NOVEMBER 22, 2011

PUBLIC HEARING: Called to order by Mayor Meyer at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza regarding the proposed 2012 Budget.

FOR: None
AGAINST: None

The public hearing closed at 6:32 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, John Spiros, Tom Buttke and Pete Hendler
ABSENT: None

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

Invocation was given by Pastor Larry Sheahan, Faith Fellowship Church.

Committee Vacancies
Board of Appeals, 2nd Alternate
Committee on Aging

The Mayor received a letter of interest for the Committee on Aging.

Anyone interested in serving on the Board of Appeals Committee should contact the Mayor's office.

Mayor Meyer announced that November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. Pancreatic cancer is the deadliest cancer in the United States. He signed a proclamation earlier this month and at the end he urged all residents of the City of Marshfield to support those battling pancreatic cancer as well as those who have lost the battle with pancreatic cancer.

City Administrator Barg announced that recently he had a meeting with Peg Geegan, the Superintendent of the Marshfield School District. They talked about some ways that the City and the School District might be able to better coordinate and work together on some projects and activities. Out of that conversation came an idea to possibly have a joint meeting between the Common Council and the School Board around March or May. He told the Council that he would follow up with them at a later time.

CC11-271 Motion by LaFontaine, second by Feirer to approve the minutes of the Common Council meeting of November 8, 2011.
Motion carried

No items were added to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
The Mayor read a letter that he received from Kent Mueller, 1120 West State Street. He is concerned about the city building a new library and remodeling the existing library into a new community center. Even though this project is several years out money is being spent for planning and fund raising. The citizens must be allowed to decide if they want to pay for this project. The Council should insist that a referendum be conducted so that their constituents are properly heard.

There will be a public hearing regarding the water rate increase on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Anyone interested can go to the Marshfield Utilities main building at 2000 S. Central Avenue. This will be a telephone conference. The actual public hearing will be held in Madison.

CONSENT AGENDA

CC11-272 Motion by Wagner, second by Feirer to approve the items as listed on the consent agenda. Meeting Minutes/Reports: Convention & Visitors Bureau of August 31, 2011; University Commission of September 22, 2011; Convention & Visitors Bureau of October 5, 2011; Historic Preservation Committee of November 7, 2011; Marshfield Utility Commission of November 7, 2011; Sustainable Marshfield of November 8, 2011; Board of Public Works of November 14, 2011; Judiciary, License and Cemetery Committee of November 15, 2011; Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee of November 15, 2011; Plan Commission of November 15, 2011; Fairgrounds Commission of November 16, 2011; Airport Committee of November 17, 2011 and Judiciary, License and Cemetery Committee of November 22, 2011 as read by the clerk.
Motion carried

CC11-273 Motion by Buttke, second by Hendler to approve Budget Resolution No. 31-2011, transferring $3,400 from the Jack Hackman Field Scoreboard sale to the MARSH-21 Jack Hackman Field Fund at the Marshfield Area Community Foundation and $100 to the Parks and Recreation Administration budget. Ayes - 10
Motion carried

CC11-274 Motion by Spiros, second by Earll to approve Resolution No. 2011-40, writing off various uncollectible ambulance accounts receivable totaling $17,995.48. Ayes - 10
Motion carried

CC11-275 Motion by Stauber, second by Spiros to approve Resolution No. 2011-42, writing off various uncollectible accounts receivable totaling $7,681.75. Ayes - 10
Motion carried

CC11-276 Motion by Stauber, second by Spiros to approve the change in vehicle acquisition in the Police Department budget for 2012. This doesn't change any budget levels it just changes the acquisition from 2 Impalas and 1 Tahoe to 3 Tahoes. Ayes – 9; Nay – 1 (Wagner)
Motion carried

Alderperson Wagner talked about weaning Main Street from the city budget over the next five years. Start with a smaller amount this year like $5,000 and then each year reduce the appropriation a little bit more.

CC11-277 Motion by Wagner, second by Hendler to reduce the appropriation to the Main Street budget for 2012 by $5,000 and allocate those funds to the Economic Development Strategic Planning Sessions. Ayes - 6; Nays – 4 (LaFontaine, Earll, Stauber, Cummings)
Motion carried

CC11-278 Motion by Spiros, second by Wagner to approve Resolution No. 2011-44, determining and levying the amount to be raised by taxation for city purposes for the 2012 fiscal year. Ayes – 8; Nays – 2 (Feddick and LaFontaine)
Motion carried

CC11-279 Motion by Spiros, second by Cummings to schedule the second Common Council meeting in December for Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Ayes – 10
Motion carried

Motion by Spiros, second by Wagner to adjourn at 7:39 p.m.
Motion carried

Deb M. Hall
City Clerk