MAY 13, 2008

Regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Meyer at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza.

PRESENT: Michael Feirer, Alanna Feddick (arrived at 7:03 p.m.), Dave LaFontaine, 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.

No invocation was given.

Employee Milestone Recognition

Angela Prust, Parks and Recreation	May 27, 2003	5 years of service

CC08-156 Motion by Buttke, second by Spiros to approve the minutes of the Common Council meeting of April 22, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-157 Motion by Spiros, second by Feddick to approve the minutes of the Common Council special meeting of April 26, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

No items were added to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Gary Gray of 507 Park Street. He talked about the budget parameters. It is very important to set parameters in order to have a uniformed basis of understanding of the budget. They should be qualifiable or measurable. It is also very important to increase public participation in the budget process.

Administrator Brehm announced that a Special Common Council meeting would be held on Monday, May 19th at 4:00 p.m. to conclude the Strategic Planning Session. There will also be a MEDA special meeting on Thursday, May 15th at 7:30 a.m. A presentation will be given by JD Milburn, from the State Main Street Program.

CC08-158 Motion by LaFontaine, second by Feirer to approve Resolution No. 2008-18, Resolution Authorizing the Borrowing of approximately $3,880,000, and Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Taxable Electric System Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2008A Therefor. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-159 Motion by Feddick, second by Wagner to grant the request from the Marshfield Optimist Club for a variance of noise levels as permitted by Chapter 10-33(7) for the Optimist Beer Tent/Garden during Dairyfest, June 6 and 7, 2008, located in the City Hall Plaza parking lot. All Ayes
Motion carried

MINUTES OF GOVERNINGS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
CC08-160 Motion by Feddick, second by LaFontaine to receive and place on file the minutes of the Library Board of April 8, 2008; Fairgrounds Commission of April 9, 2008 and Community Development Authority of April 10, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

MINUTES OF ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES
CC08-161 Motion by Feirer, second by Hansen to approve the minutes of the Convention and Visitors Bureau of April 23, 2008 and Electrical Board of May 7, 2008.

CC08-162 Motion by Hansen, second by Kraus to vote on Electrical Board motion EB08-10 separately. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-163 Motion by Hansen, second by Wagner to send motion EB08-10 back to the Electrical Board for further discussion. All Ayes
Motion carried

Vote on motion **CC08-161 as amended**; All Ayes
Motion carried

MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES
CC08-164 Motion by Spiros, second by Feddick to approve the minutes of the Cable TV Committee of March 24, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-165 Motion by Buttke, second by Feddick to approve the minutes of the Committee on Youth of April 1, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-166 Motion by Buttke, second by Feirer to approve the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee of April 10, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-167 Motion by Feddick, second by Buttke to approve the minutes of the Committee on Youth of April 23, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-168 Motion by Hansen, second by Wagner to approve the minutes of the Airport Committee of April 24, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-169 Motion by Feirer, second by LaFontaine to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works of May 5, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-170 Motion by Hendler, second by Spiros to approve the minutes of the Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee of May 6, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-171 Motion by Feddick, second by Wagner to approve the minutes of the Judiciary, License and Cemetery Committee of May 6, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS
CC08-172 Motion by Kraus, second by Feirer to receive and place on file the minutes of Main Street Marshfield of April 2, 2008 and Central Wisconsin State Fair Board of April 21, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-173 Motion by Wagner, second by Buttke to receive and place on file the minutes of the Joint Review Board Amended Tax Increment Districts #7 and #8 of April 24, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-174 Motion by Kraus, second by Wagner to approve Resolution No. 2008-15, approving the Plat entitled Green Acres Estates, Don Nikolai, owner. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-175 Motion by Wagner, second by Hendler to approve Preliminary Resolution No. 2008-16 and 2008-17, declaring the City's intent to 1) initiate various street improvements; and 2) levy special assessments upon abutting properties for benefits conferred on such properties.

Resolution No. 2008-16 - Improvement Project No. 1904 – Mill-in-Pace Paving Projects
- Erickson Avenue (15th Street to 17th Street)
- 27th Street (Wittman Avenue to Oak Avenue)
- Adler Road (State Avenue to Adams Avenue)
- McMillan Street (Lincoln Avenue to 1320 feet west)
- Sawyer Drive (Veterans Frontage Road to Upham Street)
- Ash Avenue (Doege Street to Becker Road)
- Cedar Avenue (Blodgett Street to Doege Street)
- Anton Avenue (410 feet south of 5th Street to Auburn Avenue)
- Lincoln Avenue (Veterans parkway Frontage Road to Spencer Street)

Resolution No. 2008-17 - Improvement Project No. 1953, 1910, 1909, & 1886 – 2008 Sanitary Sewer Main and Lateral Replacement Projects.
- Maple Avenue (Depot Street to Arnold Street)
- Vine Avenue (5th Street to 6th Street)
- Ash Avenue (Doege Street to Becker Road)
- Cedar Avenue (Blodgett Street to Doege Street)

All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-176 Motion by Buttke, second by Spiros to suspend the rules and vote on the appointment to the Fire and Police Commission. All Ayes
Motion carried

In the future, when there are openings on City Committees and Commissions, they will be advertised.

