

SEPTEMBER 25, 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 David Tryggstad, Marc Polsean, John Bjerke, Gary Krause, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, Gail Frie, Jeff Clifton and Terry Noble present. Also present were City Administrator Jeff Gohlke, Assistant Administrator Matt Giese, City Clerk John Severson, City Attorney David Jenkins, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Steve Clark, Dan Stalsberg, Tom Olson, Don Loefflad, Phil Aaker, Ivan Joholski, David Honker, William Wheeler, Matthew VonRuden, Richard Solverson, Roland Hill, Tom Selin, Paul Larson and Dwain Munyon.

2. Approval of the September 11, 2007 Regular Council Minutes.

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2007 regular meeting. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment.

Roland Hill voiced his support for the proposed multi-use trail and encouraged the Council to pursue the project along with the City of Westby.

Don Loefflad addressed the Council about the use of airport land for building hangers and the procedures used by the Airport Commission in making decisions concerning the location of future hangers. Phil Aaker and others in attendance expressed concern about the possible closing of the north-south grass runway.

4. Abandonment and closure of Well No. 2.

Jeff Gohlke reported that chloroform was detected in the well after the recent heavy rains. The DNR is asking that the well be closed. The Public Works Committee is proceeding with closure at an estimated cost of \$21,000.00.

5. Operator licenses.

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve operator licenses for Tammy Burke, Kimberly Gratz, Taj Osmar, Cheryl Dobbs and Joni Bailey as recommended by the Public Safety Committee. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggstad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

6. Approval of the 2008 – 2009 Wisconsin Council 40 AFSCME, AFL-CIO Agreement.

Alderperson Frie told the Council that an agreement had been reached with the Public Works Union which includes a 15 cent per hour increase per year for two years for licensed water and sewer operators, an increase in tool allowance to \$250.00, reclassify Phyllis Kirking's position to Dispatcher and Todd Kirking's position to Heavy Equipment Operator and an over all increase of 3% for 2008 and 2009. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the 2008 – 2009 Public Works Union agreement. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on roll call vote.

7. Payment of 2007 Tax Increment Bonds.

Jeff Gohlke reviewed 2007 Tax Increment payments to VDA for \$10,365.07 and to Viroqua Food Co-op for \$18,141.91. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the payments as presented. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

8. Installation of concrete pad at skate park.

Aldersperson Hatlem reported that Finance and Park & Recreation Committees had met jointly and were recommending the installation of the concrete pad at the skate park site. The pad will be 90ft. by 72 ft.. Public Works employees will prepare the site. Cost for the pad will come out of budgeted funds first and then the segregated skate park donation funds will be used. Any funds budgeted by the Council in 2008 for the skate park construction will first be used to replenish the segregated donation funds used to complete the concrete pad. Motion by Aldersperson Hatlem to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee and the Park & Recreation Committee and authorize the installation of the concrete pad at the skate board park. Seconded by Aldersperson Krause. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

9. Discussion on proposed Viroqua / Westby Multi-Use Path.

The County Board vote to not participate in the proposed multi use path was noted. Aldersperson Frie requested that the Council decide if they want to pursue the possibility of continuing the project without County involvement. The Council discussed the path. Motion by Aldersperson Mack to investigate the possibility of securing the multi-use path. Seconded by Aldersperson Frie. Discussion continued. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

10. Payment of bills.

Motion by Aldersperson Tryggestad to approve payment of the bills as presented on payment reports dated September 21 and 25, 2007 in the amounts of \$101,487.59 and \$58,695.40. Seconded by Aldersperson Hatlem. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

11. Second Period for Public Comment.

None.

12. Adjournment.

Motion by Aldersperson Krause to adjourn the Council meeting until 7:30 pm October 9, 2007. Seconded by Aldersperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson
Clerk