

APRIL 11, 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 Marc Polsean, John Bjerke, Vernie Smith, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, Gail Frie and Terry Noble present. Alderpersons Dave Tryggstad and Robert Suhr were absent. Also present were City Consultant Jeff Gohlke, City Clerk John Severson, City Attorney David Jenkins, Assistant Police Chief Daron Jefson, Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal, Kristen Parrott and Cavan Fang.

2. Approval of the March 28, 2006 Regular Council Minutes.

Motion by Alderperson Smith to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2006 meeting with item 13 amended to include the words union contract. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment.

Cavan Fang, residing at 1020 Defreese St., asked the Council to allow him to landscape within the street right away. Mr. Fang distributed a letter explaining his request. The Clerk will forward the information to the appropriate committee.

4. Public Works committee recommendation on purchase of a brush hog mower and a lawn tractor mower.

Jeff Gohlke reported that the Public Works Committee had received bids for a brush hog mower in the amounts of \$2,095.00 for a John Deere from Horizon Equipment Inc. and \$2,458.00 for a Land Pride from Portland Implement Inc. Quotes for a new tractor mower had been received from Horizon Equipment Inc. in the amount of \$14,530.00 and from Portland Implement Inc. in the amount of \$15,096.00. The Committee was recommending the purchase of the John Deere brush hog mower and the John Deere tractor mower. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the purchase of the brush hog mower in the amount of \$2,095.00 and the tractor mower in the amount of \$14,530.00 from Horizon Equipment Inc. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. On roll call vote 6 voted aye. Alderperson Smith voted nay. Motion carries.

5. Preliminary resolution for sidewalk assessment for phase 1 of the Hwy 56 project.

Jeff Gohlke introduced a preliminary resolution regarding special assessments (Sidewalks on Decker from Hillyer to Education Avenue) for phase 1 of the Hwy 56 project. It was noted that the State will be covering about 80% of the cost. Motion by Alderperson Frie, seconded by Alderperson Polsean to approve Resolution No. 06RS015. On roll call vote 6 voted aye. Alderperson Smith voted nay. Motion carries.

6. Public Works Committee recommendation on proposal from CWEA to do the grant application for phases 2 & 3 of the Hwy 56 project for water and sanitary sewer.

The Council reviewed the proposal from CWEA. Jeff Gohlke discussed the CDBG application process with the Council. Motion by Alderperson Polsean to approve the proposal from CWEA for the CDBG application in the amount of \$11,900.00. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. On roll call vote 6 voted aye. Alderperson Smith voted nay. Motion carries.

7. City Hall and Utility Office purchase.

Aldersperson Frie requested that the Council approve an expenditure of \$1076.00 for interior painting, purchase of two desktop organizers, two corkboards and a large brochure holder. Labor will be volunteer with Gail and Loann Frie donating time. Motion by Aldersperson Mack to approve the \$1076.00 expenditure. Seconded by Aldersperson Smith. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

8. Petition for direct annexation from Ronald Aart Veldhuizen for property located at S5149 Washington Ave. in the Town of Viroqua.

Tabled until the April 25, 2006 meeting.

9. Discussion on Building Inspector interviews.

Aldersperson Frie reported to the Council that two excellent prospects had been interviewed for the building inspector position and suggested a meeting be held with local contractors to discuss the inspection process and code enforcement. Discussion ensued. It was suggested that the selection of a building inspector should move forward. Aldersperson Frie asked that a closed session be held at the next meeting to review the building inspector interviews with the entire Council.

10. Possible closed session discussion on union issues (collective bargaining exempt from open meeting laws per section 19.82(1)). Public Works Union Contract.

Aldersperson Frie stated that a signed contract had not been received.

11. Possible action on Public Works Union Contract.

No action taken.

12. Payment of Bills.

Motion by Aldersperson Frie to pay the bills as recommended by the Finance committee. Seconded by Aldersperson Mack. On roll call vote 6 voted aye. Aldersperson Smith voted nay. Motion carries.

13. Second Period for Public Comment.

None.

14. Adjournment.

Motion by Aldersperson Mack, seconded by Aldersperson Hatlem to adjourn the Council meeting until 7:30 p.m. April 18, 2006. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.