

**MARCH 14, 2006**

**1. Roll call:**

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons David Tryggstad, John Bjerke, Vernie Smith, , Roger Hatlem, Gail Frie, Robert Suhr, and Terry Noble present . Alderperson Marc Polsean participated by telephone. Alderperson Weston Mack was absent. Also present were City Consultant Jeff Gohlke, City Clerk John Severson, City Attorney David Jenkins, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Assistant Police Chief Daron Jefson, Kurt Mills, DPW Tom Henry and Park and Recreation Director Dan Stalsberg.

**2. Approval of the February 28, 2006 Regular Council Minutes.**

Alderperson Smith requested that item 20 indicate that he voted nay on roll call vote. Motion by Alderperson Smith to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2006 meeting as amended. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

**3. First period for public comment.**

None

Mayor Fanta asked that if there were no objections the Council would take up item 10 since Mr. Mills is present. Hearing none the Council moved to item 10.

**10. Resolution approving certified survey map – Kurt Mills ( lands located at 815 N. Chicago Ave. )**

Jeff Gohlke reviewed the proposed development with the council. Mr. Mills is in the process of acquiring the property and one house will be built on a .69 acre lot. Mr. Mills explained that his surveyor had found a discrepancy in the existing legal description which is being corrected, but the certified survey map when completed will not change appreciably from the preliminary drawing. It was noted that the Plan Commission was recommending acceptance of the certified survey map. Moved by Alderperson Frie to approve Resolution No. 06RS011, a resolution approving certified survey map. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggstad. Alderperson Smith asked if the certified survey map would come back to the Council. Attorney Jenkins commented the Jeff Gohlke would review the survey when completed and if material discrepancies exist would inform the Council. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

**4. Parks and Recreation Committee recommendation – Acceptance of low bid for backstop in Park Bowl.**

Alderperson Hatlem reported that two bids had been received for the new backstop at Park Bowl. The low bid was from Moe Fencing in the amount of \$3,928.00 with the Park Dept. being responsible for removal of the old backstop. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to accept the bid of Moe Fencing. Seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

**5. Update on Parks and Recreation activities.**

Alderperson Hatlem reported \$2,000.00 worth of bark had been purchased for use at the Eckhart Park playground and other areas. A new J.D. tractor had been purchased from Horizon Equipment for \$5,200.00, including trade in, as budgeted for in 2006. North Crawford Schools purchased the old scoreboard for \$500.00 .

**6. Privilege in the street right of way – Mike Corr**

The Council reviewed a request from Mike Corr to improve his parking lot adjacent to FS Drive and to grade and pave his lot in a manner that extends into the street right of way. Moved by Alderperson Hatlem to approve Resolution No. 06RS009, a resolution granting a privilege in a street. Seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

**7. Public Works Committee recommendation on purchase price of property from Alan and Joyce Solverson for a lift station.**

Jeff Gohlke reviewed with the Council the location of the proposed lift station site on the Alan and Joyce Solverson property along Hwy. 56 east. A price of \$500.00 for the 2500/sq.ft. parcel had been agreed to. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the purchase of land from Alan and Joyce Solverson. Seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

**8. Public Works Committee recommendation on amendment to engineering contract for sanitary sewer at North Center Ave.**

DPW Tom Henry reported that a 245 ft. section of old 8-inch clay tile sewer main had been found on North Center Ave. and should be replaced since the rest of the line is 10-inch. Design cost for the project is \$1,195.00. Moved by Alderperson Frie to approve the amendment to the engineering contract with CWEA in the amount of \$1,195.00. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. Alderperson Smith commented that the original contract was approved by Public Works and did not come before the Council. On roll call vote 6 voted aye. Alderperson Smith voted nay. Motion carries.

**9. Resolution approving certified survey map – Hwy 56 lift station.**

Resolution No.06RS010, a resolution approving certified survey map for lands located at 598 East STH 56 ( lift station ) was introduced to the Council and recommended for approval by the City Plan Commission. Motion by Alderperson Frie, seconded by Alderperson Suhr to approve Resolution No. 06RS010. On voice vote all voted aye. Motion carries.

