

**MINUTES
CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 18, 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 Al Haacke, Paul Neumyer, Jim Vollmar, Burt Babcock, Tom Hudson, and Chris Ross. Absent & excused: Alderman Larson. Also present: City Administrator Mark Grams, City Planner Randy Tetzlaff, City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven and City Attorney Eberhardt. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting – February 3, 2009
- B. Approve Original Operator's License Applications – Cecelia A. Melcher and Stacy L. Knapmiller

MOTION BY ALDERMAN NEUMYER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Alderman Ross said there was a correction to the minutes on Page 3 under Public Comments/Appearances, the fifth sentence "...systems without water should be systems without soil." Alderman Hudson pointed out that the speaker should have said soil, but did say water. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

- A. Mayor Huebner reported that the one year anniversary of consolidated dispatch services was recognized by Chief Thomas and the Police and Fire Commission at their February 9th Meeting. A certificate of appreciation was presented to the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department and the dispatch staff. Mayor Huebner said there haven't been any major issues with the dispatch service and it's worked well.

OFFICERS'/STAFF REPORT

- A. Resolution 2009-4 (Certify Spring Primary Election Results) – MOTION BY ALDERMAN NEUMYER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2009-4. **Motion carried unanimously.** City Administrator Grams reported that there was a 12.97% turnout at the election with a total of 1,090 votes.
- B. Update On Projects:
 - 1. Fisherman's Park Bridge – The project is completed and open for business.
 - 2. Coal Dock Design Project – City Engineer Vanden Noven reported that there was an open house for the Coal Dock Design at T. J. Middle School on Monday night. It went well with approximately 50-60 people in attendance, as well as members of the Coal Dock Committee. There were positive comments about what Hitchcock has done. The next meeting with Hitchcock will be an internal meeting on Friday, February 27th with the City Administrator, Mayor, City Engineer and WE Energies in attendance to discuss details. On March 3rd there will be a public meeting with the Coal Dock Committee in the afternoon, prior to them making a formal presentation to the Council. Strategy and the Master Plan is taking shape. Alderman Haacke said the presentation on Monday was excellent. As a result of the meeting, he had some specific questions. He has serious concerns of the hazardous waste that was identified on the Coal Dock and how that is being proposed to be handled. As a result

of that, what responsibility is that for the City in the future, particularly in planting trees? At some point in time we may need to entertain some further legal advice. There may be some additional financial responsibilities that we may have to bear.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES – None

COMMITTEES

A. Finance and License Committee

1. Update on 2008 Budget Deficit – City Administrator Grams reviewed his latest memo with the Council regarding the 2008 Budget Deficit. He said hopefully at the March 3rd Meeting, he would be able to give the Council the final numbers and the recommendations as far as what we can do to look at the General Fund Budget and use some of those projects and charge them to the Borrowed Funds.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

A. Board of Public Works

1. Consider Street Reconstruction Design Plan For Catalpa, Van Buren, Johnson, Powers, Woodruff and Dodge Streets – City Engineer Vanden Noven said that last week we had a Public Information Meeting for the proposed street reconstruction improvements to Catalpa, Van Buren, Johnson, Powers, Woodruff and Dodge. The reconstruction of these streets is scheduled for this summer between June 15 and September 1. In his presentation he talked about parking, sidewalks, grade changes and alignment of these streets. **MOTION BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HUDSON TO APPROVE THE STREET RECONSTRUCTION DESIGN PLAN FOR CATALPA, VAN BUREN, JOHNSON, POWERS, WOODRUFF AND DODGE STREETS. Motion carried unanimously.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve Hiring Of New Election Worker – MOTION BY ALDERMAN HAACKE, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF KAREN SILVERSON AS AN ELECTION INSPECTOR. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES – None.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MOTION BY ALDERMAN HAACKE, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN NEUMYER TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION According To Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) to discuss employee performance evaluations, compensation and labor negotiations. ROLL CALL: Haacke-aye, Neumyer-aye, Vollmar-aye, Babcock-aye, Hudson-aye, and Ross-aye. **Motion carried unanimously.** Closed Session Meeting convened at 8:10 p.m.

Reconvene Into Open Session – Meeting reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

Consider Salary Resolutions For Non-Represented City Employees – MOTION BY ALDERMAN HAACKE, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HUDSON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2009-2. 5 ayes, 1 nay (Alderman Ross). **Motion carried.** MOTION BY ALDERMAN HAACKE, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HUDSON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2009-3. 5 ayes, 1 nay (Alderman Ross). **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT – MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AT 9:27 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**