

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

Council President Helena Waala called the meeting of the Common Council of the City of Wautoma to order at 7:30 p.m., May 10, 2010.

Roll Call: Jeff Deuel, Patrick King, Helena Waala, Lee Wise.

Absent: Aaron Grimm, Robert Helbing.

Others present: Shirley Hansen, Linda Harvey, Mary McCrory, Neal Olson, Gary Christensen.

Prayer and Pledge took place.

Moved by King, second by Wise to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting and the minutes of a special meeting held on April 20, 2010 as published in the Waushara Argus. Carried.

Agenda Changes: remove discussion with Ehlers regarding the discussion to refinance water debt and the proposed resolution.

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

Mary McCrory, representing Jakefest, talked about raising money for the dive team at the Redgranite quarry. They also give money to other organizations. They asked the city and Wautoma area to help raise funds for Jakefest.

Neal Olson updated the Council regarding the Welcome Sign project. The sport champion team sign will be erected on school property. The committee is looking for a place to erect the Service Club emblems. A possibility is at the west end of the city hall parking lot. Neal also mentioned that Mike Hawlisch will be helping to fulfill his Eagle Scout requirements.

Residents on N. Century Drive have requested the city look into a storm warning system for the northeastern part of the city. There may be grant funds available for a storm warning system. Clerk will check into grant fund availability.

The US Census reported participation rates on the return of the Census questionnaires for Wisconsin is 80%, for Waushara County at 77%, and for the City of Wautoma at 78%.

Helena reported on the settlement of the lawsuit with Waushara County Historical Society. The city will create a Wautoma Historical Board with two members from the Library Board, two members from the County Historical Society, and three members from Waushara County selected by a majority vote of the library board and historical society membership on the Wautoma Historical Board. The Wautoma Historical Board shall have exclusive control and ownership of all artifacts and displays it authorizes for purchase, and shall also have the obligation to secure, insure, and maintain said artifacts and displays through a policy of liability insurance paid for through the Jones Fund. Also all items removed by the Historical Society from the City of Wautoma Public Library shall be returned by May 31, 2010 (including, but not limited to 2 picture frames containing photographs, individual portraits, etc.).

LIBRARY BOARD: circulation was down slightly from last year; internet usage was up from last year; cribbage tournament made \$120 for the library remodeling project; recommend hiring Nicole Overbeck as the new Library Director; approved Library Mission Statement; received \$1690 from the Betty Gellerup memorial.

PLAN COMMISSION: approved the combining of two lots into one lot for Pete Matson on Market Square Drive; discussed allowing a 20 unit assisted living complex on the same lot with a 35 unit apartment building for Lew Herro on N. Century Drive and approved the request; discussed the sewer assessment for the Herro property and recommended Finance & Personnel Committee and City Council approve a TIF agreement with Herro on the special assessment charge.

Moved by King, second by Deuel to approve the combining of two lots into one lot for Pete Matson on Market Square Drive. Carried.

Clerk stated that Mr. Matson requested a second driveway to the new apartment building and to the storage units behind the apartments.

Moved by King, second by Wise to approve the second driveway for Pete Matson on Market Square Drive. Carried.

Moved by King, second by Wise to approve a second building (20 unit assisted living complex) on a 3 acre parcel for Lew Herro on N. Century Drive. Carried.

TREE BOARD: discussed the planting of memorial trees at Bird Creek Park; city has been awarded Tree City USA recognition for the 11th year; welcomed new member John Hassmann to the Tree Board.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL: approved a *Draft* ad to advertise for an Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer; set a Special Council meeting to review applications for June 29th and July 15th; recommended hiring Nicole Overbeck as the new Library Director at \$15 per hour, after 6 month probationary period the wage will be \$16 per hour; authorized Clerk to pursue a proposal from United Mailing Services to lower the cost of postage; discussed a proposed smoking ban ordinance; approved no parking signs on Water Street during Riverview School construction of an addition; recommended an agreement with SLSD for a five year note at zero interest for \$39,737.50 as payment of the balance of a sewer assessment on the Herro development on N. Century Drive; Clerk reported an increase in the city health insurance premium effective July 1st; recommend payment of the monthly bills.

Moved by Deuel, second by King to approve the hiring of Nicole Overbeck as the new Library Director with a starting wage of \$15 per hour. Carried.

Moved by Deuel, second by King to approve using United Mailing Services to lower the city's postage costs. Carried.

Moved by King, second by Wise to approve a TIF agreement for \$39,737.50 with SLSD for the Lew Herro project as stated above. Carried.

Moved by Wise, second by Deuel that the claims covered by Voucher 5-1 thru 5-61 inclusive are allowed and the Clerk instructed to pay the same. Carried.

Moved by Deuel, second by Wise to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Carried.

Russell M Nero
Clerk-Treasurer