PUBLIC HEARING: Called to order by Mayor Meyer at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza regarding amending the Municipal Code to allow up to four chickens on single-family residential property within the City Limits of Marshfield.

FOR: Liz Gisvold of 1610 S. Felker Avenue. She spoke about the chicken ordinance. She is concerned that this whole process has been a little over exaggerated. She has four backyard chickens and has not received any complaints from her neighbors. Chickens don't attract mice; they eat mice. As far as chickens attacking people, they do not have teeth and since they stay in a pen in your yard there is no chance they will run off leash and bite anyone, anywhere. She can buy eggs in the grocery store but she chooses not to just like some people choose not to purchase their meat in a grocery store or their fish. Chickens dispose of all of her leftover foods and they provide an excellent soil amendment for her compost and they are entertaining. She doesn't see how this ordinance would be unfavorably impacting the city, the citizens, or even the chickens.

AGAINST: None

The public hearing closed at 6:40 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, Gary Cummings, Tom Buttke and Pete Hendler

ABSENT: John Spiros

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

Invocation was given by Pastor Art Scottberg, Redeemer Christian Church.

Employee Recognition

Jeff Weinfurtner, Street Division

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Mayor Meyer announced that there are vacancies on the Historic Preservation Committee, Sustainable Marshfield Committee, and Alternates for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Anyone interested in serving on one of these committees should contact the Mayor's office.

He also recognized the passing of August Roddis and Dr. Russell Lewis. This community is what it is today because of people like Augusta and Dr. Lewis.

<u>CC11-029</u> Motion by Hendler, second by Cummings to approve the minutes of the Common Council meeting of January 25, 2011.

Motion carried

No items were added to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Art Scottberg of 500 E. Grant Street. One of the first things that he was asked to do when he came to town 19 years ago was to accept an invitation to say an invocation at a City Council meeting. He gladly did so and has been happily doing so ever since. He is not paid to do this and is not under any duress to do this. He does not see this activity as being evangelistic, church promoting or self promoting in any way. This is a good thing for our community. He asked the Council to not let anyone bully them. Do not let people who live in other cities dictate to them what will and will not go on in this chamber.

Larry Sheahan of 601 N. Anton Avenue. He has found it an amazing privilege and honor to address the City Council several times a year and to invoke God's blessing upon our community along with several dozen other clergy representing a variety of faith traditions. He asked the Council to not allow our City to be bullied by the Freedom from Religion Foundation which has inaccurately and unfortunately read the constitution in error. The first amendment is crystal clear that Congress shall make no establishment of religion nor shall they prohibit the free exercise thereof. The way that our City Council prayers are organized currently is in full compliance with both clauses of the first amendment. He encouraged the City Attorney to standup for the free exercise of religion in our community.

Liz Gisvold of 1610 S. Felker Avenue. She is part of a citizens group in town investigating and working on opening up a food cooperative in Marshfield. There will be an open meeting that will be held on February 28, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the Marshfield Library Beebee Forum room. This cooperative would be a member run grocery store that would focus on selling locally grown food, produce and products.

CONSENT AGENDA

CC11-030 Motion by Feirer, second by LaFontaine to approve the items as listed on the consent agenda. Meeting Minutes/Reports: Housing Rehabilitation Committee Meeting (August 19, 2010); "Blue Sky" Steering Committee Meeting (November 8, 2010, November 22, 2010 and December 13, 2010); Community Development Authority (January 6, 2011); Community Development Authority Financial Meeting (January 7, 2011); Community Development Authority Personnel Meeting (January 11, 2011); Library Board (January 7, 2011); Community Development Authority Financial Meeting (January 13, 2011); Housing Rehabilitation Committee Meeting (January 20, 2011); Fire & Police Commission Special Meeting (January 21, 2011); Historic Preservation Committee Special Meeting (January 24, 2011); Board of Public Works (January 31, 2011); Judiciary, License and Cemetery Committee (February 1, 2011) and Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee (February 1, 2011).

Motion carried

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

Second reading of Ordinance No. 1196, rezoning request by Faith Fellowship Church for two parcels to change the zoning of one parcel from the "B-2" (Shopping Center) district to the "B-4" (General Commercial) district at 215 W. McMillan Street, and one parcel from the "A" (Agricultural Holding Zone) district to the "B-4" (General Commercial) district on unaddressed land behind 215 W. McMillan Street.

<u>CC11-031</u> Motion by Feddick, second by Earll to approve Ordinance No. 1196. Ayes-9 **Motion carried**

<u>First reading of Ordinance No. 1188</u>, amending section 9-52 and 18-04 of the Municipal Code to allow up to four chickens on single-family residential property within the City Limits of Marshfield.

Planning/Zoning Administrator Josh Miller handed out some changes to the ordinance.

<u>CC11-032</u> Motion by Wagner, second by Hendler to direct staff to change Ordinance No. 1188, specifically section (5)f, changing the word "shall" to "may" for the purpose of denial of a permit. Ayes-9

Motion carried

Alderperson Stauber asked Mr. Miller to check with the co-op regarding the frequency of cleaning a chicken coop.

<u>First reading of Ordinance No. 1197</u>, amending Chapter 15, Building Code; Chapter 16, Plumbing Code; and Chapter 17, Electrical Code.

<u>CC11-033</u> Motion by LaFontaine, second by Wagner to hold over the appointment of Scott Noble, 1506 W. 7th Street, to the Zoning Board of Appeals, to the February 22, 2011 meeting. **Motion carried**

<u>CC11-034</u> Motion by Wagner, second by Feirer to hold over the appointment of Ken Bargender, 206 Hawthorn Avenue, to the Zoning Board of Appeals, to the February 22, 2011 meeting. **Motion carried**

Discussion was held on the Certificate of Appropriateness application.

The Mayor explained that for people that have a home in the Historic Districts in the City of Marshfield, when they choose to do something to the exterior of their home they have to go through a process in which they receive a Certificate of Appropriateness. There has been an ordinance in place for 28 years regarding this process but it has only been in the last 6-8 months that we have actually followed the process outlined in that ordinance. The intention of this ordinance is to make sure that things that are done to historic properties don't change the historical integrity of the property. We have to remember that the people who are in these properties do own them and they do have some special protections because they are historic properties. We want to adhere to those but we don't want to create so much red tape for the homeowners that it becomes a nuisance. In his opinion this is what this has become for many of the homeowners. One of the areas that we can make some changes is to give staff the latitude to work with those more hidden changes to properties without having to go through the process. In many situations you can be looking at 4-6 weeks before you can do anything to your house by having to go through this process.

This will be talked about internally in the next week and he will be coming back either to the Council or the Plan Commission with some changes to the ordinance.

Motion by LaFontaine, second by Feddick to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. **Motion carried**

Deb M. Hall City Clerk