

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council chambers  
of the Municipal Building at 450 S. Main St.**

Members Present: Mayor Paul Corcoran, Alderpersons, Marie Rakow, Susan Fruit, Jay Buchanan Mueller, Marsha Machotka, Judy Shireman, and Dawn Elliott. Alderpersons Lester Parker and Lorna Dilley were absent.

It was noted that the meeting was properly noticed and a quorum is present.

Motion by Rakow, second by Machotka to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the last meeting in lieu of printed copies. Motion carried 6-0.

**PRESENTATION ON FINANCING OPTIONS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FROM JAMES MANN AT EHLERS, CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF APPROXIMATELY \$750,000.00 GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTES:** Mr. James Mann reviewed the City's current outstanding general obligation debt which is very little compared with the amount allowable by law. He explained three options to borrow funds which are a security with bond counsel, bank solicitation or through the State Trust Fund. He reviewed expenses and projected interest rates, and due to the interest rate that could be obtained, the securities would be the least expensive over the course of the loan. The estimated additional property tax to an owner of a \$100,000 home would be about \$75.00. Motion by Shireman, second by Machotka to approve Resolution 2014-17 providing for the sale of approximately \$750,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes. Motion carried 6-0.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY REGARDING CHECKS RETURNED TO THE CITY FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS:** Motion by Machotka, second by Fruit to approve Resolution 2014-18 establishing a policy for checks returned due to insufficient funds with the additional words added at the end, "to the extent allowed by law". Motion carried 6-0.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATION FOR NEW MUNICIPAL LICENSE FROM TERRY PEER OF PEER CONSTRUCTION FOR TREE CUTTING:** Motion by Elliott, second by Fruit to approve the license. Motion carried 6-0.

**UTILITY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PAY APPLICATION TO STAAB CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$468,474.45 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WWTF & LIFT STATION UNDER CONTRACT (A) #RC-55:** Motion by Rakow, second by Mueller to approve the pay request from Staab. Motion carried 6-0.

**CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHANGE ORDER #1 ADDING \$38,833.00 TO THE WWTF CONTRACT B WITH JAMES PETERSON SONS, INC. FOR DIRECTIONAL DRILLING OF FORCE MAIN:** The change is for directional drilling rather than open cut which was anticipated at the time of bidding. Mr. Gene Laschinger from Town & Country Engineering stated the cost is actually lower for drilling than open cut. Motion by Rakow, second by Machotka to approve the change order. Motion carried 6-0.

**CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RICHLAND COUNTY'S OFFER REGARDING AMBULANCE SERVICE:** Mayor Corcoran said the City, Towns and Villages wish to set up the ambulance service like the Fire District. That provides for more local control from all involved as to how the money is spent. He said he hoped the existing employees would continue to be employees of the district. He further explained that if the City would approve the offer proposed by the County, the money to cover it would have to be taken out of the existing budget as it can't be increased. Alderperson Shireman left the meeting for the vote. Motion by Mueller to deny the County's offer. Alderperson Elliott seconded and the motion carried 4-1 with Alderperson Fruit dissenting. Alderperson Shireman returned to the meeting.

**CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE CREATION OF AN AMBULANCE DISTRICT:** Motion by Mueller, second by Rakow to postpone this item to the next meeting. Motion carried 5-0 with Alderperson Shireman abstaining.

**PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS:** Motion by Machotka, second by Fruit to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mueller, second by Machotka to go into closed session per WI Statute 19.85 (1)(e) investment of public funds, consider negotiations of developer agreement in Orange St. Commons project area also WI Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of hiring an Events Coordinator. Motion carried 6-0.

Closed session.

Motion by Machotka, second by Mueller to reconvene into open session. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Machotka, second by Fruit to Adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

Minutes by Melinda D. Jones, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Paul F. Corcoran, Mayor

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Melinda D. Jones, City Clerk