

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

Mayor James Blaszczyk called the meeting of the Common Council of the City of Wautoma to order at 7:30 p.m., March 9, 2009.

Roll Call: Jeff Deuel, Aaron Grimm, Robert Helbing, Brent Putskey, Helena Waala, Marvin Wagner.

Others present: Leon Klein, Jim Wagner.

Prayer and Pledge took place.

Moved by Helbing, second by Grimm to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as published in the Waushara Argus. Carried.

Moved by Helbing, second by Waala to approve the agenda. Carried.

Leon Klein asked how much the city spends on leaf pickup and suggested we could save this money and allow burning of the leaves. The matter was referred to the Health & Sanitation Committee.

Clerk reported that eight bids were received for the razing of the hotel from a low of \$23,900 to a high of \$192,210. The low bidder is Kinas Excavating Inc. of Green Lake.

Moved by Waala, second by Helbing to approve the bid from Kinas Excavating Inc. for \$23,900. Motion carried with Alderman Wagner voting no.

Clerk reported that the gas meter has to be removed from the hotel and the gas line disconnected from the main. WE Energies proposal is \$456.23 to disconnect the gas line and remove the meter.

Moved by Deuel, second by Putskey to authorize WE Energies to disconnect the gas line from the hotel for \$456.23. Motion carried with Alderman Wagner voting no.

A video was played showing the condition of the hotel after the previous owners had taken what they wanted. A lot of the unfinished areas were that way prior to taking the video. Alderman Wagner questioned the need to take down the hotel. Mayor Blaszczyk stated the city has waited long enough for the previous owners to bring the property up to code and that the property has become unsightly.

A letter from Charter was read explaining they are restructuring their debt and that business will go on as usual.

Clerk reported that WI DOT has downsized their plans to reconstruct Highway 73 going north/west out of the city. The DOT will be only resurfacing the road in 2010.

A reminder of upcoming New Officials Workshops and League dinner meetings was presented to the Council.

A Project Update was presented by MSA Professional Services. The city needs to schedule a public hearing on the proposed assessments along Pickle Row. It was suggested to have the public hearing on April 13, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

Moved by Wagner, second by Helbing to set the public hearing for the assessments on Pickle Row for April 13, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. Carried.

The Mayor reported that Cummins/Nelson Division has donated \$1000 to the library renovation.

LIBRARY BOARD: reported the fund raising for the library addition is progressing well; approved a proposal from Creative Woods to build 13 double-faced bookcases at a cost of \$25,935; looking for a vendor that sells engraved bricks; also contacting local landscapers about designing and installing landscaping.

TREE BOARD: reviewed replacing trees in the city; considering burning off the Wetlands Park; reviewed the Ranger Service program.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL: approved a policy for the use of the municipal car; approved paying the remaining special assessments for the Spees Camp and Hotel properties; approved paying the delinquent taxes on the Hotel; approved donating \$50 to the Waushara County Jailbreak Marathon; approved a contract with Badger Environmental Services to remove asbestos from the hotel; recommended payment of the monthly bills.

Moved by Helbing, second by Putskey that the claims covered by Voucher 3-01 thru 3-89 inclusive are allowed and the clerk instructed to pay the same. Carried.

Moved by Waala, second by Putskey to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Carried.

Russell M Nero
Clerk-Treasurer