

JANUARY 14, 2014

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, Rebecca Spiros, Tom Buttke and Peter Hendler.

ABSENT: None

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

CC14-001 Motion by Feirer, second by Stauber to approve the minutes of the Common Council meeting of December 17, 2013.

Motion carried

Employee Recognition

Chris Stargardt, Police Department	January 2, 2009	5 years
Terry Endries, Police Department	January 19, 2009	5 years
Jason Punke, Police Department	January 26, 2009	5 years
James Meyer, Fire & Rescue Department	January 5, 2004	10 years
James Cramm, Police Department	January 9, 1989	25 years

No items were added to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The following spoke about the Smart Meters:

- Tom Witzel, 1507 S. Chestnut Avenue. Why is there a need to replace currently working meters? We are currently facing an economic situation where manufacturing in the city is low. This is an unwise time to look at such an expensive upgrade. He is also concerned about the health risks that may be affiliated with such meters. He urged the Marshfield Utility to stop with this multimillion dollar experiment of installing these smart meters. Ask the residents what their choice of meter would be. Do not force smart meters on the general public.
- Dorothy Schnitzler, 709 S. Cherry Avenue. Are these smart meters underwriter approved? She suggested that the Marshfield Utility place a hold on these smart meters until they have looked at all of the information that has been provided. The public is invited to a meeting at the Marshfield Eagles Club next Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. to learn more about smart meters.
- Diane Witzel, 413 S. Cherry Avenue. There has not been enough medical research done on the affects that these meters are going to have on us. There are also security risks. Who owns the privacy data that these meters will be transmitting? She encouraged everyone to do their own research and asked them to read Assembly Bill 345.
- Lavonne Lindner, 622 Plum Avenue. Her concern is with people who have family histories of cancer and leukemia and the health effects from these meters.
- George Kantz, 1138 Briarwood. He encourage the Common Council to consider having an Opt Out policy. There has not been enough information collected yet to know the advocacy of these systems. He has a problem with people collecting data on him throughout the day. Anything electronic can be hacked.

Jason Angell, Director of Planning and Economic Development. The Economic Development Board is currently running a survey on Housing Studies for Needs and Assessments. This will help get a better understanding of the existing housing and also future housing needs in this community.

He urged everyone to take the survey. It is located on the City's website and also hard copies are available at the Library.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

None

CONSENT AGENDA

CC14-002 Motion by Wagner, second by Hendler to receive and place on file, approving all recommended actions for the items listed on the consent agenda. Meeting Minutes/Reports: Town of McMillan – City of Marshfield Joint Plan Commission of September 26, 2013; Library and Community Center Steering Committee of October 2, 2013; Library Board of October 8, 2013; Economic Development Board of October 10, 2013; Economic Development Board Marketing Subcommittee of November 5, 2013; Library and Community Center Steering Committee of November 6, 2013; Library and Community Center Steering Committee of December 3, 2013; Economic Development Board of December 5, 2013; Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee of December 12, 2013; Town of McMillan – City of Marshfield Joint Plan Commission of December 13, 2013; Cable TV Committee of December 16, 2013 revised; Airport Committee of December 19, 2013; Committee on Aging of January 2, 2014 and Judiciary and License Committee of January 14, 2014 as read by the Clerk.

Motion carried

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

A presentation on opting out of the AMI metering program was given by Bob Trussoni, Marshfield Utilities Manager.

An update on the shared-ride taxi service was given by Justin Running from Running Inc. and Finance Director Keith Strey.

Election of four (4) Alderpersons to serve on the Capital Improvement Program Administrative Committee.

Alderpersons Hendler, Buttke Earll and Wagner volunteered to serve on this committee.

Nominations were made for Alderpersons Hendler, Buttke, Earll and Wagner.

The Mayor declared the nominations closed.

CC14-003 Motion by Feirer, second by Feddick-Goodwin to approve Alderpersons Wagner, Earll, Buttke and Hendler to serve on the Capital Improvement Program Administrative Committee.

Motion carried

CC14-004 Motion by Earll, second by Stauber to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute, chapter 19.85 (1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises control. Specifically the City Administrator had requested a closed session to discuss bargaining strategy for labor negotiations with Firefighters Local 1021, IAFF; and Marshfield Professional Police Association, WPPA. Roll call vote, all Ayes. (Time: 7:58 p.m.)

Motion carried

Present in closed session: Alderpersons Feirer, Feddick-Goodwin, Workinger, Earll, Wagner, Stauber, Cummings, Spiros, Buttke and Hendler, Mayor Meyer, City Administrator Barg, Finance Director Strey, City Attorney Wolfgram, City Clerk Hall and Human Resources Manager Baehr

CC14-005 Motion by Wagner, second by Feddick-Goodwin to return to open session. Roll call vote, all Ayes. (Time: 8:47 p.m.)

Motion carried

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

Future Agenda Items

None

Motion by Stauber, second by Buttke to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.

Motion carried

Deb M. Hall
City Clerk