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-Goodwin, Dave LaFontaine, Gordon H. Earll, Ed Wagner, Russell Stauber, Gary Cummings, John Spiros and Tom Buttke

ABSENT: Pete Hendler

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

No invocation was given.

The Mayor reminded everyone that in April he would be making his committee appointments so anyone interested in serving on a committee should contact his office. Currently there is an opening on the Marshfield Utility Commission. He is accepting letters from people interested on serving on the commission.

Employee Recognition

Debbie Karl, Police Department February 25, 1982 30 years Erik Jonas, Fire & Rescue Department February 26, 2007 5 years

<u>CC12-019</u> Motion by Spiros, second by Feirer to approve the minutes of the Common Council meeting of January 24, 2012. Ayes - 9

Motion carried

No items were added to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

William Penker, 600 S. Sycamore Avenue spoke about the proposed Library Construction Project. The decision making process for the Council and the public must be fact based. For many voters that includes the realities of family needs and finances if any project is not tax neutral.

Gary Gray, 507 W. Park Street spoke about the proposed Library Project. At the presentation that was made at the last Common Council meeting he did not see any specific steps or timetables listed for which group will be responsible for each step during the process. A timeline would be useful to understand the process and to be aware of the process even if exact times are not currently known. He also had some questions regarding the project.

Mayor Meyer read a letter from Pat Kell, 1313 N. Hinman regarding the proposed Library Construction Project. She realizes that these are hard economic times. But the Council has to think of the future of this community. A terrific library and an information center (Community Center) could be a great selling point for this area. A library serves many purposes and many people. Not everyone can afford subscriptions for the newspaper or magazines. There is a great need for a good library. An addition to the library is just another band-aid solution for short-term.

Mayor Meyer also read a letter from Nate Norberg, 700 S. Cypress Avenue regarding the proposed Library Construction Project. After the first public meetings he thought that this would be a longer term project. The overall scope of it was to include a new Library Building and conversion of a large portion of the existing library for use as an expanded Senior Center. They are finding that retirees are tech savvy and anxious to become involved in our community and have a need to have up-to-date facilities both in the

community and a Senior Center that includes challenges in its facilities and events. Also part of the long range plan was to design the proposed Community Center so that over perhaps 8 to 12 years it could include sufficient space for possible transfer of City Offices to this Center. The existing City Hall could be used for retail on the first floor and 2nd floor as a Senior Center and converting 3rd thru 6th floors as senior apartments. He respects that Council members for asking for a 4th option but this would just shrink wrap the entire project into putting a band-aid on what we have and continuing the status quo. He is not in favor of this option.

City Administrator Barg read a letter from Jean Swenson, 1111 E. 21st Street regarding the proposed Library Construction Project. In recent years the council and library advocates seized the opportunity to purchase property in the vicinity of the library with an eye toward a new library/community center complex that could enhance our city for decades to come and become a gathering place for all ages from preschool to an increasingly large mature population. The "campus" could provide meeting places for the many groups. It could house partners such as the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center and it could provide space for historical collections needing a permanent home. She participated in the design charrette on July 24, 2012. It produced a consensus that more than just a new library should be the vision. As city officials and as Marshfield citizens, we have an opportunity to think forward, to give future generations a library/community center that can evolve as technology changes and provide a gathering place for all ages and for multiple and partnered uses. We need the city's conviction and support to make the new Marshfield Library/Community Center a reality.

CONSENT AGENDA

<u>CC12-020</u> Motion by Wagner, second by LaFontaine to approve the items as listed on the consent agenda. Meeting Minutes/Reports: Library Board of November 8, 2011; Main Street Marshfield of January 4, 2012; Library Steering Committee of January 9, 2012; Library Board of January 10, 2012; Fairgrounds Commission of January 18, 2012; Joint Plan Commission – City of Marshfield and Town of Cameron Cooperative Boundary Agreement of January 26, 2012; Committee on Aging of February 2, 2012; Board of Public Works of February 6, 2012; Judiciary, License and Cemetery Committee of February 7, 2012 and Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee of February 7, 2012. Ayes - 9

Motion carried

City Administrator Barg presented Finance Director Strey with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Finance Reporting award for the fiscal year 2010.

<u>CC12-021</u> Motion by Wagner, second by LaFontaine to approve amending the Façade Improvement Program to allow awnings and rear entrance projects. These projects would be lower priority.

<u>CC12-022</u> Motion by Wagner, second by Buttke to amend motion CC12-021 that money for these types of projects would not be awarded until after July 1, 2012. Ayes - 9 **Motion carried**

Vote on motion <u>CC12-021 as amended</u>. Ayes - 9

Motion carried

<u>First reading of Ordinance No. 1220</u>, amending sections of the Municipal Code to incorporate changes made to the Wisconsin Administrative Code prefix letters and numbers.

<u>First reading of Ordinance No. 1221</u>, establishing standards for payday lenders.

<u>First reading of Ordinance No. 1222</u>, defining and permitting placement of transitional/homeless shelters as a conditional use in the B-4 (General Commercial) district.

Alderperson Wagner asked Zoning Administrator Miller to amend Ordinance No. 1222 with a clarification of what nonprofit means.

<u>CC12-023</u> Motion by Feddick-Goodwin, second by LaFontaine to approve the release of Marshfield Airport land to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the Highway 10 project. Ayes - 9 **Motion carried**

<u>CC12-024</u> Motion by Stauber, second by Buttke to approve Payroll Resolution No. 2012-04, Clerical/Technical Group. Ayes - 9

Motion carried

<u>CC12-025</u> Motion by Earll, second by Feirer to approve Payroll Resolution No. 2012-05, Street/Custodial/Parks Group. Ayes - 9

Motion carried

<u>CC12-026</u> Motion by Spiros, second by Cummings to approve Payroll Resolution No. 2012-06, Seasonal/Casual Group. Ayes - 9

Motion carried

<u>CC12-027</u> Motion by Feirer, second by Wagner to approve Revised Budget Resolution No. 01-2012, transferring \$10,000 from the TIF #4 Downtown Public Improvements Fund and \$7,000 from within the Infrastructure Construction Capital Outlay Fund to the Peach Avenue Corridor Traffic Study Project. Ayes - 9

Motion carried

CC12-028 Motion by Cummings, second by Earll 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 specific public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Specifically the City Administrator had requested a closed session to discuss a request to amend the terms of an agreement with a private developer. Roll call vote, all Ayes (Time: 8:14 p.m.)

Motion carried

<u>Present in closed session</u>: Alderpersons Feirer, Feddick-Goodwin, LaFontaine, Earll, Wagner, Stauber, Cummings, Spiros and Buttke, City Administrator Barg, Mayor Meyer, City Attorney Wolfgram, Finance Director Strey, Director of Planning/Economic Development Angell, Public Works Director Knoeck, City Engineer Turchi, City Clerk Hall and Rob Nikolai of Don Nikolai Construction.

Rob Nikolai left the closed session at 8:22 p.m.

Alderperson Spiros left the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

<u>CC12-029</u> Motion by Feddick-Goodwin, second by LaFontaine to return to open session. Roll call vote, all Ayes. (Time: 8:46 p.m.)

Motion carried

 $\underline{\text{CC12-030}}$ Motion by Stauber, second by Buttke to amend the Agreement for this occurrence only agreeing to make a contribution for an amount to be determined at a later date to the developer if further development occurs on the site within a 5 year period of time. A copy of the minutes of this Common Council meeting be attached to the Developer's Agreement and provided to the developer. Ayes -8 **Motion carried**

Motion by LaFontaine, second by Wagner to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. **Motion carried**

Deb M. Hall City Clerk