JUNE 24, 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, Dave LaFontaine, Scott Noble, Ed Wagner, Josh Hansen, John Spiros, Tom Buttke and Pete Hendler.
ABSENT: Alanna Feddick and Donald Krueger

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

No invocation was given.

Employee Milestone Recognition

Jason Foth, Fire and Rescue Dept.	June 26, 1998	10 years of service
Jody Geurink, Police Department	July 6, 1998	10 years of service

CC08-218 Motion by Feirer, second by Buttke to approve the minutes of the Common Council regular meeting of June 10, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

No items were added to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Mayor Meyer congratulated Alderperson Alanna Feddick and her husband on the birth of their son.

William Penker, 600 S. Sycamore Avenue. Prior to the public comment period on June 12th, the Council dealt with four actionable items. You have to consider the solemn message that was sent to the public that items are not worthy of their comments and that you do not want to hear from them until after the vote. At the last meeting, the Council dealt with the consideration of a successor to complete the unexpired term for the 4th District. This was held before the public comment period. This placement appears to be in conflict with the order of business as presented on the City website under Chapter 3, section 3-05. As a result of the placement of the item, 4th District residents were denied the opportunity to make on the record, public comments before the Council began their deliberations to fill the vacant seat. The Common Council by not asking the candidates any questions provided 4th District residents with no insight into what they were looking for in a successor alderman. The candidates were not made to defend positions and they were not able to publicly expand or expound on critical civic issues because none were presented to them by the Council. He asked the Common Council President and the Chairman of the Judiciary, License and Cemetery Committee to develop an ordinance to establish a more formal and defined process to be used to fill future vacancies in both emergency and nonemergency situations.

Human Resources Manager Baehr introduced Jason Angell who is the new Director of Planning and Economic Development.

Alderperson Wagner gave an update on the change on all Public Access channels. Channels 980-994 will now be the public access channels. This is scheduled to take place on August 12, 2008. Charter is maintaining that the public access channels will still be on the broadcast basic tier but you will need a digital converter box.

CC08-219 Motion by Feirer, second by Buttke to grant the request from El Jalapeno Mexican Restaurant for a variance of noise levels as permitted by Chapter 10-33 (7) for the Specialty Car Enthusiast Car Club 27th Annual Car Show on June 28, 2008 at El Jalapeno Mexican Restaurant, 126 N. Central Avenue. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-220 Motion by Wagner, second by Hansen to approve Resolution No. 2008-24, a Resolution providing for the Issuance and Awarding the Sale of $3,880,000 Taxable Electric System Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2008A and providing for the payment of said Bonds and Other Details and Covenants with Respect thereto. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-221 Motion by Feirer, second by Spiros to approve Resolution No. 2008-25, a Resolution authorizing the Issuance of $1,870,000 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes and the Issuance and Sale of $1,870,000 Taxable Note Anticipation Notes, Series 2008B, in Anticipation Thereof. Hendler abstained, rest Aye.
Motion carried

MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
CC08-222 Motion by Feirer, second by Hendler to receive and place on file the minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals of May 20, 2008; Fairgrounds Commission of May 21, 2008 and Marshfield Utility Commission of June 16, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-223 Motion by LaFontaine, second by Hendler to approve Marshfield Utility Job Order No. 17377, South Central 16th to 14th DOT Rebuild at a cost of $74,898. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-224 Motion by Buttke, second by Hansen to approve Marshfield Utility Job Order No. 5542, replace 1200' of 8" ductile iron with 10" HDPE pipe, 7 valves, 1 hydrant, 1 service on St. Joseph from North to Upham at a cost of $101,308.53. All Ayes
Motion carried

MINUTES OF ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES
CC08-225 Motion by LaFontaine, second by Spiros to approve the minutes of the Historic Preservation Committee of June 2, 2008; Electrical Board of June 4, 2008 and Plan Commission of June 17, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES
CC08-226 Motion by Hansen, second by Buttke to approve the minutes of the Sustainable Marshfield Committee of June 10, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-227 Motion by Buttke, second by Spiros to approve the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee of June 12, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-228 Motion by Feirer, second by LaFontaine to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works of June 16, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-229 Motion by Hendler, second by Spiros to approve the minutes of the Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee of June 17, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-230 Motion by Hansen, second by Buttke to approve the minutes of the Judiciary, License and Cemetery Committee of June 17, 2008. All Ayes
Motion carried

First reading of Ordinance No. 1130, defining and regulating the use and sale of fertilizers in the City of Marshfield.

First reading of Ordinance No. 1131, permitting and regulating operation of Neighborhood Electric Vehicles on city streets.

First reading of Ordinance No. 1132, requiring the Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee to review and make specific recommendations relating to the creation or elimination of any permanent full-time or permanent part-time staff position prior to any decision of the Common Council.

