Aldersperson Kraus said that there was a vast amount of discussion at the Finance meeting. Some of the things that he learned that day are very important. He had five recommendations but he will only be making a motion to approve two of them at this time. He is not recommending Items II (A), III (D) or IV (B) at this time because those are affecting the process that is going forward right now.

CC08-042 Motion by Kraus, second by Feddick to approve the following suggested revisions to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Development:

Item II (D). The CIP Administrative Committee consists of the following members: The Mayor; 4 Alderman, elected by the Alderman at the first meeting in January; a non-elected official of the Plan Commission; and a citizen at large. The Mayor shall convene the CIP Administrative Committee annually, vote only in the case of a tie, and shall chair all committee meetings.

Item IV (H). The CIP Administrative Committee will meet on Monday's & Wednesday's from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. so as to provide for public input and observation.

Discussion was held.

CC08-043 Motion by Hendler, second by Kraus to call for the question. All Ayes

Motion carried

Vote on motion **CC08-042**; Feirer, Siegler, Krueger and Buttke voted Naye, rest Aye.

Motion carried

Aldersperson Kraus said as part of Item II (D) the Council needs to elect the four (4) Alderspersons to serve on the CIP Administrative Committee. He asked the Clerk to commence with the vote.

Attorney Hutchinson responded that he is not sure that they can hold an election at this time because it was not on the agenda that these members would be selected.

Recessed at 9:04 p.m.

Reconvened at 9:16 p.m.

Aldersperson Kraus stated that due to scheduling constraints for this year he would be amenable to not voting on new alderspersons but keeping the four (4) alderspersons that have been appointed for this year to go through with the process. But it is very important that the rest of Item II (D) is instituted as well as changing the times to the evenings.

CC08-044 Motion by Buttke, second by Spiros to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, chapter 19.85 (1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Specifically, the City Administrator had requested a closed session to discuss draft developer agreements for the development and expansions of TIF No. 7 and TIF No. 8. Roll call vote, all Ayes. (Time: 9:20 p.m.)

Motion carried

Present in closed session: Alderpersons Feirer, Feddick, Siegler, Kraus, Wagner, Hansen, Krueger, Spiros, Buttke and Hendler, Administrator Brehm, Mayor Meyers, City Attorney Hutchinson, Director of Public Works Knoeck, Finance Director Strey, Planning and Economic Development Director Miller and City Clerk Hall.

CC08-045 Motion by Hansen, second by Feddick to return to open session. Roll call vote, all Ayes. (Time: 10:10 p.m.)

Motion carried

CC08-046 Motion by Buttke, second by Hendler to approve the Agreement with Don Nikolai Construction Inc. pertinent to TIF #7 and authorize the applicable staff to execute the same. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC08-047 Motion by Kraus, second by Feirer to authorize the process of amending both TIF Districts #7 & #8 and to proceed immediately. All Ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Kraus, second by Hansen to adjourn at 10:12 p.m.

Motion carried

Deb M. Hall
City Clerk