Regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Meyer at 7:25 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza.

PRESENT: Michael Feirer, Alanna Feddick, Dave LaFontaine, Gordon H. Earll, Ed Wagner, Russell Stauber, Donald Krueger, John Spiros (arrived at 7:50 p.m.), Tom Buttke and Pete Hendler. **ABSENT:** None

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

No invocation was given.

<u>CC09-199</u> Motion by Krueger, second by Hendler to approve the minutes of the Common Council meeting of May 12, 2009. All Ayes

Motion carried

No items were added to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

Historic Preservation Committee Chairperson, Iris Guensburg and Mayor Meyer, presented John and Heather Peters with the Historic Preservation Committee Stewardship Award.

MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

<u>CC09-200</u> Motion by Feddick, second by LaFontaine to receive and place on file the minutes of the Community Development Authority of April 2, 2009; Zoning Board of Appeals of April 14, 2009; Fairgrounds Commission of May 4, 2009; Fire and Police Commission of May 7, 2009; Marshfield Utility Commission of May 11, 2009; Zoning Board of Appeals of May 12, 2009 and Library Board of May 12, 2009. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC09-201 Motion by Krueger, second by Buttke to approve Marshfield Utility Job Order No. 17457, 9486 Robin Rd. 3 phase rebuild, south of Hwy 10 at a cost of \$62,483. All Ayes **Motion carried**

MINUTES OF ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

<u>CC09-202</u> Motion by Wagner, second by Earll to approve the minutes of the Historic Preservation Committee of May 4, 2009; Electrical Board of May 6, 2009 and Plan Commission of May 19, 2009 as read by the Director of Public Works. All Ayes

Motion carried

MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

<u>CC09-203</u> Motion by Feddick, second by Buttke to approve the minutes of the Airport Committee of May 14, 2009. All Ayes

Motion carried

<u>CC09-204</u> Motion by Feirer, second by LaFontaine to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works of May 18, 2009 as read by the Director of Public Works. All Ayes

Motion carried

<u>CC09-205</u> Motion by Hendler, second by Feddick to approve the minutes of the Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee of May 19, 2009 as read by the City Clerk. All Ayes **Motion carried**

<u>CC09-206</u> Motion by Krueger, second by Wagner to approve the minutes of the Judiciary, License and Cemetery Committee of May 19, 2009 as read by the City Clerk. All Ayes **Motion carried**

<u>CC09-207</u> Motion by Hendler, second by LaFontaine to approve Budget Resolution No. 10-2009, transferring \$1,250,000 from the Lincoln Avenue project to the Fire Station project. All Ayes **Motion carried**

Alderperson Spiros arrived at 7:50 p.m.

2010 Budget Parameters

Finance Director Strey reviewed his handout regarding 2010 budget projections.

The Council discussed possible parameters.

Mayor Meyer said that our goal is always to do everything that we can to reduce the impact on taxpayers through reducing tax rates or levies. This is something we strive to do all the time. This is one of those things that we need to be very careful with because 2010 is going to be tough and 2011 is going to be worse. We also have a revaluation underway that may impact our assessed value throughout the community. Things we do to the levy this year can really come back and haunt us next year.

Alderperson Stauber stated that his role is to make sure that the City Administrator understands their direction. Therefore, one parameter can cover a lot of things. There was one budget parameter last year having to do with organizations outside of city hall. Are we getting the most benefit for the tax dollars that we are investing? This is a parameter that fits the old parameters. We should be doing that. Administration should be enforcing that to the department/division heads. The primary budget parameter that we should go with would be that the city's tax rate for 2010 budget will fall within an overall range of 'no change' from year 2009 to a 2.5% decrease. It may seem a little bit strong but for us to assume that we are the most efficient and are delivering the services that we have in the most efficient manner is misleading. There is always room for improvement. By setting a strict parameter like that, it sends a message to the Administrator that they are looking for efficiencies. He can take these previous parameters, things that should already be acted upon and carried out. Those are parameters that we don't need to be discussing but things that the Administrator may want to discuss with the department/division heads. Let's keep it simple.

CC09-208 Motion by Stauber, second by Wagner to approve a single Budget Parameter for 2010:
The City's tax rate for the 2010 budget will fall within an overall range of 'no change' from year 2009 to a 2.5% decrease.

Alderperson Wagner said that he will support this motion as long as they continue talking with the City Administrator about Performance Based Budgeting in future years.

Alderperson Buttke said that he will support the motion but he wanted the Council to realize that it is going to come down to some services again. When it comes down to reduction in services, they need to stick together as a Council and go along with that.

Mayor Meyer stated that they need to remain flexible. We don't know what will happen with a 0%. When it comes back to what services will be cut, we will have to make the decision whether you change your position on an increase in taxes or whether you maintain it and make those cuts.

Alderperson Hendler agreed that they need to remain flexible. This is a noble idea however reality is that this is not going to be a perfect year.

Alderperson Stauber explained that he included the word "overall" in the motion because he understands that some departments will come in under budget and some will come over.

Alderperson LaFontaine said that he could support a 0% tax rate increase but he can't support a 2.5% reduction because under what the Finance Director provided that would reduce the tax rate from \$9.87 to \$9.62 and that is unrealistic.

Vote on motion <u>CC09-208</u>; LaFontaine and Earll voted Naye; rest Aye. **Motion carried**

CC09-209 Motion by Wagner, second by Feirer 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 Mayor had requested a closed session to discuss negotiations to purchase various properties to construct a new fire station. Roll call vote, all Ayes. (Time: 8:45 p.m.)

Motion carried

<u>Present in Closed Session</u>: Alderpersons Feirer, Feddick, LaFontaine, Earll, Wagner, Stauber, Krueger, Spiros, Buttke and Hendler, Mayor Meyer, City Attorney Hutchinson, Finance Director Strey, Public Works Director Knoeck, Director of Planning and Economic Development Angell, Fire Chief Schmidt and City Clerk Hall.

<u>CC09-210</u> Motion by Krueger, second by Spiros to return to open session. Roll call vote, all Ayes. (Time: 9:00 p.m.)

Motion carried

<u>CC09-211</u> Motion by Buttke, second by Hendler to approve the Offer to Purchase for the 408 S. Ash Avenue property. Feddick and Wagner voted Naye; rest Aye.

Motion carried

Motion by Stauber, second by Krueger to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. All Ayes **Motion carried**

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