

OCTOBER 14, 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, Scott Noble, Ed Wagner, Josh Hansen, Donald Krueger, Tom Buttke and Pete Hendler.

ABSENT: Dave LaFontaine and John Spiros

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

Invocation was given by Pastor Ruth Egerer, Wesley United Methodist Church.

Employee Milestone Recognition

Randy Punke – Police Department October 21, 1978 30 years of service

CC08-357 Motion by Hendler, second by Feddick to approve the minutes of the Common Council regular meeting of September 23, 2008. All Ayes

Motion carried

No items were added to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Paul Weber of 301 W. 4th Street. He spoke about the lack of taxi service available after midnight. Tavern and restaurant owners are caught in a bind when the need for a safe ride home for a patron arises in their establishment after midnight. It is due time that the City comes up with a plan to change the situation for the safety of its citizens.

Ed Nimm of 1213 N. Peach Avenue. He is being harassed and it began over 4-5 years ago. He would appreciate some help in nailing the kid that is harassing him.

Mayor Meyer wished his daughter, Brianna Meyer, a Happy 10th Birthday.

MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CC08-358 Motion by Feirer, second by Hendler to receive and place on file the minutes of the Fairgrounds Commission of August 20, 2008; Community Development Authority of September 11, 2008; Fairgrounds Commission of September 17, 2008 and Marshfield Utilities Commission of September 22, 2008 special meeting.

CC08-359 Motion by Wagner, second by Feddick to vote on Marshfield Utilities Commission motion UC/08-77 separately. Hansen and Krueger voted Naye, rest Aye.

Motion carried

UC/08-77 Motion by Moffat, seconded by Nienaber to award combustion turbine bid to Pratt and Whitney Power Systems Inc. for the price of \$21,440,000 and authorize Marshfield Utility staff and representatives to finalize an acceptable contract. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

CC08-360 Motion by Wagner, second by Feirer to approve motion UC/08-77. All Ayes

Motion carried

Vote on motion **CC08-358**; All Ayes

Motion carried

MINUTES OF ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

CC08-361 Motion by Buttke, second by Wagner to approve the minutes of the Historic Preservation Committee of September 8, 2008; Convention and Visitors Bureau of September 24, 2008; Plan Commission of October 1, 2008 special meeting; and Industrial Park Authority of October 2, 2008; October 7, 2008; and October 9, 2008. All Ayes

Motion carried

MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

CC08-362 Motion by Buttke, second by Hansen to approve the minutes of the Sustainable Marshfield Committee of August 23, 2008. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC08-363 Motion by Wagner, second by Feddick to approve the minutes of the Cable TV Committee of August 25, 2008. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC08-364 Motion by Feirer, second by Feddick to approve the minutes of the Committee on Aging of September 4, 2008. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC08-365 Motion by Feirer, second by Buttke to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works of October 6, 2008. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC08-366 Motion by Hendler, second by Feddick to approve the minutes of the Finance, Budget, and Personnel Committee of October 7, 2008. All Ayes

Motion Carried

CC08-367 Motion by Feddick, second by Wagner to approve the minutes of the Judiciary, License and Cemetery Committee of October 7, 2008. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC08-368 Motion by Buttke, second by Hendler to approve the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee of October 9, 2008. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC08-369 Motion by Wagner, second by Hendler to hold over the minutes of the Board of Public Works of October 14, 2008 special meeting. All Ayes

Motion carried

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

CC08-370 Motion by Feddick, second by Hendler to receive and place on file the minutes of the Central Wisconsin State Fair Board of September 15, 2008. All Ayes

Motion Carried

A presentation was made by the following Strategic Plan Subcommittees:

1. Communications and Marketing Strategies Subcommittee presented by Scott Larson, Executive Director of the Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

2. Economic Development Subcommittee presented by Jason Angell, Planning and Economic Development Director.
3. Community Development Subcommittee presented by Tim Kraus, Executive Director of the Community Development Authority.

Second reading of Ordinance No. 1139, amending Section 10-38, Hunting, to permit organized deer drives solely as part of an effort to manage or control the number of deer within the City.

CC08-371 Motion by Buttke, second by Krueger to approve Ordinance No. 1139.

Alderson Feddick said that she had a town hall meeting with Alderson Wagner and the residents expressed concern that this will not work because deer tend to feed in the early morning hours as well as at night. One of the concerns was that unless this was done in the middle of the night it may not be effective. It didn't sound like they were against the deer drive necessarily, just concerned about the effectiveness of it.

Alderson Noble is on the Deer Task Force Committee and he said that some of the committee members did express concern because this was originally done in 1995 or 1996 and there were reports of a gun shell that was up against a house. There was some disagreement within the committee regarding doing this in the first place as well as the safety issue.

