

**MINUTES
CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 4, 2007**

A duly convened meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Scott Huebner in the Council Chambers. Council members present: Aldermen Al Haacke, Paul Neumyer, Jim Vollmar, Burt Babcock, Tom Hudson, Pete Jushka and Chris Ross. Also present: City Administrator Mark Grams, City Attorney Eric Eberhardt, City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven, City Planner Randy Tetzlaff and Eagle Scout Kevin Winker. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting – November 20, 2007
- B. Approve Original Operator's License Applications – Yuriy Kalyuzhnyy and Tanya C. Tappa
- C. Tappa

MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON SECONDED BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

- A. Mayor Huebner read a proclamation for Eagle Scout Kevin Michael Winker, Troop 855, and then presented the proclamation to him.
- B. Resolution 2007-20 (Recognition Of Past Board/Commission Members) – Mayor Huebner read a resolution honoring past Board and Commission Members of 2007.
- C. Mayor Huebner read proclamations honoring George Lampert, Damon Anderson and Jay Jansen

OFFICERS'/STAFF REPORTS

- A. Nomination Papers – City Administrator Grams reported that the deadline for filing nomination papers with the City Clerk for Aldermanic Districts 2, 4 and 6 is Wednesday, January 2nd at 5:00 p.m. Non-Candidacy papers are due on December 21st.
- B. City Administrator Grams said that Property Tax Bills would be mailed out Thursday or Friday of this week. As mentioned in my Friday newsletter, I received final numbers from the State to calculate the total property tax rate. The final net tax rate is \$18.42/\$1,000 of assessed valuation, an increase of .61¢ over last year's rate. The Lottery Credit went down by about \$12.00.
- C. Update On Projects
 - 1. Harborwalk – City Engineer Vanden Noven reported that the Harborwalk Project is half done. The second half will be done in the spring.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES-None

COMMITTEES

A. Finance & License Committee

- 1. Approve Proposal For 2008 Assessor's Contract – MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HAACKE TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT OF ACCURATE APPRAISALS FOR \$25,500 AS THE CITY'S ASSESSMENT FIRM FOR 2008. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 2. Approve WCA Group Health Trust Health Insurance Agreement – MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JUSHKA TO APPROVE WCA HEALTH TRUST FOR THE CITY'S 2008 HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Approve Alarm System Agreement – MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JUSHKA TO APPROVE THE ALARM SYSTEM AGREEMENT OF ABLE SECURITY SYSTEMS TO MONITOR THE VARIOUS SECURITY SYSTEMS WITHIN THE CITY BUILDINGS AT A COST OF \$1,700 ANNUALLY. A discussion followed. Alderman Neumyer asked what we are doing with the employees in the Police Department if we relieve them of dispatch services? What are they doing in the building 24 hours a day/365 days a year? Has the chief expanded on that? City Administrator Grams explained that dispatching was a lesser part of their job. They are basically doing clerical work and record keeping. They also did handle non-emergency calls. Alderman Vollmar asked if this agreement was just for monitoring and did not include maintenance and equipment and where is it monitored? City Administrator Grams said it is probably monitored from Milwaukee. Alderman Ross asked why couldn't the police monitor our City alarms? City Administrator Grams indicated that there wouldn't be any equipment to monitor our alarms because they are pulling out the equipment. Alderman Vollmar said there's probably an automatic dialing system at each location that dials when there is an alarm and then dials a location so they would know where the issue is. Mayor Huebner asked why the police department couldn't leave that part of the equipment that could be used for monitoring our security systems? City Administrator Grams said we could hold off in approving this agreement and have the chief come in and further explain it. MOTION IS WITHDRAWN.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

A. Board of Public Works

1. Ordinance 2007-24 (Regulating Exterior Property Areas) **2nd Reading** – City Planner Randy Tetzlaff said this ordinance adds and makes broader language that was previously removed when we updated the Accessory Uses and Structures in the Zoning Code. This ordinance will go a long way in preventing and reducing unsightly areas in the City. The City Attorney said this is typically enforced on a complaint-made basis. MOTION BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JUSHKA TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2007-24. Motion carried. 6 ayes and 1 nay (Alderman Neumyer)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS – City Administrator Grams reminded everyone of the Christmas Parade through the downtown starting at 3:00 p.m. and “Christmas on the Corner” from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCE-None

ADJOURNMENT-MOTION BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN NEUMYER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AT 7:59 P.M.
Motion carried unanimously.