

JANUARY 25, 2005

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:3 p.m. by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Roger Hatlem, David Tryggestad, Gail Frie, John Bjerke, Robert Suhr, Marc Polsean, Vernie Smith, Wes Mack, and Terry Noble present. Also present were City Clerk Jodi Garibaldi, City Consultant Jeff Gohlke, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Assistant Police Chief Daron Jefson, Director of Public Works Thomas Henry, Michael Bankes, Mrs. Wistenberg, Doug Bolstad and family, Michael Scheider, Tom Wilson, Kathy Doerfer, Kathy Loft, WVRQ, and Broadcaster.

2. Approval of the January 11th, 2005 regular Council meeting minutes:

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the minutes of the January 11th Regular Meeting of the Common Council as submitted by the City Clerk, seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All aye; motion carries.

3. First period for public comment:

Doug Bolstad speaks against the extension of South Street, referencing words of past Sheriff Banta.

Michael Schneider speaks against the extension of South Street.

Denise Bolstad speaks against the extension of South Street.

Kathy Doerfer speaks against the extension of South Street.

David Tryggestad states that no one likes change.

Kathy Loft speaks against the extension of South Street.

Tom Wilson speaks from the Comprehensive Planning Commission aspect regarding poorly planned roads.

4. Extension of South Street to East STH 56:

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the resolution to extend South Street, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Roll call; 6 aye, 3 nay cast by Alderperson Smith, Alderperson Mack, and Alderperson Frie; motion carries.

5. Carol Hubbard resignation from Airport Commission:

Motion made by Alderperson Polsean to approve the resignation of Carol Hubbard from the Airport Commission, seconded by Alderperson Frie. All aye; motion carries.

6. Appointments of Jeff Olson and Dan Everson to Airport Commission:

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the mayoral appointment of Jeff Olson to Ed Peterson's remaining term of the Airport Commission and Dan Everson to Carol Hubbard's remaining term of the Airport Commission, seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All aye; motion carries.

7. Appointment of Roger Hatlem to Public Safety Committee:

Motion made by Alderperson Mack to approve the mayoral appointment of Alderperson Hatlem to Public Safety Committee, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All aye; motion carries.

8. Public Works auxiliary position and Water Operator position:

Motion made by Alderperson Suhr to post the auxiliary position, seconded by Alderperson Mack. Roll call; 7 aye, 2 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith and Alderperson Frie; motion carries.

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to internally post the Water Operator position, seconded by Alderperson Mack. Roll call, 8 aye, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

9. Public Works Committee recommendation on resolution for private brush removal:

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve Resolution 05RS003 regarding brush removal, seconded by Alderperson Suhr.

Alderperson Smith makes friendly amendment to Resolution 05RS003 by removing "*WHEREAS, the Department has in the past cut and removed, as necessary, street trees located in the public right-of-way;*" and "*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City will continue to cut and remove street trees located in the public right-of-way as needed;*", seconded by Alderperson Polsean. 8 nay, 1 aye cast by Smith, motion fails.

Original motion stands. All aye; motion carries.

10. Public Works Committee recommendation on proposal from CTW to televise Well #5 while pumping to determine the origin of sand:

Motion made by Alderperson Mack to approve proposal from CTW to televise Well #5 while pumping to determine the origin of sand, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Roll call, 8 aye, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

11. Preliminary resolutions for special assessments for storm sewer and curb & gutter for the Johnson Street, CTH NN, and Rogers Avenue projects:

Motion made by Alderperson Suhr to approve preliminary resolutions for special assessments for storm sewer and curb & gutter for the Johnson Street, CTH NN, and Rogers Avenue projects, seconded by Alderperson Polsean. Roll call, 8 aye, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

12. Alcohol licenses:

The Public Safety Committee recommends a picnic license be approved for the Viroqua Partners. Motion made by Alderperson Mack to approve picnic license for Viroqua Partners for "Main Street Managers", seconded by Alderperson Tryggstad. 8 aye, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

The Public Safety Committee recommends Casandra L. Eno, Michael J. Read, Allison E. Anderson, and Reniah Newman to be approved for alcohol operator's licenses. Motion made by Alderperson Mack to approve Casandra L. Eno, Michael J. Read, Allison E. Anderson, and Reniah Newman for alcohol operator's licenses, seconded by Alderperson Tryggstad. All aye; motion carries.

13. Payment of Bills:

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to pay bills as recommended by the Finance Committee, seconded by Alderperson Surh. Roll call vote, 8 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

14. Second Period for public comment:

Mr. Gohlke mentions a new meeting calendar is being circulated.

15. Possible closed session under Wis. Statutes section 19.85 (f) "Considering financial data of specific persons": consideration of confidential room tax reports for compliance with ordinance, and authorizing any legal action thereon:

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to move the meeting to closed session, seconded by Alderperson Mack. Roll call, all aye; motion carries. Meeting moved into closed session at 8:58 p.m.

Motion made by Alderperson Noble to have the city attorney send a letter to all motel owners within the city limits explaining when the quarterly room tax is due and the penalty assessed with late reporting, seconded Alderperson Mack. All aye; motion carries.

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to move the meeting to open session, seconded by Alderperson Mack. All aye; motion carries. Meeting moved into open session at 9:22 p.m.

16. Adjournment:

Motion made by Alderperson Suhr to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 8th, 2005, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All ayes; motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Jodi L. Garibaldi
City Clerk