**11. Agreement with CWEA for city boundary and mapping services.**

Motion by Alderperson Suhr to approve the agreement with CWEA in the amount of \$14,600.00 as recommended by Finance and Personnel. Alderperson Noble asked Jeff Gohlke to review agreement for the Council. Jeff Gohlke explained that this agreement would consolidate a number of mapping projects that the City needs. The 2005 digital aerial photos have brought up some discrepancies that need to be corrected. New ward mapping needs to be completed. City boundaries need to be updated as well as base and utility maps. Seconded by Alderperson Frie to approve the agreement but in the future to consider using Mississippi Regional Planning for such services. On roll call vote 6 voted aye. Alderperson Smith voted nay. Motion carries.

**12. State offer to acquire temporary real estate interest from City of Viroqua for STH 56 west urban project.**

The Council reviewed the States request for temporary interest by Eckhardt Park, the Swanson lot and in front of City Hall for the purpose of matching grades. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to accept the states offer in the amount of \$775.00 for temporary real estate interest. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. On roll call vote 6 voted aye. Alderperson Smith voted nay. Motion carries.

**13. Public hearing on the discontinuance and vacation of Ben Lawton Drive.**

Mayor Fanta called the public hearing to order at 8:19 p.m. No citizens were present to be heard. The Council discussed the closing of Ben Lawton Drive. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve Resolution No. 06RS012, a resolution discontinuing and vacating Ben Lawton Drive. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. On voice vote 6 voted aye. Alderperson Smith voted nay. Motion carries.

**14. Public hearing on the proposed change in zoning of Forest Hills Addition from A – 1 Agricultural Transition District to R-1 Single and Two – Family Residence District.**

The public hearing was called to order with no citizens present to be heard. The Council discussed the rezoning of Forest Hills Addition. It was noted that the addition was developed 10 years ago but the zoning was never changed. The Plan Commission was recommending the zoning change. Motion by Alderperson Smith to approve Ordinance No. 060R003, an ordinance rezoning Forest Hill addition from A-1 Agricultural to R-1 Single and Two- Family Residential District and suspend the rules requiring a second reading. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

**15. Comprehensive Planning Commission report – Alderperson Vernie Smith.**

Alderperson Smith reported to the Council on the status of the comprehensive planning process.

**16. Public Works Contract.**

Nothing official to report.

**17. An Ordinance regarding fees in Municipal Court.**

Mayor Fanta introduced proposed Ordinance No. 060R004. The ordinance would raise warrant fees from \$12.00 to \$20.00. Alderperson Smith questioned if the agenda item was properly posted. The Clerk stated that the item was added to the agenda and posted 24 hr. before the meeting. Police Chief Mark Rahr answered questions from the Council and noted that Judge Monson has asked for prompt approval of this matter. Motion by Alderperson Suhr to approve Ordinance No. 060R004, an ordinance regarding fees in Municipal Court, and to suspend the rules requiring a second reading. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. On roll call vote 6 voted aye . Alderperson Smith voted nay. Motion carries.

**18. Possible closed session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties.**

Motion by Alderperson Suhr to adjourn to closed session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (e).

It was noted that regular agenda items, Payment of bills and Second Period for Public Comment had been inadvertently left of the agenda. Attorney Jenkins advised the council that a motion to pay the bills could be made. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve payment of the bills as recommended by the Finance and Personnel Committee. Seconded by Alderperson Suhr. On roll call vote six voted aye. Alderperson Smith voted nay. Motion carries.

Mayor Fanta asked for a second to Alderperson Suhr's motion for closed session. Seconded by Alderperson Frie. Alderperson Smith question the closed session stating that the agenda was not specific enough as to the purpose of the closed session and does not meet the open meeting law requirements. In Attorney Jenkins opinion the notice was sufficient. On roll call vote 6 voted aye. Alderperson Smith voted nay. Motion carries.

**19. Adjournment.**

Motion by Alderperson Frie, seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. March 28, 2006. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

John Severson  
Clerk