CC08-177 Motion by Kraus, second by Spiros to approve the appointment of Mr. Arnie Peck, 504 W. 4th Street, to the Fire and Police Commission, with a term ending 2013. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-178 Motion by Wagner, second by Spiros to suspend the rules and vote on the appointment to the Board of Appeals. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-179 Motion by Wagner, second by Spiros to approve the appointment of Mr. Todd Zieglmeier, 808 E. Cleveland Street, as 2nd Alternate to the Board of Appeals to fill a vacant position. All Ayes
Motion carried

A presentation was given by Administrator Brehm regarding the 2009 budget overview.

Alderperson Wagner said that the easiest thing they can do at the moment is prepare a set of parameters that will allow them to look at if they want reductions in the city budget and those reductions will result in a reduction of services, they need to know what those services are that they would be losing and they will have to make a value judgment on the City Council floor as to whether or not they are willing to give up those services.

CC08-180 Motion by Wagner, second by Spiros to approve the following parameters:

1. Reduction in Personnel Service cost by 5% in 2009 excluding Protective Services (Police and Fire).
2. Require performance parameters from all of the non-governmental organizations that receive funding from the City. Basically for use in future years to determine whether or not they are meeting the guidelines of providing the service that are expected for the money that is being provided.
3. No increase in the levy for 2009.

Mayor Meyer met with Ed Huck, Executive Director of the Alliance of Cities. Mr. Huck said that the City of Marshfield is very unique in that there are a lot of positive things happening here. The City's debt balance is very low. One of the disadvantages to the State's levy limits is that if a municipality is not maximizing their levy limits on an annual basis they end up hurting themselves in the end. When you look at the current levy and tax rate, a zero percent increase in the tax rate is a win. A steady tax rate for another year really does equate to a reduction to most people.

Alderperson Hendler stated that they need the Administrator to do the "how". How will this be done? They can provide the governance but the Administrator needs to tell the Council how this should be done and how are the areas affected when these things are put in place.

Alderperson Kraus commented that we have to do more with less. If that means that each department and each person does more to allow for less of a budget than we need to do that. One of the things that need to be considered is Zero Base budgeting. It is also very important that we don't duplicate or compete with providing services that other entities or organizations provide. If we have a gymnastics program at the YMCA and we have one at the city than we should not be bucking it. Other communities have gotten away from that just to lower tax levies.

Vote on motion **CC08-180**; LaFontaine and Hansen voted Naye, rest Aye.
Motion carried

Alderperson Kraus said that one thing that the City is amiss at doing is using taxpayer dollars to donate to nonprofit organizations. In the past it has been a supplement to programs that we no longer provide but if somebody else is providing a service than we should not try and buck them. We should be working along with them but not necessarily subsidizing the cost.

CC08-000 Motion by Kraus, second by Hendler to no longer disburse property tax to nonprofit organizations to offset a program. If it has to do with economic development; MACCI, Main Street, MEDA, CDA, that is one thing because that goes towards bettering our City.

Administrator Brehm said that there are four grants that the City makes to different organizations; 1) School Patrol; 2) Upham Mansion; 3) Civic Band; and (4) Palm Sunday Chorus. All of those are funded by a multitude of sources which the city is just one of those. Does the motion pertain to these organizations because it is the same as giving to the YMCA because they would still put on the program? They would have to find alternate sources or have their existing donors ante up a little bit more for the lack of the city's share.

Alderperson Wagner stated that they have touched upon a much larger issue here. It is not just the YMCA that we are dealing with. One of the things that could help during the budget process is if they knew what services are provided by the Recreation Department and what parallel services there are in the community. This would be helpful in determining what level of services we want to fund or what level of services we can fund in the future. If we can purchase some of the services at a lesser cost than providing them ourselves than we are money ahead. One of the parameters would be to bring back to the Council a list of those services.

Alderperson Hendler agreed with Alderperson Wagner. Therefore he withdrew his second.

Alderperson Kraus withdrew his motion.

Alderperson Wagner would like the Administrator to prepare for them the following:

1. Sometime before the 2010 budget is processed, he would like to have the UW Extension Governmental Services people come up here and brief the Council on different budgeting techniques that the Council can use and look at for future budgets. He would like a speaker to address the Council.
2. In preparation of the 2009 budget, he would like staff, especially the Parks and Recreation Staff, prepare a matrix or grid that shows them what services we provide and what parallel services are going on in the community so that they can look at those in terms of future funding.

Alderperson Buttke responded that everything needs to be looked at as far as parallel services, not just Parks and Recreation.

CC08-181 Motion by Feddick, 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 agreement for the development and expansion of TIF No. 8. Roll call vote, all Ayes. (Time: 8:40 p.m.)
Motion carried

Present in closed session: Alderpersons Feirer, Feddick, LaFontaine, Kraus, Wagner, Hansen, Krueger, Spiros, Buttke and Hendler, Mayor Meyer, Administrator Brehm, Attorney Hutchinson, Finance Director Strey, Director of Public Works Knoeck, City Engineer Turchi and City Clerk Hall.

CC08-182 Motion by Wagner, second by Feddick to return to open session. Roll call vote, all Ayes. (Time: 8:56 p.m.)
Motion carried

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

Motion by Hansen, second by Spiros to adjourn at 8:57 p.m.
Motion carried

Deb M. Hall
City Clerk