

**MINUTES
CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 1, 2009**

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 Mike Ehrlich, Paul Neumyer, Jim Vollmar, Burt Babcock, Tom Hudson, David Larson and Dan Becker. Also present: City Administrator Mark Grams, City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven, City Attorney Eberhardt, and City Planner Randy Tetzlaff. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting – November 17, 2009
- B. Operator's License Applications – Amber J. Pierog and Timothy M. Lambrecht

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

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

- A. Mayor Huebner read the proclamations honoring persons retiring from various Committees, Commissions and Boards.

OFFICERS'/STAFF REPORT

- A. Update On Projects:
 - 1. Marina Floating Pier Project – City Engineer Vanden Noven reported that the project is ahead of schedule. They installed Piers 2 and 4. Pier 3 should be completed by the end of the week. The fueling pier should be in by Christmas. They should finish up by March or April of next year.
- B. City Administrator Grams reminded the Council that nomination papers for the 2nd, 4th and 6th Aldermanic Districts can now be taken out starting today, December 1st. The deadline for submitting them to the City Clerk's office is by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 5, 2010. The deadline for Non-Candidacy papers is December 28th.
- C. Mayor Huebner reminded the Council that RSVP's for the City's Appreciation Dinner are due this week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES – None

COMMITTEES

A. Finance and License Committee

- 1. Resolution 2009-38 (Final Resolution For Special Assessments For Water And Sewer Service On Vacant Lots On Johnson And Power Streets) – MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2009-38. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 2. Ordinance 2009-20 (Amend Collection Fee For Waste Haulers) **1st Reading**
- 3. Update On 2009 Budget – City Administrator Grams said Mary should have the Monthly Report done by the end of the week. As it stands right now, everything still looks positive that we should finish in the black this year.
- 4. Update On Net Tax Rate For City – City Administrator Grams gave an update on the Net Tax Rate for the City. He said the net tax rate went up \$.61, which represents an increase of 3.36% over last year's tax rate. One positive bit of news is that the Lottery Credit will decrease, but is offset by the significant increase of \$30.97 for the First Dollar Credit, which produces a net gain of the two of \$28.69.

5. Ordinance 2009-18 (Amend Parking Fines) **2nd Reading** – MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2009-18. Alderman Vollmar said that the fine for a violation related to handicap parking is \$50.00 but it could be \$300.00. It's not withstanding anything. Is there a reason it's discretionary versus just being \$50.00 and maybe a penalty if it's not paid on time? City Attorney Eberhardt indicated that this just represents a range of the permissible forfeiture. The court would have the authority to increase the amount indicated on the ticket as the bond amount to some higher amount. In the main, it would be the minimum of \$50.00. Vote taken. 6 ayes and 1 nay (Alderman Vollmar) **Motion carried.**

B. Traffic Safety Committee

1. Ordinance 2009-19 (Amend Parking Restriction On N. Franklin Street And E. Grand Avenue) **2nd Reading** – MOTION BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2009-19. **Motion carried unanimously.**

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

A. Park And Recreation Board

1. Approve Bid To Replace Grates At Water Park – MOTION BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN NEUMYER TO APPROVE POOL DOCTORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,550 TO REPLACE THE GRATES AT THE WATER PARK. **Motion carried unanimously.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve Amendment To Mid-Moraine Municipal Court Agreement – City Administrator Grams reviewed the changes in the amended agreement for the Mid-Moraine Municipal Court. MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE MID-MORAINÉ MUNICIPAL COURT AGREEMENT. **Motion carried unanimously.**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS – The Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 5th at 6:15 p.m. If the Aldermen plan on being in the parade, please contact Barb Kobishop or Sara Grover.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES – None

ADJOURNMENT – MOTION BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LARSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AT 7:52 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**