

**MINUTES  
CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 20, 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 and City Planner Randy Tetzlaff. Absent & excused was City Attorney Eberhardt. Also in the audience was a Boy Scout from Troop #875 who is working on a Citizen's Community Badge. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting – October 6, 2009
- B. Operator's License Applications – Natasha M. Stanke and Rebecca L. Baumann

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

**MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

- A. Mayor Huebner acknowledged that he received a thank you card addressed to him and the Council from Eagle Scout Jacob Schowalter for recognizing him at the last meeting.

**OFFICERS'/STAFF REPORT**

- A. Mid-Moraine Municipal Association Dinner Meeting – City Administrator Grams reported that the next Mid-Moraine Municipal Association Dinner Meeting would be held on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Belgium Community Center.
- B. Update On Projects:
  - 1. Public Restrooms – Veteran's Park-Putting the finishing touches on it. Should be completed by this Friday and open next week after the walk through.
  - 2. Marina Floating Pier Project – Project is underway. The crane is beginning to dismantle Pier 2.
  - 3. North Beach Stairs – On schedule. The crew has been working on it for a week and has a quarter of it done. Estimate to take four weeks to complete

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES – None**

Mayor Huebner requested that we move ahead to 8. BOARDS/COMMISSIONS A. Community Development Authority, 1. Revise RLF Loan to Modern Equipment – City Planner Tetzlaff reviewed a memo from John Meland, Chief Economic Development Planner, SEWRPC, in his absence regarding the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Loan of Modern Equipment, Inc. He said that current economic conditions have contributed to a significant decline in sales for the Company. As a result of this, they are requesting that the City of Port Washington and Ozaukee County defer payments of principal and interest on the two RLF loans for a period of six months. City Planner Tetzlaff said the Community Development Authority reviewed it and unanimously recommended approval of the deferral. MOTION BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN NEUMYER TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO THE RLF LOAN FOR MODERN EQUIPMENT, INC.

## COMMITTEES

### A. Finance and License Committee

1. Resolution 2009-33 (Final Resolution To Levy Special Assessments (Sidewalks) For The Powers And Johnson Streets Street Reconstruction Project) – MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2009-33. **Motion carried unanimously.**
2. Resolution 2009-34 (Preliminary Resolution To Levy Special Assessments For Water And Sewer Laterals On Vacant Lots On Powers And Johnson Streets) – MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LARSON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2009-34. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. Ordinance 2009-13 (Modifications To Sewer Service Charges) **1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Dan Buehler, Wastewater Utility Superintendent, was present and answered questions of the Aldermen.
4. Consider Claim Of Ms. Diane Reinthaler – City Administrator Grams reported that the City's Insurance Company, EMC Insurance, recommends that the City Council deny the claim of Ms. Reinthaler for the reason that they do not see any negligence against the city. MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LARSON TO DENY THE CLAIM OF MS. DIANE REINTHALER. **Motion carried unanimously.**
5. Approve Submission Of A Coastal Management Grant Application – City Administrator Grams reported that the deadline to submit grant applications for the Coastal Management Program is Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. He said that staff has been putting together a project plan for the grant. MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO APPROVE SUBMISSION OF A COASTAL MANAGEMENT GRANT APPLICATION. Alderman Vollmar asked where we stand on the lease with WE Energies? City Administrator Grams said the City Attorney and WE Energies Attorney met and have pretty well worked out the differences that they had. However, he said unfortunately we can't finalize it until the State looks at the lease with WE Energies. Alderman Vollmar asked how does this grant application fit in with this lease? City Administrator Grams said he talked with a representative from Coastal Management and explained where were at and he said that wouldn't be a problem. He said to just basically indicate where we are with the lease negotiations and also describe exactly how the lease would eventually work and they would take that into consideration for the project. Also, City Administrator Grams said when he talked to them he tried to feel them out as far as what they're looking at maximum that would pay out on a grant application and they indicated probably in the range of \$120,000 - \$150,000 is the maximum. **Motion carried unanimously.**
6. Update On 2009 City Budget – Alderman Hudson gave an update on the 2009 City Budget. City Administrator Grams said he talked to Department Heads to make sure that if they have concerns with any accounts that they didn't report in the budget worksheets, that they let him know and he hasn't heard anything. He said right now we're in good shape. Alderman Becker said thanks to Mark, the Mayor, the Finance Committee and Department heads for all their work on the budget. He

said he thinks we're working at maintaining our services and at relatively the same cost to the taxpayer and that's because we have folks involved here in the City that are very fiscally responsible and applauds their efforts. Regarding the stairs project, Mayor Huebner feels it's going to be a great amenity to the City and under budget as well. It's great to see the City and County working together on this project.

7. Consider Crack Filling Service For Street Maintenance – MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK TO APPROVE ASPHALT SEAL AND REPAIR FOR A COST OF \$30,000. Alderman Babcock said he thinks the Council was wise in tabling this a month or so and then getting competitive bids, which points out that the competitive bidding process can work. **Motion carried unanimously.**
8. City Employee Health Insurance Plan Proposals – City Administrator Grams reported that during the budget process he worked on getting quotes from other firms who provide health insurance for City employees. He got two alternatives – our current carrier with an upgrade to Group Health Trust Choice Plus Network Plan and the State Plan. The chart regarding the three plans compares benefits. As you can see the two alternatives provide the City with significant savings whether we went with the second option of the Group Health Trust or with the State Plan. City Administrator Grams said we had a meeting with our employees today and distributed information to them so they had a chance to compare the plans. A representative for the State Plan was present at the meeting and did a good job answering questions. He said he would be meeting with the employees again next week to go over the two plans and hopefully answer any final questions. On the State Plan, we need to get all the paperwork in by November 14<sup>th</sup> to qualify for the plan, which would start on January 1<sup>st</sup>. One of the negatives of the State Plan is that it's hard to get out of it once you're in it. The main negative of the State Plan is that it does not cover any out-of-network expenses, whereas our current plan does do that. Alderman Larson said if you want to get out of the State Plan, they wouldn't release analytical data for comparisons. It may look good now, but maybe not down the road.

## **BOARDS/COMMISSIONS**

### **A. Community Development Authority**

1. Revise RLF Loan To Modern Equipment – moved to the beginning of the meeting.

### **B. Plan Commission**

1. Ordinance 2009-14 (Membership On Design Review Board) **1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – City Planner Tetzlaff reviewed the proposed ordinance.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Ordinance 2009-12 (Establishment Of A Change Of Occupancy Permit) **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** – MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2009-12. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS** – Alderman Larson reported that Port Hoops sign-up for the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades is November 5 at T.J. and November 7 at the High School in the concession area.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES** – None

**ADJOURNMENT** – MOTION BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LARSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AT 8:21 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**