

MARCH 8, 2005

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:34 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, City Attorney David Jenkins, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Director of Public Works Thomas Henry, Library Director Lisa Solverson, Bill Moffitt, Cindy Ackerman, Mike Bankes, Marvin Hansen, Robert Starr, Tom Fortney, Laurie Simmonds, Ken Carlson, and Bill Ohm from CWE.

2. Approval of the February 22nd, 2005 regular Council meeting minutes:

Motion made by Alderperson Smith to approve the minutes of the February 22nd 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:

Laurie Simmonds – 428 East Terhune – makes several requests regarding tree trimming in the city; 1) All City tree trimming to cease immediately, 2) Mayor Fanta to appoint members to a tree board, 3) to become a Treeline City U.S.A, 4) for members of the council to review the DNR urban tree policy.

4. Dick Wallin appointment to the Kickapoo Reserve:

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve the appointment of Dick Wallin to the Kickapoo Reserve and the Clerk/Mayor to forward nomination papers to the Kickapoo Reserve along with a letter from the Clerk, seconded by Alderperson Mack. All aye; motion carries.

5. Second reading of Ordinance regarding Washington Park activities:

Motion made by Alderperson Noble to approve the Ordinance regarding Washington Park activities with a permit condition that Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School provides a minimum insurance coverage of \$2,000,000.00, seconded by Alderperson Frie. Roll call; 4 aye, 5 nay votes cast by Alderpersons Tryggestad, Polsean, Mack, Hatlem, and Suhr; motion denies.

6. Resolution adopting the Vernon County All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan 2004-2009 (05RS0007):

Cindy Ackerman from Vernon County Emergency Management provides the Vernon County Hazards Mitigation Plan. Motion made by Alderperson Frie to adopt the Vernon County All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan for the years 2004-2009, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. Roll call; all aye; motion carries.

7. CWEA proposal for \$1,600.00 study of former swimming pool site for new city hall building (contingency fund):

Motion made by Alderperson Polsean to approve the CWEA proposal for \$1,600.00 study of the former swimming pool site for new city hall building or other use, seconded by Alderperson Frie. Roll call; 7 aye, 2 nay votes cast by Alderpersons Smith and Tryggestad; motion carries.

8. Ayres & Associates contract for digital ortho photography, 20 sections for \$6,000.00 (2005 budget):

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve the Ayres & Associates contract for digital ortho photography, 20 sections for \$6,000.00 (2005 budgeted item), seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. Roll call; All aye; motion carries.

9. Ordinance establishing a Joint Municipal Court (suspension of rules) (05OR001):

Motion made by Alderperson Mack to suspend the rules and approve Ordinance 05OR001, an ordinance establishing a Joint Municipal Court, without having a second reading of the ordinance, seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All aye; motion carries.

10. Resolution authorizing an Agreement for a Joint Municipal Court and appointing a representative and an alternate on the Municipal Court Committee (05RS008):

Mayor Fanta recommends appointment of himself as the Joint Municipal Court representative. Motion made by Alderperson Suhr to approve the mayor's recommendation to appoint Mayor Fanta as the Joint Municipal Court representative, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. Roll call; 8 aye, 1 nay cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

******AGENDA ITEM #15 WAS MOVED IN FRONT OF ITEM #11******

11. Quit Claim Deed for Dollar General development site at the northwest corner of Main Street and Sands Road (Iverson property) (05RS011):

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the Quit Claim Deed for Dollar General development site at the northwest corner of Main Street and Sands Road (Iverson Property), seconded by Alderperson Polsean. 8 aye, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries

12. Recommendations for contract with CWEA for Sidie Hollow lift station engineering services (design and construction):

Formal Requests for Proposals (RFPs) were advertised for the Sidie Hollow lift station. Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve the contract with CWEA for the Sidie Hollow lift station engineering services focusing on the design and construction, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. Roll call; 8 aye, 1 nay cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

13. Approve recommendation for new administrative assistant position for Fire and Police Departments:

Alderperson Frie states that Michelle McHenry was recommended to be approved for the new administrative assistant position for the Fire and Police Departments. Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve Michelle McHenry for the administrative assistant position for the Fire (25%) and Police (75%) Departments, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Roll call; 8 aye, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

14. Approve recommendation for Public Works auxiliary position:

Mr. Henry states many qualified candidates applied for the auxiliary position and the Finance / Personnel Committee recommends Norris Haakenstad for the position. Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve Norris Haakenstad for the Public Works auxiliary position, seconded by Alderperson Mack. Roll call; 8 aye, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

15. Report regarding annexation in Golf Course area for residential development:

Mr. Gohlke announces that an informational meeting was to be held at City Hall on Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. regarding the annexation.

16. Ordinance repealing obsolete Code provisions:

Motion made by Alderperson Smith to refer the ordinance to the next Public Property Committee meeting, seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All aye; motion carries.

17. Resolution regarding credit card application for Fire Department (05RS009):

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve the Resolution 05RS009, resolution regarding the credit card application for the Fire Department, seconded by Alderperson Noble. Roll call; 8 aye, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

18. Resolution canceling outstanding checks (05RS010):

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve Resolution 05RS010, a resolution canceling outstanding checks through December 31, 2003, seconded by Alderperson Mack. All aye; motion carries.

19. Library update from Alderperson Suhr:

Alderperson provided an update for the library.

20. Payment of Bills:

Motion made by Alderperson Suhr to pay bills as recommended by the Finance Committee, seconded by Alderperson Mack. Roll call vote, all aye; motion carries.

21. Second Period for public comment:

Lisa Solverson states that the consultants for the library would like to interview members of the council.

Ken Carlson thanks the council for their consideration regarding the Washington Park issue and states the school is responsible and mentions the changes in grades.

Bill Ohlm introduces himself as the new CWEA representative.

22. Adjournment:

Motion made by Alderperson Suhr to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 29th, 2005, seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All ayes; motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Jodi L. Garibaldi
City Clerk