

**MINUTES
CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 4, 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 and Chris Ross. Absent & excused was Alderman Pete Jushka. Also present: City Administrator Mark Grams, City Planner Randy Tetzlaff, City Attorney Eric Eberhardt and City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting – February 20, 2008
- B. Approve Combination “Class A” Liquor License Application – Vinni, LLC (Vincent Iyasele) 925A S. Spring Street
- C. Approve Original Operator’s License Application – Vincent Iyasele

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

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

- A. Update On Possibility Playground Project – Mardy McGarry gave the City Council an update on the Possibility Playground Project. She reported that their fund-raising goal is \$450,000. An auction was held in mid-January where \$12,000 was raised. The next big fund-raiser, “Walk, Roll & Run” is scheduled for May 31st and is in the process of being organized. They have gotten a lot of media exposure from Channel 6 and Channel 4, as well as WWTI. They also did an interview with M-Magazine, a North Shore Publication that will have an article on their Possibility Playground Project next month. She thanked everyone for promoting the handi-cap accessible bathrooms in Upper Lake Park. For information on donations, you can go to their website, www.possibilityplayground.org.
- B. Main Street Program Application – Mayor Huebner reported that we have completed the application for the Main Street Program and it was delivered to Madison. There are 5 applicants this year. We have a good chance of making it because we wrote a good application. We had 64 Letters of Support for the application. We ended up reaching our financial goals and are still taking donations. The next step in the application process is to have a small group do a presentation in front of the Main Street Board. That’s the last chance to prove any point and we should find out shortly after that if we are accepted or not.

OFFICERS’/STAFF REPORTS

- A. Highway 32 Pre-Construction Meetings – City Engineer Vanden Noven reported that a STH 32 Public Information Meeting would be held on Monday, March 10th at 6:30 in the City Hall Council Chambers to talk about the construction schedule, local detour routes, etc. Representatives of the DOT, Earth Tech and the contractor will be present to provide information and answer questions. After that we are required by contract to have a meeting with the businesses at 9:00 a.m. every Thursday at City Hall throughout the project, and the construction personnel will also meet once a week at their Franklin Street Office.
- B. City Administrator Grams reported that the next Mid-Moraine Municipal Association Dinner Meeting would be hosted by the City of Port Washington on March 26th at the Country Inn & Suites. Details of the meeting will follow next week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES-Phillip Scarpance, 107 E. Beutel Rd. and Dennis Young, 106 E. Beutel Rd. – Mr. Scaprance said we are here to voice our opposition to the proposed changes to Ordinance 2008-3 amending Section 7.09.010 A. of the Municipal Code dealing with Snow and Ice to be removed. He said the whole issued started when a city resident asked why the City is plowing a sidewalk on N. Wisconsin Street. After checking the plowing routes of his driver, Mr. Dave Ewig decided that we should be responsible for taking care of the sidewalk adjacent to our property on N. Wisconsin Street. We then went to the Board of Public Works to show that we were not responsible to take care of the City property adjacent to our property. In so doing, the Board decided that the way to correct this was to change the city ordinance. Basically we are the only two property owners in the City that were affected by the letters that were sent out by the City indicating that they were no longer going to plow City sidewalks. The City has been plowing this property for 37 years and rightfully so because it is City property. We don't feel it's right for us to take care of City property adjacent to our property and perform City maintenance duties.

COMMITTEES

A. Finance & License Committee

1. Resolution 2008-9 (Final Resolution Regarding Industrial Development Revenue Bond Financing For Molded Dimensions, Inc. Project) – MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2008-9. **Motion carried unanimously.** City Attorney Eberhardt reviewed the resolution and would recommend approval.
2. Lease Agreement With Cricket Communications – Tabled.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 2008-3 (Amend Section 7.09.010 A. Of The Municipal Code, Snow And Ice To Be Removed) **2nd Reading** – MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2008-3. **Motion carried unanimously.** Alderman Vollmar said he doesn't think the change in this ordinance addresses the concerns of Mr. Scarpance and Mr. Jung. He indicated that they have a wide gap between their lot lines and the sidewalk itself. He feels it's a different issue that should be looked at by Board of Public Works at a later session.

NEW BUSINESS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES-None

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION According To Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (e) to deliberate on the acquisition of public properties where competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. ROLL CALL: Haacke-aye, Neumyer-aye, Vollmar-aye, Babcock-aye, Hudson-aye and Ross-aye. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Reconvene Into Open Session – The Council reconvened into Open Session at 8:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – MOTION BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AT 8:18 P.M.

Motion carried unanimously.