

**MINUTES  
CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
December 16, 2008**

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, Dave Larson and Chris Ross. Also present: City Attorney Eric Eberhardt, City Administrator Mark Grams, City Planner Randy Tetzlaff and City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meetings – December 2, 2008 and December 4, 2008
- B. Approve Original Operator's License Applications – Angela B. Schowalter and Mary M. Morano
- C. Approve Temporary Bartender License Applications – Gerald T. Lee
- D. Approve Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License Application (Picnic) – St. Mary's Congregation/January 30, 2009/446 N. Johnson Street (St. Mary's Fish Fry)
- E. Approve Temporary Class "B" And "Class B" Retailer's License Application (Picnic) – St. Mary's Congregation/May 9, 2009/446 N. Johnson Street (St. Mary's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Casino Night)

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

**MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

**OFFICERS'/STAFF REPORT**

- A. Submission Of Nomination Papers – City Administrator Grams reminded the Council that nomination papers are due in the Clerk's Office on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 by 5:00 p.m. for offices of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic Districts, as well as the Mayor's Office.
- B. Update On Projects:
  - 1. Fisherman's Park Bridge – The project was scheduled to start yesterday, but the contractor wants to wait another week or two.
  - 2. Coal Dock Design Project – There was a successful meeting of the Coal Dock Committee. The Hitchcock Group interviewed members of the Coal Dock Committee and they also met with other key agencies. The first public meeting for the general public will be held on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. This will be a more interactive meeting with a brief presentation and workshops, which will give the public the opportunity to share ideas with Hitchcock.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES** – None

**COMMITTEES**

- A. **Finance and License Committee** – Mayor Huebner asked that we move to Items 5 and 7.
- 5. Approve Fire Services Agreement With Town Of Port Washington – MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE FIRE SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON AND THE TOWN OF PORT WASHINGTON. **Motion carried unanimously.**

7. Approve 2009 Ambulance Rates – Alderman Hudson gave an overview of the reasons for the increase in ambulance rates. Fire Chief Mitchell attended the Finance and License Committee to answer questions of the committee. He said the increase is necessary for funding to cover replacement costs of equipment. MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK TO APPROVE THE 2009 AMBULANCE RATES AS PRESENTED. **Motion carried unanimously.**
1. Approve 2009 City Insurance Proposal – Alderman Hudson reviewed the report from the City’s Insurance Consultant, T. E. Brennan, and their recommendation for Property and Casualty Insurance. MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LARSON TO APPROVE SWITCHING THE CITY’S PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE FROM WAUSAU TO EMC INSURANCE COMPANY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009. **Motion carried unanimously.**
2. Approve 2009 Shared Ride Taxi Service Agreement – MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LARSON TO APPROVE THE 2009 SHARED RIDE TAXI SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON AND SPECIALIZED TRANSPORT SERVICES. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. Resolution 2008-25 (Transfer Of Funds To Main Street Program Fund) – MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2008-25. Alderman Haacke said for accountability, are we going to be provided with some type of quarterly summary report? Alderman Vollmar said the Main Street Program and BID would be giving us reports so that we will have accountability. Individual Committees will be reporting to the Board and the Board will be reporting the source of funds to monitor the success of the Main Street Program. Mayor Huebner said that every month there would be a financial report from the Main Street Board that we can give to the Council for their information. **Motion carried unanimously.**
4. Update On 2008 Budget Deficit – City Administrator Grams reported on the 2008 budget deficit saying that the good news is that he talked to our City Treasurer for the latest numbers with the budget and we are still showing a surplus with revenues still coming in. On the minus side, we still have two payrolls and the cost of salt through December. As of December 1<sup>st</sup> our Street Department employees can start accumulating comp time for overtime, so our overtime wages may not be as great in December. For the next two Council Meetings, I will keep this item on the agenda to give you updates so that you’ll know where we are at with the budget deficit.
6. Ordinance 2008-17 (Amend Wastewater Utility Sewer Rates) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN ROSS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2008-17. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## **BOARDS/COMMISSIONS**

### **A. Plan Commission**

1. Ordinance 2008-18 (Amend Official City Maps Changing The Name Of Cardinal Drive To Harris Drive) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – MOTION BY ALDERMAN NEUMYER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2008-18. **Motion carried unanimously.**
2. Ordinance 2008-19 (Adopt Comprehensive Plan Of The City Of Port Washington, Wisconsin) 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
3. Public Hearing Regarding A Conditional Use Request From Friedens Church To Allow A Church Use (New Parking Lot) At 503 N. Harrison

Street – City Planner Tetzlaff gave an overview of the request from Friedens Church to allow a new parking lot at 503 N. Harrison Street. Mayor Huebner declared open the public hearing. MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN ROSS TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. Approve Conditional Use Grant For Friedens Church To Allow A Church Use (New Parking Lot) At 503 N. Harrison Street – MOTION BY ALDERMAN HAACKE, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN ROSS TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE GRANT FOR FRIEDENS CHURCH TO ALLOW A CHURCH USE (NEW PARKING LOT) AT 503 N. HARRISON STREET. **Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Consider Purchase Of Street Trees – MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF STREET TREES AS RECOMMENDED. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES** – None.

**ADJOURNMENT** – MOTION BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN ROSS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AT 8:08 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**