

January 10, 2006

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons David Tryggstad, John Bjerke, Vernie Smith, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, Gail Frie, Robert Suhr, and Terry Noble present. Alderperson Marc Polsean was absent. Also present were City Consultant Jeff Gohlke, City Clerk John Severson, City Attorney David Jenkins, Police Chief Mark Rahr, and Tim Hunt from the Broadcaster.

2. Approval of the December 27, 2005 Regular Council Minutes.

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2005 regular meeting of the Council, seconded by Alderperson Smith. All aye, motion carries.

3. First period for public comment.

None

4. Public hearing on the conditional use of property at 1045 Defreese Street for a Taxidermy Studio – Andy Jacobs.

Mayor Fanta informed the Council that the Plan Board had held a public hearing on the conditional use application and no citizens were present to be heard. The Plan Board was unanimously recommending approval of Resolution No. 06RS002. Mr. Jacobs answered questions from the Council concerning waste disposal and impact on the immediate neighborhood and stated that he would not be using a dumpster and only a future sign would indicate the presence of the taxidermy studio. Alderperson Smith asked Attorney Jenkins if the resolution provided for withdraw of the permit is necessary. Attorney Jenkins responded that it did. Mayor Fanta asked if there were any more questions. Hearing none the Mayor closed the public hearing and asked for a motion. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve Resolution No. 06RS002, a resolution granting conditional use of property for taxidermy business. Seconded by Alderperson Noble. Seven voted aye on voice vote. Alderperson Suhr voted nay. Motion carries.

5. Temporary interest along City property for STH 56 project – refer to Public Works.

Jeff Gohlke explained the temporary interest was for the highway construction. Alderperson Suhr said that Public Works would take up the matter at its next meeting.

6. Sale of taxi cab.

Mayor Fanta said that the 2000 taxi cab is out of service and that Mr. Running has offered to purchase the cab. An appraisal was done with the high value being \$5,100.00 and Mr. Running has offered \$5,000.00. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the sale, seconded by Alderperson Mack. On roll call vote all voted aye. Motion carries.

7. Remodeling of upstairs for office.

Alderperson Frie informed the Council that the Finance and Personnel Committee has requested an estimate for possible office space upstairs. No decisions had been made and the committee's findings would be brought to the Council.

8. Building Inspector, Assessor, Zoning Administrator ad draft.

Aldersperson Frie noted that the current assessor will be retiring and that the expansion of the building inspection position has been discussed in the past. The Finance and Personnel Committee will advertise the combined positions for two weeks in the Sunday Tribune and Broadcaster and an insert in the Municipality magazine to find out what interest exist. The ad would require all necessary certifications and licenses prior to date of hire and allow for any combination of part time positions and contracted services.

9. Library cleanup bill.

Aldersperson Frie explained that a wind and rain storm had flooded part of the Library basement and the clean up cost were over \$800.00 and the city insurance deductible is \$1,000.00 . The Finance and Personnel Committee was recommending that the city pay the bill out of the building maintenance budget from 2005. Motion by Aldersperson Frie, seconded by Aldersperson Suhr to pay the bill out of the 2005 building maintenance account. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

10. Resolution authorizing the borrowing of \$25,000.00 for the initial fill at the Airport fueling facility.

Jeff Gohlke reviewed the resolution with the council noting that the revenues of the sale of fuel will pay off the note and that the resolution authorizes \$30,000.00 of borrowing. Motion by Aldersperson Mack, seconded by Aldersperson Tryggestad to approve Resolution No. 06RS001 authorizing borrowing up to \$30,000.00 for the initial fill of the Viroqua Airport Fueling Facility. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

11. Appointment to the Board of Review.

Tabled.

12. Public Works meeting schedule.

The Council discussed at length the pros and cons of Public Works meeting at 12:30 p.m. The committee will meet at 12:30 for the next month or so and the Council will revisit the decision at a later date.

13. Payment of bills.

Motion by Aldersperson Suhr, seconded by Aldersperson Frie to pay the bills. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

14. Second period for Public Comment.

None.

15. Adjournment.

Motion by Aldersperson Tryggestad, seconded by Aldersperson Hatlem to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 31, 2006. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.