**DECEMBER 11, 2012**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Called to order by Mayor Meyer at 6:55 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza regarding:

1) Vacating those portions of Warbler Avenue, Hummingbird Street, Oriole Court, and Chickadee Court lying within the Grasslands Subdivision.
2) Vacating the 16-foot wide unopened alley abutting Lots 2 through 8 of Block 7 of the High School Subdivision.
3) Vacating the excess right-of-way at the intersection of McMillan Street and St. Joseph Avenue.

**FOR:** None
**AGAINST:** None
**COMMENTS:** None

The public hearing closed at 6:57 p.m.

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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, Robert Workinger, Gordon H. Earll, Ed Wagner, Russell Stauber, Gary Cummings and Tom Buttke.
**ABSENT:** John Spiros and Pete Hendler

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

Invocation was given by Dr. Roger Keller, Latter Day Saints.

Mayor Meyer announced that there are openings on the Board of Appeals – 2nd Alternate, Historic Preservation Committee, Sustainable Marshfield and the Committee on Aging. Anyone interested in serving on these committees should contact his office.

**CC12-261** Motion by Cummings, second by Feirer to approve the minutes of the Common Council meeting of November 27, 2012.
**Motion carried**

No items were added to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
Leonard Kurzynski, 1602 E. Wausau Avenue, Wausau, WI. He talked about the liquor license suspension he received from the Judiciary, License and Cemetery Committee. He begged the Council to not have their employees go with two weeks of no pay. Their name and reputation are at stake. He asked the Council to reconsider the decision to suspend his licenses.

**CONSENT AGENDA**
**CC12-262** Motion by Feirer, second by Buttke to receive and place on file, approving all recommended actions for the items listed on the consent agenda. Meeting Minutes/Reports: Cable TV Committee of October 22, 2012; Community Development Authority of October 25, 2012; Committee on Aging of November 1, 2012; Historic Preservation Committee of November 5, 2012; Sustainable Marshfield of November 13, 2012; Airport Committee of November 15, 2012; Cable TV

Committee of November 26, 2012; Utility Commission Special Meeting of November 27, 2012; Community Development Authority Financial Meeting of November 27, 2012; Economic Development Board of November 29, 2012; Historic Preservation Committee of December 3, 2012; Judiciary, License and Cemetery Committee of December 3, 2012 and Board of Public Works of December 3, 2012.
**Motion carried**

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

Second reading of Ordinance No. 1241, repealing and re-enacting the City Wide Zoning Map.

**CC12-263** Motion by Wagner, second by Stauber to approve Ordinance No. 1241. Ayes - 8
**Motion carried**

First reading of Ordinance No. 1242, amending Section 8-79 (1), Parking.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 1242 will take place at the Common Council meeting of January 22, 2012. Originally it was going to be scheduled for January 8, 2012 but the Police Chief will be out of town on that day. In the meantime, the Police Chief will educate the public on this proposed ordinance.

**CC12-264** Motion by Buttke, second by Earll to approve Budget Resolution No. 25-2012, transferring $50,000 from various budgets for 3rd floor remodeling to relocate 7th Floor Finance/Assessor's Office. Ayes – 6; Nay – 2 (Wagner and Stauber)
**Motion failed**

**CC12-265** Motion by Feddick-Goodwin, second by Wagner to approve Resolution No. 2012-32, vacating portions of Warbler Avenue, Hummingbird Street, Oriole Court and Chickadee Court within the Grasslands Subdivision.
**Motion carried**

**CC12-266** Motion by Stauber, second by Cummings to approve Resolution No. 2012-33, vacating the 16-foot-wide unopened alley abutting Lots 2 through 8 of Block 7 of the High School Subdivision.
**Motion carried**

**CC12-267** Motion by Buttke, second by Wagner to approve Resolution No. 2012-34, vacating the excess right-of-way in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of McMillan Street and St. Joseph Avenue.
**Motion carried**

Bob Trussoni and Nick Kumm from the Marshfield Utility presented information on the possible purchase of advance metering infrastructure by Marshfield Utilities.

Dorothy Schnitzler was concerned about the smart meters and the health risks involved with them. She asked the Council to research this thoroughly. If by chance this does go through she does not want to have a smart meter put on her house because they say if you have a bedroom where that is placed than you are going to have health problems. You are going to have a breakdown of your immune system and people are getting cancer.

Nick Kumm responded that the system that they have chosen meets all FCC guidelines for radio frequency. There are different technologies out there. The system that she was mentioning is a hopping system and the communication is going on all the time. The system that they are looking at is a system where the meter communicates directly with the tower.

**CC12-268** Motion by Wagner, second by Buttke to direct staff to prepare an ordinance amendment for Council's consideration to resolve the conflict between Municipal Code Sections 2-88 and 3-66 on the appointment of Council members to various committees and boards.
**Motion carried**

Discussion on whether non-residents may serve on city committees and boards.

City Administrator Barg said if the Council agrees a decision on this could wait about 30 days. We have started the discussion at staff level and need to explore it more on what if any committees/commissions/boards could be combined to reduce the number we have in total. Then at that point this topic could be brought back to the Council for their decision in terms of what they want to allow for nonresident members on these committees.

The Mayor announced the appointment of Kathy Dieck, 3100 Popp Avenue to the Committee on Aging for a term ending in 2014. She will replace Gerri Steinwagner, who has resigned. Action on this item will take place at the Common Council meeting of December 18, 2012.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discussion on attendance at meetings.
2. Planning for Joint Meetings with the Fire & Police Commission and Utility Commission. Specifically location, time and should it be televised.

Motion by Buttke, second by Wagner to adjourn at 8:43 p.m.
**Motion carried**

Deb M. Hall
City Clerk