Administrator Brehm added that he is also on the Deer Task Force Committee. At the last meeting he expressed some concerns that he had, specifically the issue of safety. The reason that this ordinance was changed back in 1995 was because of safety. There were at least two incidents that there were some issues with bullets striking homes. What is going to happen when those deer cross over Galvin, McMillan or whatever else, and the people there that are meant to shoot at the deer start shooting? Without some kind of a vertical angle at shooting at these deer, the concern that he has is if the shooters standing on the ground miss the deer that bullet is going to carry a long ways. This is not the right ordinance to deal with the situation of controlling the deer herd because of the safety aspect of it.

Alderson Hendler responded that we do have a deer problem in the community. He does agree that safety is paramount in this whole thing. He is certain that this is a good beginning. If it doesn't work out as well as they think, it can always be modified.

Vote on motion **CC08-371**; Feddick and Noble voted Naye, rest Aye.

Motion carried

First reading of Ordinance No. 1140, amending sewer service charges and amending provisions regarding holding tank service charges, portable toilet waste, and septic tank waste.

CC08-372 Motion by Wagner, second by Hendler to approve Resolution No. 2008-37, implementing a revised rental rate schedule for the Vehicle/Equipment Internal Service Fund effective January 1, 2009. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC08-373 Motion by Hendler, second by Buttke to approve Resolution No. 2008-38, implementing a revised Wastewater Utility machinery and equipment rental rate schedule effective January 1, 2009. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC08-374 Motion by Feirer, second by Hendler to approve Resolution No. 2008-39, which awards a contract with Radio Cab of Marshfield, Inc. to provide a shared-ride taxi/shuttle bus service for 2009.

Aldersperson Wagner requested that copies of the complaint form be left with the customer service desk at the two major grocery stores in town. This will help to improve service.

Vote on motion **CC08-374**; All Ayes

Motion carried

CC08-375 Motion by Hendler, second by Hansen to approve Budget Resolution No. 16-2008, transferring \$2,664 from State of Wisconsin Funding Assistance Act 102 grants to the Emergency Medical Services Fund for communication boosters for ambulances. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC08-376 Motion by Buttke, second by Krueger to approve the appointment of Mr. Ed Gerl, 810 E. 3rd Street to the Board of Appeals with a term ending in April 2011. All Ayes

Motion carried

City Administrator Brehm presented the recommended 2009 City Budget and Work Programs. The 2009 budget is an aggressive budget based upon sound fiscal management policies and proven strategies. The recommended budget meets the budget parameters, the adopted CIP Program for 2008-2012 (except for the amount of indebtedness to be issued), the State's expenditure restraint program and the State's levy limit restrictions. The total 2009 budget for all city funds is \$38,430,359. This is an increase of \$3,009,497, or 8.5% above the originally adopted 2008 budget, as amended, of \$35,420,862. This increase comes from the increasing costs to deliver the same level of services (\$793,796 which includes the cost of four new positions), contractual services (\$1,742,063), supplies and expenses (\$454,288), and grants, contributions and other donations (\$302,053). These increases were partially offset by a reduction in capital outlay (\$332,236). This budget reflects the cost of providing basic services and an aggressive economic development program. The city tax rate necessary to finance the recommended 2009 budget is \$9.87030. This is the same city tax rate as last year.

Aldersperson Hendler thanked Administrator Brehm for an excellent job of crafting and balancing this particular budget. We are going through some very difficult times. The taxpayers should be pleased that we are not experiencing a tax rate increase and we are still maintaining the good services that we do receive in this city.

The budget meetings have been scheduled for October 20, October 27 and November 3, 2008. The meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m.

CC08-377 Motion by Feddick, second by Wagner 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 1) draft developer agreement for the development and expansion of TIF No. 7 and No. 8; and 2) potential sale of land in Yellowstone Industrial Park. Roll call vote, all Ayes. (Time: 8:55 p.m.)

Motion carried

Present in closed session: Alderpersons Feirer, Feddick, Noble, Wagner, Hansen, Krueger, Buttke and Hendler, Mayor Meyer, Administrator Brehm, Attorney Hutchinson, Finance Director Strey, Public Works Director Knoeck, Director of Planning & Economic Development Angell, City Engineer Turchi, Wastewater Superintendent Dickrell and City Clerk Hall.

Jim Berry and Marlin Laidlaw joined the meeting at 8:55 p.m. and left at 9:22 p.m.

CC08-378 Motion by Feddick, second by Noble to return to open session. Roll call vote, all Ayes. (Time: 10:17 p.m.)

Motion carried

CC08-379 Motion by Hendler, second by Buttke to approve the Developer's Agreement with TexSand Distributors, LP as presented. All Ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Krueger, second by Hansen to adjourn at 10:22 p.m.

Motion Carried

Deb M. Hall
City Clerk