

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., November 9, 2009.

Roll Call: Jeff Deuel, Aaron Grimm, Robert Helbing, Patrick King, Helena Waala, Lee Wise.

Others present: John Oldham, Stan Charron, Gary Burns, Neal Olson, Rebecca Sullivan.

Prayer and Pledge took place.

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

Agenda Changes: Resolution 09-021, motion to approve DOT installing permanent pedestrian islands.

Moved by Waala, second by King to approve the agenda as amended. Carried.

Neal Olson spoke on replacing the "Welcoming signs" to the city. He asked the city to be the lead and contribute to the cost of replacing the signs. A committee will be formed to ask service clubs and other organizations.

Gary Burns asked that the city to review the ball tourney fees that were recently increased. He is looking at another State Softball Tourney in Wautoma which would bring added revenue to the community and the increase may deter the teams from coming to the area.

Rebecca Sullivan asked for a six month extension for her brother's dog to stay at 630 S. Evergreen Street. Two neighbors stated that the dog is not a problem.

Moved by King, second by Helbing to grant a six month extension to Rebecca Sullivan for her brother's dog. Carried.

Mayor Blaszczyk opened the public hearing for Zone Petition #154 which was submitted by John Oldham. The petition requests a zone change from residential to neighborhood commercial to create professional offices. John also stated that the State DOT approved his request for a second driveway for the lot to the east which will be used for parking. No one else was present for or against the petition. Mayor Blaszczyk closed the public hearing.

Moved by Grimm, second by Wise to approve Zone Petition #154 as submitted by John Oldham. Carried.

Mayor Blaszczyk opened the hearing for the General, Sewer, and Water Fund budgets for 2010. The General Fund tax amount will increase by \$50,000, but the city portion of the tax rate should go down from \$9.33 this year to \$6.93 next year. The Sewer and Water Funds show a negative budget. The city will be adjusting the sewer and water rates to create a positive cash flow for these two utilities. No one appeared for or against the proposed budgets. Mayor Blaszczyk closed the public hearing.

**Resolution 09-021, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 2010 BUDGET,** was presented for approval.

Moved by Waala, second by Deuel to approve Resolution 09-021. Carried.

Moved by Deuel, second by King to approve the 2010 Sewer Utility budget. Carried.

Moved by King, second by Waala to approve the 2010 Water Utility budget. Carried.

Operator License applications: Kelley S. Timm, Karen C. Neumann.

Moved by Grimm, second by Helbing to approve the above two operator license applications and grant the licenses. Carried.

Stan Charron, MSA, presented a project update on the Flood Relief Project which is now complete with A-1 Excavating. The Sewer Cleaning and Televising Project with McCain's Sewer & Drain Service is also now complete. The 2010 Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project is going ahead with preliminary planning which includes topo survey, base mapping, and preliminary plans for the project.

**Ordinance 09-006, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES**, was presented for approval.

Moved by King, second by Deuel to approve Ordinance 09-006. Carried.

**Ordinance 09-007, AN ORDINANCE CREATING A LIMITATION ON GARAGE SALES**, was presented for approval.

Moved by Waala, second by Deuel to approve Ordinance 09-007. Carried.

The Knights of Columbus has again asked permission to erect a Nativity Scene on the War Memorial Grounds.

Moved by King, second by Helbing to approve the request from the Knights of Columbus to erect a nativity scene. Carried.

The city's building inspector inspected the Mike Reilly building at 401 W. Main (the tower area) and found the exterior siding is deteriorated, the soffit and facial materials is deteriorated and the exterior sheathing below the siding will need to have some boards replaced. The contractor stated he should have this repair done by July 31, 2010.

A letter from Charter stated that the Basic Cable Service will increase \$3 a month effective November 1, 2009.

The 2008 audit as completed by Kerber, Rose & Associates was presented for approval.

Moved by King, second by Helbing to approve the 2008 audit report. Carried.

The 2010 Salary Schedule for city employees was presented for approval. The proposal is for a 2% salary increase across the board. Also as part of the wage agreement it also includes the following: employees will pay 10% of the health insurance premium (currently 6%); and the city will pay 65% of the deductible.

Moved by Deuel, second by Waala to approve the 2010 salary schedule. Carried.

Moved by Helbing, second by Grimm to approve the wage agreement that included the employees paying 10% of the health insurance premium and city reimbursing the employees 65% of the deductible. Carried.

The Mayor and Clerk met with two DOT representatives regarding installing permanent pedestrian crossings on Main Street. The three areas are at Sandcrest Ave., Northwestern Ave., and Oxford Street. This project will be added to another project in 2010 or 2011. The State will pay 100% of the cost.

Moved by King, second by Waala to authorize the WI DOT to proceed with installing three pedestrian islands on Main Street at Sandcrest Avenue, Northwestern Avenue, and Oxford Street at no cost to the city. Carried.

Mayor Blaszczyk stated that he would urge the citizens to fill out the 2010 Census questionnaire and mail it back to the federal government. There are only 10 questions to answer.

**AIRPORT COMMISSION:** discussed updating the FBO/manager agreement; city received grant to have engineers proceed with the design of the airport terminal building; city will seek proposals to upgrade heating and electrical in the hangar.

**LIBRARY BOARD:** “Friends” donated \$500 towards a new copier; 25 more pavers are being engraved; held a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

**TREE BOARD:** accepted a proposal from Kubasta Tree Service to cut down trees; Anne LeBouton will be the new chairperson; looking for new members for the Tree Board.

**HEALTH & SANITATION:** discussed the tax situation with the Fred Johannes property; discussed the tower repair on the Mike Reilly property on W. Main Street; discussed the Sewer Rehab Project with engineers and Rural Development; recommended the city raise the sewer service rates; authorized MSA to proceed with the 2010 Sewer Rehab Project.

Moved by Deuel, second by Wise to apply to PSC for a 3% water rate increase. Carried.

**FINANCE & PERSONNEL:** police union agreed to salary proposal; authorized purchase of one Microsoft Office Standard 2007 Version upgrade; recommend payment of the monthly bills; discussed Sewer Backup and Boiler insurance coverage.

Moved by King, second by Grimm that the claims covered by Voucher 11-1 thru 11-84 inclusive are allowed and the Clerk instructed to pay the same. Carried.

Moved by Grimm, second by Waala to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Carried.

Russell M Nero  
Clerk-Treasurer