

**OCTOBER 25, 2011**

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, Gary Cummings, John Spiros, Tom Buttke and Pete Hendler

**ABSENT:** Russell Stauber

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

Invocation was given by Pastor Mike Carlson, Zion United Methodist Church.

Committee Vacancies

Board of Appeals, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate  
Committee on Aging

Anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact the Mayor's office.

**CC11-242** Motion by Feirer, second by Cummings to approve the minutes of the Common Council meeting of October 11, 2011.

**Motion carried**

**CC11-243** Motion by Feirer, second by Cummings to approve the minutes of the Common Council budget meeting of October 17, 2011.

**Motion carried**

Item L1, Discuss the minutes of the Marshfield Airport Committee of September 14, 2011, was added to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Harold Gaier, Airport Manager, thanked the Airport Committee and the Common Council for being a great team and getting a lot accomplished through the years. Marshfield is recognized as a Wisconsin General Aviation medium airport. Marshfield is not one of the best airports in the State of Wisconsin, it is the best. This is a multi-million dollar facility and would be hard to reproduce it today. They have been trying for several years to get an airport sign out on the highway for the airport. This year it was approved. The sign that was chosen is within budget and approved by the Airport Committee and Plan Commission. He asked the Council to approve this project.

**CC11-244** Motion by Hendler, second by Spiros to approve Resolution No. 2011-37, awarding the sale of approximately \$1,575,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2011B. Ayes – 9

**Motion carried**

**CC11-245** Motion by Wagner, second by LaFontaine to approve Resolution No. 2011-38, awarding the sale of approximately \$605,000 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2011C. Ayes – 9

**Motion carried**

**CC11-246** Motion by Spiros, second by Cummings to appoint Mike Eberl, 1213 W. Jefferson Street, to the Marshfield Utility Commission to serve a 5 year term beginning October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2016. Ayes - 9

**Motion carried**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**CC11-247** Motion by LaFontaine, second by Feirer to approve the items as listed on the consent agenda. Meeting Minutes/Reports: University Commission of May 12, 2011; Electrical Board of July 6, 2011; Zoning Board of Appeals of August 2, 2011; Fire and Police Commission of September 8, 2011; Cable TV Committee of September 26, 2011; Committee on Aging of October 6, 2011; Historic Preservation Committee of October 10, 2011; Marshfield Utility Commission of October 10, 2011; Sustainable Marshfield Committee of October 11, 2011; Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee of October 13, 2011; Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee of October 17, 2011; Board of Public Works of October 17, 2011; Plan Commission of October 18, 2011 and Airport Committee of October 20, 2011.

### **Motion carried**

Aldersperson Earll spoke about the airport sign that was approved through the Airport Committee minutes of September 14, 2011. The airport sign was approved in the CIP for \$25,000. Airport management obtained three bids for this sign. He voted for the Stratford Sign not because he particularly liked it but he felt it was a better sign for the City. The Wausau sign was \$20,000 and wasn't energy efficient. The Stratford sign was \$16,000 and it was going to have the energy efficient LED lights in it. He feels that the Stratford sign is a better deal for the community because it was cheaper and it was energy efficient. He asked the Council to consider rescinding the original approval of the Airport minutes of September 14, 2011 and require that the proposed sign be as energy efficient and economical as possible for the taxpayers of the city who are paying for this sign and the electricity to light it.

**CC11-248** Motion by Earll, second by LaFontaine to rescind the minutes of the Airport Committee of September 14, 2011.

Airport Committee Chairperson John Berg explained that a lot of things went into this decision. The committee felt that this would be an outstanding sign to represent the City of Marshfield. He urged everyone to take a look at the sign and then make their decision.

Airport Committee member Dan Maurer said that the new lights that are produced now that will go into the lighting system on the sign that they chose is not like the old type of lighting. It will still be very, very efficient. The reason he chose the sign that he did was because the company did a lot of work on the history of the airport. The airplane that they chose for the sign is the first airplane in the United States to get a charter certificate. This airplane is the airplane that started Midstate Airlines. The sign from the Stratford Sign Company is a sign like every other sign in the City of Marshfield and it is not very big. The committee did not take this lightly. It was discussed at four different meetings.

Vote on motion **CC11-248**; Ayes – 1 (Earll); Nays – 8

### **Motion failed**

Second reading of Ordinance No. 1214, amending Section 14.69 pertaining to amount of sewer service charges and amending Section 14-72 pertaining to provisions regarding holding tank service charges, portable toilet waste and septic tank waste.

**CC11-249** Motion by Spiros, second by Buttke to approve Ordinance No. 1214. Ayes - 9

### **Motion carried**

First reading of Ordinance No. 1215, amending Section 10-30 pertaining to firearms and dangerous weapons.

**CC11-250** Motion by Hendler, second by Cummings to approve Budget Resolution No. 30-2011, transferring \$25,000 from the General Fund, City Hall Plaza Budget to the Public Facilities Capital Outlay Fund, City Hall Brick Repair and Waterproofing for additional work on the City Hall Brick Repair and Waterproofing project. Ayes - 9

**Motion carried**

Mayor Meyer updated the Common Council on the Inter-City Bus System. The City of Stevens Point asked the City to participate in the next step of the process. His response back to them was that unless he missed something, he didn't think that there was going to be any support for this from Madison nor any funds in local municipal budgets to support any type of growth or new services. As much as this is a good project that warrants continued discussion, moving forward with anything that is going to incur costs is prudent at this time.

The Council agreed with the Mayor.

This is the last meeting that Attorney Hutchinson will be attending. He is retiring at the end of the year. He was thanked for everything that he has done for the City over the years. It was a pleasure working with him.

**CC11-251** Motion by Hendler, second by Wagner to approve the Amendment to the Agreement for Legal Services with Wolfgram, Gamoke & Hutchinson, SC. naming Harold C. Wolfgram as City Attorney and William C. Gamoke as Assistant City Attorney. Ayes - 9

**Motion carried**

**CC11-252** Motion by LaFontaine, second by Spiros to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, chapter 19.85 (1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing 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 consider offers to purchase or lease City-owned property. Roll call vote, all Ayes. (Time: 7:41 p.m.)

**Motion carried**

Present in closed session: Alderpersons Feirer, Feddick, LaFontaine, Earll, Wagner, Cummings, Spiros, Buttke and Hendler, Mayor Meyer, City Administrator Barg, City Attorney Hutchinson, Finance Director Strey, City Clerk Hall, Director of Public Works Knoeck, Director of Planning & Economic Development Angell, Fire Chief Schmidt and City Engineer Turchi.

**CC11-253** Motion by Spiros, second by LaFontaine to return to open session. Roll call vote, all Ayes. (Time: 8:04 p.m.)

**Motion carried**

No action was taken in open session regarding the closed session item.

Motion by Spiros, second by LaFontaine to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

**Motion carried**

Deb M. Hall  
City Clerk