

AUGUST 25, 2009

PUBLIC HEARING: Called to order by Mayor Meyer at 6:51 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza regarding Street Improvement Projects and Proposed Special Assessments – Lincoln Avenue (8th Street to 14th Street). Project Nos. 311913-Street Reconstruction, 311914-Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation, 311915-Sidewalk Construction & 316723-Storm Sewer Construction.

FOR: None

AGAINST: None

The public hearing closed at 6:53 p.m.

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, Dave LaFontaine, Gordon H. Earll, Ed Wagner, Russell Stauber, Donald Krueger, John Spiros, Tom Buttke and Pete Hendler.

ABSENT: None

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

Invocation was given by Pastor Armando Camacho, Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

CC09-319 Motion by Feirer, second by Spiros to approve the minutes of the Common Council meeting of August 11, 2009. All Ayes

Motion carried

Item S-1, Budget Resolution No. 17-2009 was added to the agenda.

Employee Milestone Recognition

Ted Bratton, Wastewater Utility

August 20, 1979

30 years of service

Brian Panzer, Street Division

September 4, 1984

25 years of service

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Rich Reinart of 906 South Ash Avenue represented Lamar Outdoor Advertising of Marshfield. He spoke in regards to four trees that were recently planted in the right-of-way on the east side of Central Avenue and are now partially blocking five of Lamar's sign faces. Four of the five faces are local businesses advertising their products or services and throughout the year these signs will advertise anything from Marshfield Youth Wrestling to Banks or Real Estate services. His concern is that the trees will only grow bigger and every year the signs are going to be blocked more and more. He asked the Council to see the unnecessary difficulties that these four trees are presenting to his business as well as the local businesses that advertise on the signs and to consider relocating the four signs.

Mayor Meyer read a proclamation proclaiming Monday, September 7th as City of Marshfield Employee Appreciation Day.

CC09-320 Motion by Spiros, second by Hendler to approve and sign the Mayor's Proclamation to proclaim Monday, September 7th as City of Marshfield Employee Appreciation Day. All Ayes

Motion carried

MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CC09-321 Motion by Hendler, second by Feddick to receive and place on file the minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals of July 14, 2009; Fire and Police Commission of August 6, 2009; Marshfield Utility Commission of August 10, 2009; Library Board of August 11, 2009 and Zoning Board of Appeals of August 11, 2009. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC09-322 Motion by Wagner, second by LaFontaine to approve Marshfield Utility Job Order No. 17437, rebuild – upsize conductor to increase emergency transfer capability between Wildwood, Hume and McMillan Substations at a cost of \$940,440. All Ayes

Motion carried

MINUTES OF ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

CC09-323 Motion by LaFontaine, second by Earll to approve the minutes of the Business Improvement District Board of August 18, 2009 and Plan Commission of August 18, 2009. All Ayes

Motion carried

MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

CC09-324 Motion by Wagner, second by Earll to approve the minutes of the Cable TV Committee of June 22, 2009. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC09-325 Motion by Feirer, second by Feddick to approve the minutes of the Committee on Aging of August 6, 2009. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC09-326 Motion by Earll, second by Wagner to approve the minutes of the Airport Committee of August 13, 2009. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC09-327 Motion by Buttke, second by Spiros to approve the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee of August 13, 2009. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC09-328 Motion by Wagner, second by Feirer to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works of August 17, 2009.

CC09-329 Motion by Stauber, second by Feddick to vote on motion PW09-98 separately.

Aldersperson Buttke said he traveled that route quite a few times and there is not a sign that is totally blocked by any means. He could see the signs perfectly.

Vote on **CC09-329**; LaFontaine, Wagner, Krueger and Hendler voted Naye, rest Aye.

Motion carried

Aldersperson Stauber said he is not in favor of moving or removing any trees. He asked what kind of correspondence the City had with the billboard company during the design phase and if the City could trim the trees after they grow.

