

**MINUTES
CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 6, 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, Dave Larson and Chris Ross. Also present: City Administrator Mark Grams, City Planner Randy Tetzlaff and City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven. Absent and excused was City Attorney Eberhardt. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting – December 16, 2008
- B. Approve Original Operator's License Application – Tabled
- C. Approve Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License Application (Picnic) – Port Catholic Home & School/February 13, March 6, and March 20, 2009/446 N. Johnson Street/Lower, Cafeteria, Kitchen (St. Mary's Fish Fries)

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

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

OFFICERS'/STAFF REPORT

- A. Submission Of Nomination Papers – City Administrator Grams reported the people who turned in nomination papers: Mayor – Scott A. Huebner, 1st Aldermanic District – Allen Biever, Bryan Deal and Michael Ehrlich, 3rd Aldermanic District – Jim Vollmar, 5th Aldermanic District – Thomas Hudson and 7th Aldermanic District – Chris Ross. There will be a primary election, held on February 17th, for Aldermen to represent the 1st Aldermanic District, Circuit Court Judge, and Mid-Moraine Municipal Court Judge. The Spring Election will be held on April 7th.
- B. Update On Projects:
 - 1. Fisherman's Park Bridge – Work was started today, fencing was put up. They should have the old bridge out early next week. The project will take less than five weeks.
 - 2. Coal Dock Design Project – The first public workshop will be held tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. The Hitchcock Design Group will be leading the meeting by informing those attending the progress of the project so far and then there will be breakout groups into smaller group. These groups are encouraged to brainstorm. The following day, Hitchcock will meet downstairs to do a design charrette by drawing various options that people have suggested in addition to the data they have collected so far and try to put together some assemblage of a plan to be reviewed the following evening at 5:00 p.m. with the Coal Dock Committee.
- C. Snow Plowing Operations – City Administrator Grams said that Alderman Haacke asked that this item be put on the agenda for discussion purposes. City Administrator Grams said he asked Dave Ewig to speak to the Council about snow plowing operations. Dave also put together a couple of reports on snow removal, snowfall and snow plowing information, as well as salt purchases from December 22nd – December 30th. He said that because of the commitment of keeping City streets open, snow falls and blowing and drifting, the Street Department was not able to get to the downtown area and remove the snow as

quickly as they wanted to. Dave Ewig talked about snow plowing operations. Dave said they did not have a day where we were not plowing to keep roads passable. We had nine consecutive days of plowing beginning on December 16th and snow continued up to Christmas Eve. He said this was a unique December with a set of circumstances where storms followed back to back. He hired a private contractor on December 21st to come in at 1:00 a.m. to remove snow along curb lines and haul it away. They also plowed the cul de sacs. Dave said his people did a fantastic job. Alderman Babcock said we picked up additional plowing with all the new subdivisions. Alderman Neumyer complimented the crew who worked on snow plowing. He said he had questions from his constituents on what we have to do to switch equipment. Dave explained the equipment used for snowplowing. He said there is a four-hour transition on the equipment to use for plowing to blowing snow. Alderman Ross commented that we just experienced an entire annual snowfall in 5 weeks. Hats off to the entire crew. Alderman Haacke showed some pictures of various places where snow was a problem in the City and said he is not being critical of the snow plowing operations, but his concern is what more can we do as a Council and City to provide the type of support equipment-wise and manpower-wise to meet the growing needs of the City? We have a couple of areas that we need to address. It's accidents waiting to happen. It's a safety issue. The City Department has done a fantastic job in snow plowing and they have always done an outstanding job to protect the safety and wellbeing of the citizens. Alderman Hudson said people have to start exercising common sense and discretion of where and when they park. As an alderman, he said he is hearing complaints from people who live on dead ends or who live on cul de sacs. These make a massive amount of trouble. The Plan Commission has to take a look at this when planning subdivisions in the future. Mayor Huebner thanked Dave and his guys and said they did a great job.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES – None

COMMITTEES

A. Finance and License Committee

1. Ordinance 2009-1 (Amend Fee For Sump Pump Inspections) **1st Reading**
2. Update On 2008 Budget Deficit – City Administrator Grams reviewed his latest estimates in a memo to the Council on the 2008 Budget Deficit. He said he would have a better estimate at the next meeting on January 20th.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

A. Plan Commission

1. Ordinance 2008-19 (Adopt Comprehensive Plan Of The City Of Port Washington, Wisconsin) **2nd Reading** – MOTION BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN ROSS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2008-19. **Motion carried unanimously.**
2. Ordinance 2009-2 (Rezoning Of County Owned Land In The Downtown Area From B-4, Central Business District To PUL, Public And Utility Land) **1st Reading**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES – None.

ADJOURNMENT – MOTION BY ALDERMAN NEUMYER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LARSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AT 8:10 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**