

**MARCH 11, 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, Tom Buttke and Pete Hendler

**ABSENT:** John Spiros

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

No invocation was given.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MAYOR**

The Mayor thanked Pastor Armando Camacho for stepping forward and taking care of the scheduling of the individuals who do the invocation at the Common Council meetings.

He welcomed the MSTC Class to the Council meeting. He spent time with them discussing team building and problem solving and how it relates to local government.

Word to the Wise: Plenty of folks are so contrary, that if they should fall into the river, they would insist upon floating upstream. Author: Josh Billings

As you go through life, you are going to have many opportunities to keep your mouth shut. Take advantage of all of them. Author: James Dent

Employee Milestone Recognition

Paul Mancl, Street Division	March 16, 1983	25 years of service
Lara Baehr, Administration	March 16, 1998	10 years of service
Tim Rasmussen, Street Division	March 17, 2003	5 years of service
Daniel Rogers, Parks and Recreation	March 18, 2003	5 years of service

**CC08-074** Motion by Hendler, second by Buttke to approve the minutes of the Common Council meeting of February 26, 2008. All Ayes

**Motion carried**

No items were added to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Pete Mancl, member of the Board of Directors for Main Street Marshfield. He introduced Beth Rodewald who is the new Main Street Marshfield Executive Director.

Scott Larson, Executive Director of Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He read a memo that was prepared by the MACCI and Main Street Executive Committees addressing the vacant Director of Planning and Economic Development position. They urged the Common Council to take the necessary action to ensure that the City has adequate staffing to continue to perform those city-specific activities that encourage and promote city-wide economic development.

William Penker, 600 S. Sycamore Avenue. His comments focused on the economic and planning function at City Hall. There are three options that the council could exercise regarding the filling of the vacant Director of Planning and Economic Development position; 1) Approve the request; 2) Reject the request; or 3) Table the request. Tabling the request would allow input from the new Mayor and allow time for discussion and debate about the position. You have the opportunity to think outside of the box on this matter. The heart of the policy making process is not the finding of a municipal interest already perfectly known. It is the determination of that interest, the reassessment of the municipalities resources, needs, commitments, traditions and political and cultural values and issues. He urged the Council to use the opportunity to think outside of the box and to reassess. Delay action until a debate, discussion, and comparison and contrast has been completed.

Aldersperson Kraus thanked everyone that sent him well wishes, prayers, cards, gifts and flowers. It helped him get through the last couple of weeks.

#### **MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**CC08-075** Motion by Feddick, second by Siegler to receive and place on file the minutes of the Fire and Police Commission of February 7, 2008; Community Development Authority of February 7, 2008 and Library Board of February 12, 2008. All Ayes

**Motion carried**

#### **MINUTES OF ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

**CC08-076** Motion by Buttke, second by Siegler to approve the minutes of the Capital Improvement Program Administrative Committee of February 25, 2008; Electrical Board of February 27, 2008; Capital Improvement Program Administrative Committee of March 3, 2008 and March 5, 2008 and Industrial Park Authority of March 3, 2008. All Ayes

**Motion carried**

#### **MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**CC08-077** Motion by Buttke, second by Hansen to approve the minutes of the Cable TV Committee of January 28, 2008. All Ayes

**Motion carried**

**CC08-078** Motion by Siegler, second by Feddick to approve the minutes of the Committee on Youth of February 20, 2008. All Ayes

**Motion carried**

**CC08-079** Motion by Wagner, second by Hansen to approve the minutes of the Airport Committee of February 21, 2008. All Ayes

**Motion carried**

**CC08-080** Motion by Buttke, second by Feirer to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works of March 3, 2008. All Ayes

**Motion carried**

**CC08-081** Motion by Feddick, second by Siegler to approve the minutes of the Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee of March 4, 2008. All Ayes

**Motion carried**

**CC08-082** Motion by Wagner, second by Feddick to approve the minutes of the Judiciary, License and Cemetery Committee of March 4, 2008. All Ayes

**Motion carried**

#### **MINUTES OF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS**

**CC08-083** Motion by Feddick, second by Kraus to receive and place on file the minutes of Main Street Marshfield Board of February 6, 2008 and Central Wisconsin State Fair Board of February 18, 2008. All Ayes

**Motion carried**

**CC08-084** Motion by Siegler, second by Kraus to approve Resolution No. 2008-09, authorizing the participation of the City of Marshfield in forming a Central Wisconsin Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Regional Loan Fund. All Ayes

**Motion carried**

**CC08-085** Motion by Buttke, second by Feirer to approve Resolution No. 2008-10, authorizing submittal of an application to WisDOT for 80% funding of a pedestrian/bicycle trail from Wildwood Park to McMillan Street. All Ayes

**Motion carried**

**CC08-086** Motion by Kraus, second by Wagner to approve filling the vacant Equipment Operator I – Laborer position in the Street Division. Feddick voted Naye, rest Aye.

**Motion carried**

**CC08-087** Motion by Buttke, second by Siegler to approve filling the vacant Director of Planning and Economic Development position in the Planning Department. Feddick, Kraus, Wagner and Hansen voted Naye, rest Aye.

**Motion carried**

Strategic Planning Session discussion.

Administrator Brehm asked the Council for their thoughts and direction as to how they would like to proceed this year. Did they want to have another Strategic Planning session and retain an independent 3<sup>rd</sup> party facilitator?

Aldersperson Feddick suggested that they take what was done last year and move forward. She would like to see that built upon.

Aldersperson Siegler said that there was a subgroup that worked on a mission statement and vision statement and a communication group that established some ideas for moving forward. Both committees worked very hard to present things to the Council that were ultimately approved. We need to measure what successes have been made so that we can move forward in a focused direction.

Aldersperson Kraus would like to have more community involvement. This could be done by having it televised so that the community can see where we started from and where we have gotten to and where we can go forward.

Administrator Brehm stated that the plan as approved by the Council last year basically will be where we start from. We are not going to start over again. A summary will be presented to the Council of some of the goals that were approved and action plans for their consideration. He has also discussed involvement with the community as a whole rather than just that narrow focus with elected officials and city staff. In discussing this with Scott Larson from MACCI, they do plan on inviting key businesses throughout the community to participate in the process.

Aldersperson Wagner encouraged the Administrator to schedule the next Strategic Planning Session for as soon as practical after the new Council is seated.

Aldersperson Siegler said that it would be nice to invite a couple of active citizens to participate not only the businesses. She doesn't feel that the entire meeting needs to be televised because so much of it is a working session but the last half of it or another meeting where the ideas are summarized and the overall goals/vision are discussed should be televised.

**CC08-088** Motion by Krueger, second by Hansen 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 the sale of land in the Yellowstone Industrial Park. Roll call vote, all Ayes. (Time: 7:59 p.m.)

**Motion carried**

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

**CC08-089** Motion by Krueger, second by Hendler to return to open session. Roll call vote, all Ayes. (Time: 8:30 p.m.)

No action was taken in open session regarding the closed session item.

Motion by Krueger, second by Feddick to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. All Ayes

**Motion carried**

Deb M. Hall  
City Clerk