Public Works Director Knoeck said the plan was developed by a landscape architect hired through the DOT, so it was consultant process and he didn't believe there was any consultation at that time. There is not a lot of opportunity for tree placement in these blocks with the number of driveways and the close proximity of intersections and so forth for the trees that are in question. So the actual physical location for planting a tree is pretty limited and to maintain some kind of spacing and uniformity down the corridor that is why these locations were chosen. Trees can always be trimmed to some degree. To what level do you trim them and how it looks compared to the other trees that haven't been trimmed would be a question for consideration at that time.

Street Superintendent Panzer explained that these trees are larger deciduous trees and they can be trained. We typically would not top them, so they would continue to grow taller, but as the trees grow and start to fill out they can be pruned to minimize the width of them. They will have leaves for six months out of the year.

CC09-330 Motion by Wagner, second by Feirer to approve the action of the Board of Public Works in regards to item PW09-98.

Planning and Economic Development Angell said we need to keep in mind that there are a number of businesses downtown that have wall signs as well and if we start moving trees we are going to get bombarded with a number of requests that are going to be asking to relocate trees, so you can see their store front and signage.

Aldersperson Feddick asked how large these trees are expected to get. Are the trunk areas going to be covering up these signs at maturity?

Street Superintendent Panzer said in a natural environment they would grow 60-80 feet. In an urban setting like this they typically don't grow that tall. Realistically they could grow 50-60 feet tall at maturity, but that would take 25 years for that to occur.

Vote on motion **CC09-330**; Spiros voted Naye, rest Aye.

Motion carried

Vote on motion **CC09-328**; All Ayes.

Motion carried

CC09-331 Motion by Wagner, second by Feddick to approve the minutes of the Judiciary, License and Cemetery Committee of August 17, 2009. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC09-332 Motion by Stauber, second by Hendler to approve the minutes of the Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee of August 18, 2009.

Administrator Brehm asked that the minutes be amended to show that he was also present at that meeting.

Vote on motion CC09-332 as amended; All Ayes

Motion carried

CC09-333 Motion by Feddick, second by Earll to approve the minutes of the Judiciary, License and Cemetery Committee of August 25, 2009 as read by the Deputy City Clerk. All Ayes

Motion carried

First reading of Ordinance No. 1157, an ordinance amending Section 18-04 (6) of the Municipal Code relating to major street setback averaging provisions.

First reading of Ordinance No. 1159, an ordinance rezoning two parcels of land located on the north side of East 5th Street, east of the vacated portion of South Ash Avenue, from “R-5” Residential District to “B-4” General Commercial District.

CC09-334 Motion by LaFontaine, second by Hendler to approve Resolution No. 2009-33, adopting the 2010 Operating Plan and setting a BID assessment rate for the Downtown Marshfield Business Improvement District. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC09-335 Motion by Feirer, second by Feddick to approve Final Resolution No. 2009-34, in the matter of Improvement Projects No. 311913, 311914, 311915 and 316723 – Lincoln Avenue (8th Street to 14th Street). All Ayes

Motion carried

CC09-336 Motion by Hendler, second by Buttke to approve Budget Resolution No. 15-2009, transferring \$1,500 from a 2009 Arthritis Campaign donation to the General Fund Aging/Senior Center budget to purchase an additional piece of exercise equipment for the exercise room at the Senior Center. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC09-337 Motion by Hendler, second by Earll to approve Budget Resolution No. 16-2009, transferring \$5,000 from the Contingency Fund to the Sustainable Marshfield Committee to fund a grant writing agreement with MSA. Feddick voted Naye, rest Aye.

Motion carried

CC09-338 Motion by Stauber, second by Wagner to table Budget Resolution No. 17-2009, transferring \$1,617 from the Contingency Fund to the Taxi System Fund to finance an Intercity Bus Program study until the next Common Council meeting. All Ayes

Motion carried

Motion by LaFontaine, second by Spiros to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. All Ayes

Motion carried

Lori A. Panzer
Deputy City Clerk