

JANUARY 30, 2007

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 John Bjerke, Weston Mack, Gail Frie, Robert Suhr and Terry Noble present. Alderpersons Tryggestad, Hatlem, Krause and Polsean were absent. Also present were City Administrator Jeff Gohlke, Clerk John Severson, City Attorney David Jenkins, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Steve Clark, Nancy Bekkedal, Dan Stalsberg, Vernie Smith, Aron Mishler, Amy Mishler and Gary Thompson.

2. Approval of the January 9, 2007 Council Minutes.

Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2007 meeting. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment.

Aaron and Amy Mishler addressed the Council about the sewer backup at their residence on December 25, 2007. The Mishlers ask the council to consider compensation for their loses not covered by insurance.

Vernie Smith expressed concern over the lack of specificity of the two closed session on the agenda and gave the Clerk handouts to be distributed to the council.

Gary Thompson inquired how far the special assessment process for the Decker Street project had gone, expressing concern over residents along Decker paying for assessments that benefit the whole community. Jeff Gohlke responded that his recommendation to the Council would be that we don't have any special assessments for this project.

4. Parks and Recreation 2007 budget purchases.

a. Park Bowl playground equipment.

b. Maintenance vehicle.

Dan Stalesberg reported that Gerber had the low bid of \$14,500.00 for the playground equipment. Alderperson Noble suggested that if the skateboard park equipment purchase was combined with the playground equipment, perhaps the City could get a better deal. Alderperson Noble also informed the Council that \$4,400.00 of previously raised private funds would be available for the skateboard park. Dan Stalesberg recommended to the Council the purchase of a 2004 Chevrolet ¾ ton 4x4 pickup for \$15,000.00 net with trade-in. Jeff Gohlke suggested that the Council approve a not to be exceeded amount for the playground equipment. Motion by Alderperson Frie not to exceed \$14,500.00 for the purchase of playground equipment and to purchase the 2004 Chevrolet truck from Sleepy Hollow for \$15,000.00. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

5. Parks and Recreation registration fees.

Dan Stalsberg requested the Council to consider an increase in the fee from \$15.00 to \$20.00 with a family maximum of \$60.00. Motion by Alderperson Noble to increase the registration fee to \$20.00 with a family maximum of \$60.00. Seconded by Alderperson Bjerke. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

6. 5 & 6 grade football program funded by donations – informational.

A 5 & 6 grade football program will be added to the 2007 recreation schedule thanks to the generosity of a private donation.

7. Operator licenses.

Alderperson Mack presented operator license applications from Erin Haasch and Jean Noble. Public Safety had reviewed the applications and were recommending approval. Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve operator

licenses for Erin Haasch and Jean Noble. Seconded by Alderperson Frie. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

8. Veterans Memorial Commission appointments: Gary Krause, Roger Hatlem, Keith Yahn, Raymond Lewison and Daniel Stalsberg.

Mayor Fanta asked for Council approval of his appointments to the Veterans Memorial Commission. Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve the appointments of Gary Krause and Roger Hatlem for two year terms, Keith Yahn, Raymond Lewison and Daniel Stalsberg for three year terms, to the Veterans Memorial Commission. Seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

9. Lease extension agreement with Alvin Fyksen.

Motion by Alderperson Frie to extend the lease for two years under the same terms and conditions. Seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

10. Authorizing Resolution and Cooperative Agreement – CDBG-PF Application.

Jeff Gohlke introduced Resolution No. 07RS001 authorizing submission of the CDBG-PF final application. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve Resolution No.07RS001. Seconded by Alderperson Bjerke. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

11. CDBG Grant Administration Contract.

Jeff Gohlke informed the Council that \$6,000.00 of the CDBG grant award is for administration expense and recommended authorizing CWEA to administer the grant. Motion by Alderperson Frie to hire CWEA for grant administration with cost not to exceed \$6,000.00. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

12. Agreements with Traffic Engineering Services Inc.

a. West Decker Lighting.

b. East Decker Lighting.

CWEA has received estimates from Traffic Engineering Services Inc. for the design of lighting and control systems for West Decker, \$5,910.00, and East Decker, \$6,850. Jeff Gohlke explained that funding will be from community sensitive design funds and 2007 budgeted funds. Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve Traffic Engineering Services Inc. for engineering of West Decker and East Decker for \$5,910.00 and \$6,850.00 respectively. Seconded by Alderperson Bjerke. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

13. GIS Mapping – CWEA Engineering Agreement.

The 2007 budget contains funding for the GIS mapping. Jeff Gohlke recommended approval of the CWEA Engineering Agreement in the amount of \$8,000.00 to \$9,000.00. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the agreement. Seconded by Alderperson Bjerke. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

14. Assistant City Administrator job description and authorization to advertise position.

The Council reviewed and discussed the job description presented by the Finance and Personnel Committee. Motion by Alderperson Frie to accept the job description and advertise as convenient. Seconded by Alderperson Noble. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

15. Denial of claim – Aaron Mishler.

The Clerk reviewed with the Council a letter dated January 10, 2007 from Barbara Hooks, claims adjuster for Midwest Claims Service, recommending denial of the claim presented by State Farm Insurance on behalf of Aaron

Mishler, 715 N. Main St., Viroqua, WI. concerning a sewer backup which occurred on December 25, 2007. Motion by Alderperson Frie to deny the claim of Aaron Mishler. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted on voice vote. Motion carries.

16. Payment of bills.

Motion by Alderperson Frie to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approve payment of bills as presented on the payment approval reports dated 01/26/2007 for \$131,883.35 and 01/30/2007 for \$111,7174.63. Seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

17. Second period for public comment.

Lisa Solverson informed the Council that the Library now has a website.

18. Possible closed session under Wis Stats, 19.85 (1) (c). “considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation of any public employee over which the governing body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility”.

20. Possible closed session under Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (e). “deliberation or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session”.

Motion by Alderperson Bjerke to go into closed session as indicated for agenda items 18 and 20. Seconded by Alderperson Frie. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries..

John Severson
Clerk