

OCTOBER 18, 2010

Special Budget meeting was called to order by Mayor Meyer at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza.

PRESENT: Michael Feirer, Alanna Feddick, Dave LaFontaine, Gordon H. Earll, Ed Wagner, Russell Stauber, Gary Cummings, John Spiros, Tom Buttke and Pete Hendler

ABSENT: None

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

William Penker, 600 S. Sycamore Avenue. He spoke about the Main Street Program and Economic Development budgets. Without doubt Main Street Marshfield provided another stunning example of how not to put out a substantive policy statement regarding important issues. When dealing with extremely important topics whether to customers or to the general public the rule is that the more important the issue the more substantive the justification should be for implementing the policy. After twenty years do we have economic restructuring? Have we seen retail gaps identified and filled? Have we had new businesses recruited? Do we have restored buildings and an identifiable and fostered heritage? Do we have increased social and cultural activities in the downtown? Is downtown an exciting place? If not, why continue pumping money into the program? How can it be that no visit is complete without a stop in historic downtown Marshfield when after twenty years of programs our local history and heritage is barely identifiable for the visitor? What do we have; smoke and mirrors or brick and mortar? If the former, do away with funding. If the latter, require the plans to be publicized as a condition of funding. If you find that funding should be continued then at least require Main Street Marshfield, MACCI and MEDA to make monthly verbal reports to the Common Council regarding their activities.

Fire Chief Schmidt announced that the Fire Station second Open House will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2010 from 1 – 4 p.m. They have also partnered with the Marshfield Clinic and will be providing a Flu/Vaccination Clinic for anybody that would be interested.

CC10-413 Motion by Stauber, 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 City Administration had requested a closed session to review a revised development agreement and related documents with Completion Industrial Minerals, LLC (formerly TexSand Distributors, LP). Roll call vote, All Ayes (Time: 6:07 p.m.)

Motion carried

Present in closed session: Alderpersons Feirer, Feddick, LaFontaine, Earll, Wagner, Stauber, Cummings, Spiros, Buttke and Hendler, Mayor Meyer, Attorney Hutchinson, Finance Director Strey, Director of Planning and Economic Development Angell, Public Works Director Knoeck, City Engineer Turchi, WWTP Superintendent Dickrell, City Clerk Hall and Tom Giordani.

Tom Giordani left the closed session at 6:18 p.m.

CC10-414 Motion by Spiros, second by Wagner to return to open session. Roll call vote, All Ayes (Time: 6:35 p.m.)

Motion carried

Tom Giordani, President of Completion Industrial Minerals, LLC, said that after two years of working with the economic development group in Marshfield they are just about at the finish line. They are looking to finalize everything within the next week to 10 days. Looking to start breaking ground in the month of November and be operational in March and April of 2011. What that does for the local economy is they will be employing 30 – 35 people on their payroll by the end of 2011. In addition to that, their subcontractors bringing in the material will probably double that number. That will all transpire the first and second quarter of next year.

CC10-415 Motion by Spiros, second by Feirer to approve the amended and restated development agreement for Completion Industrial Minerals, LLC and authorize the appropriate staff to execute the agreement. Ayes-10

Motion carried

CC10-416 Motion by Buttke, second by Wagner to approve the Effluent Water Supply Agreement with Completion Industrial Minerals, LLC and authorize the appropriate staff to execute the agreement. Ayes-10

Motion carried

CC10-417 Motion by Hendler, second by LaFontaine to approve Resolution No. 2010-53, approving a certified survey map and dedication of additional public right-of-way for East 29th Street. Ayes-10

Motion carried

Mayor Meyer turned the chair over to Alderperson Spiros, Chairperson of the Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee.

The following budgets were reviewed: UW College – Marshfield/Wood County; General Public Facilities Fund 405 – UW Building/Remodeling Project; City Assessor; City Attorney; Sustainable Marshfield Committee; Committee on Youth; Celebrations and Entertainment (Palm Sunday Chorus, School Patrol, Marshfield Civic Band); Taxi System; Wastewater Utility; Public Works Administration; Capital Project Funds; Infrastructure Construction Fund #401; Library; Building Services and Inspection; Public Facilities; General Public Facilities Fund 405 – City Hall and Municipal Court.

Finance Director Strey said that he received notice that Wood County will not be including in their budget \$200,000 worth of UW College – Marshfield/Wood County capital projects that were submitted to both the County and to the City. \$400,000 total in projects; \$200,000 for each of them. This will have an impact on the City's budget and there will be an adjustment that the Council can make at a later meeting with the Council's direction to remove those budgeted items so that we are in sync with Wood County so that we don't run into a situation where we have projects on the books that are not going to be completed because Wood County did not elect to fund them. The funding for these projects is a total of \$45,000 was included in the recommended budget as being funded by tax levy and \$155,000 of this was identified as borrowing proceeds. There are a couple of options for the Council to consider; 1) Reverse the funding that was included in the recommended budget thereby reducing tax levy by \$45,000 and reducing borrowing by \$155,000; and 2) Reduce the tax levy by \$200,000 and keep the borrowing the same and shift that borrowing to another project.

Aldersperson Feddick had a question regarding the levy.

Finance Director Strey responded that the Common Council adopted tax levy for 2010 for city purposes was \$11,487,243. To take the 2011 recommended budget and get it down to that figure, the Common Council would have to come up with tax levy reductions of \$714,757.

The next budget session will be held on Monday, October 25, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Stauber, second by Wagner to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

Motion carried

Deb M. Hall
City Clerk