CC08-231 Motion by Spiros, second by Noble to hold over the second reading of Ordinance No. 1132 until the July 22, 2008 meeting. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-232 Motion by Wagner, second by Hansen to approve Resolution No. 2008-23, authorizing submittal of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (SAFER). All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-233 Motion by Feirer, second by LaFontaine to approve Resolution No. 2008-26, a Relocation Order in accordance with Section 32.05 (1) of the Wisconsin Statutes, for the purpose of the above described public improvement project to acquire the property described in "Transportation Project Plat No. 1620-01-01, Sheets 4.01 and 4.02". All Ayes
Motion carried

CC08-234 Motion by Wagner, second by Hendler to approve the appointment of Mr. Randy Gershman, 311 S. Ley Avenue, to the Fire and Police Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mr. William Penker who had submitted a letter of resignation due to other commitments. All Ayes
Motion carried

City Administrator Brehm presented a summary of the impact on service levels for all departments if a 5% reduction in service costs is implemented except for protective services. An estimated 5% service cost reduction equates to $470,532 but when you take into account 2009 increases for salary/wage adjustments, insurance increases and related benefits the 2009 budget needs to be reduced by an estimated $799,107 to achieve this goal. This represents an approximate range of 7% to 12% in reductions for individual budgets related to service cuts. If you use 10% as an average

reduction and the 186.75 FTE's currently on staff this equates to 38,844 hours annually, or 971 weeks, or 18.8 FTE positions cut. Not only will this reduction significantly impact services, it will also have a negative impact to the local economy and economic development efforts. Since 2000, the City has already cut 13.8 FTE's from its staff. Included in his report are the department/division head reports that provide a summary of the impact on service levels for their areas of responsibility based on a total reduction of $799,107. From a broader perspective service cuts will be partially offset by unemployment compensation, estimated at $172,379 for the 18.8 FTE positions, as well as significant revenue reductions in some areas. A reduction of $799,107 in service cuts equates to a $0.69 in the city's tax rate per $1,000 of assessed valuation. On property valued at $100,000 this would mean a reduction of $69 in property taxes for city purposes. When you take into account the potential for unemployment compensation claims that is an increase in the tax rate by about $0.15 or $15,000 so the net impact is approximately $54 on $100,000 of valuation.

He suggested in his parameters that the 2009 budget parameters include a no tax rate increase. This would provide approximately $250,000 more in taxes without changing the rate. There are some advantages to that; (1) building our rate for next year; (2) taking advantage of the State imposed levy limits; and (3) being able to meet expected service increases.

Alderperson Wagner said that when they set out this parameter they wanted to see what could be cut and where the cuts could be made. The Common Council will look upon these as the things that they need to cut and the things that they need to keep. He doesn't suspect that this will be accepted on mass one way or the other. We have to try and we have to start somewhere. This is going to take some time to absorb.

Mayor Meyer commented that this has absorbed a majority of the staff time at City Hall over the last month. Compiling this data, looking at how these cuts would impact services and putting together memos. There is no recommended action tonight. His recommendation would be to delay any action until the next meeting so that the Council can research these cuts but they can get some feedback from the citizens in their district.

Alderperson Hendler commended the Mayor, Administrator and staff for putting this list together. It was very courageous to come out with a realistic view of what could and can happen. We need to encourage the public to take notice because it has a tremendous impact on all of us. He would like the public to call and email them. Since the economy is going where it is going and there is an extreme amount of pain on part of the citizens out there we as a governmental service entity need to also re-examine ourselves. What we can do to help share that pain that exists throughout the community of the taxpayers.

Alderperson Wagner stated that at first glance, he doesn't see anything creative in the report. Basically this is almost let's inflict as much pain as possible so that we don't have to deal with the parameters type of budget.

Mayor Meyer responded that's not the case. In fact, he specifically talked to some of the department heads and said that we need to be realistic. What is going to be cut? It's not scare tactics. These cuts are real. With the budget parameters the way they sit now, if they are not changed, those are the cuts that you will see and that will be the impact to services. Nothing is in stone, some things may change.

Administrator Brehm echoed Mayor Meyer's comments. These are realistic submissions by the departments with a lot of thought amongst themselves and their staff was involved with it too. This is the reality of it. There are a lot of administrative budgets and it is difficult because we don't keep track of the time involved in those administrative functions as to what can go and not go. Those services typically are ongoing. There are certain things as time goes along that are going to be passed by the way side because there is a lack of time to get them done.

Alderperson Feirer said that this document does not surprise him. Everybody should go home and read this and let their constituents know that 5% is going to cost them a lot in their services.

Administrator Brehm highlighted some of the services that would be impacted as outlined in the reports that were presented by the City departments.

CC08-235 Motion by Wagner, second by Buttke 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 negotiations with Karl Merkel for land. Roll call vote, all Ayes. (Time: 9:04 p.m.)
Motion carried

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

CC08-236 Motion by Wagner, second by Hansen to return to open session. Roll call vote, all Ayes. (Time: 9:20 p.m.)
Motion carried

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

Motion by LaFontaine, second by Hansen to adjourn at 9:21 p.m.
Motion carried

Deb M. Hall
City Clerk