

**MINUTES  
CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
February 2, 2010**

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, Dave Larson, and Dan Becker. Also present: City Engineer Vanden Noven, City Planner Tetzlaff, City Administrator Mark Grams and City Attorney Eberhardt. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting – January 19, 2010
- B. Operator's License Applications – Lauren M. Henkle, Carolyn M. Kaske, Michael R. Richards, Alicia R. Staehler and Jennifer A. Sell
- C. Approve Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's Licenses – Port Catholic Home & School/446 N. Johnson St./February 12, March 12 and March 26, 2010; St. Peter of Alcantara Congregation/1800 N. Wisconsin Street/February 19, March 5, and March 19, 2010
- D. Approve Temporary Bartender's License Applications – David M. Murphy, William H. Adams, Richard P. Olson and Nicholas W. Lee

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

**MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

- A. Mayor Huebner read a proclamation honoring Catholic Schools Week, January 31 to February 6, 2010 and two students from Port Catholic accepted the proclamation.
- B. Comments About Salary Resolution – Mayor Huebner wanted to bring up the article in the paper regarding the 1% salary increase for City of Port Washington employees, which troubled him. He said the article was not favorable and unfair to the City of Port Washington and the City Council. He pointed out a few discrepancies. He said the City Council has worked really hard to keep our budgets under control. We reward our employees who work hard and we are one of the few taxing jurisdictions that lowered our taxes last year. The article pointed out that Grafton employees would pay an additional 1% for health insurance premiums. Actually Port Washington employees are paying 1.2% more. County elected officials agreed to make a charitable contribution for their amount of their salary increase and that the County Board froze its salaries. The Mayor said this board, as long as I've been here, has never even discussed a pay raise. The Press chose to print the salary of the Department Heads. He said he had no problem with that because it is public knowledge, but he failed to see why when we were balancing budgets and lowering taxes. Yet, places like MATC doesn't even have an elected public official representing the people and they raise taxes year after year and their salaries are out of control. We never see their salaries published or the school's salaries. Alderman Hudson said he wanted to amplify the Mayor's comments. He said since he got on the Council in 2001, we have never even discussed increasing the pay for Aldermen and Mayor and nobody has ever complained about it. Alderman Babcock said if the taxpayers were wise, they would take a look at MATC's budget and pay attention to what's going on there. Alderman Becker echoed the comments. He said the City has done a fantastic job balancing budgets and maintaining services. MATC is clear taxation without representation.

## **OFFICERS'/STAFF REPORT**

### **A. Update On Projects**

1. Marina Floating Pier Project – City Administrator Grams reported that the project is on schedule and should be completed early enough to get the Marina open before May 1<sup>st</sup>. Some of the old piers have been removed from the parking lot. Right now they are working on utilities. Alderman Vollmar said the Bait Box does not have access to the launch ramps and as a result of this, his business is basically shut down.
2. Port Harbor Investment Building On Franklin Street – City Administrator Grams said if you've noticed, work is close to being completed on the window area on the south section. He said he doesn't know how much more work they can do now on the building until the spring of the year when they have to replace panels. He said we are still going through the legal process working on the stipulations. The hearing is set for April 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES – None**

## **COMMITTEES**

### **A. Finance and License Committee**

1. Creation Of Downtown TIF District – Alderman Hudson said we have a draft plan of the proposed Downtown TIF District from the Plan Commission. He said our last TIF District was successful and was a good benefit for our taxpayers. Our new TIF District in the downtown area targets improvements to our businesses and would set things up to increase the values. It is a very fiscally conservative plan because of the economy. Projects would be paid for by the increased values generated by the TIF projects themselves and we'd only do them as we have money available to pay them off. Alderman Hudson said the Committee is recommending that we go forward with the creation of the TIF District and he so moved. The motion was seconded by Alderman Becker. City Planner Tetzlaff indicated that the boundaries of the TIF District were created by working with our consultants from Municipal Economics & Planning, a division of Ruckert-Mielke. Alderman Ehrlich said he has a couple of clients who were waiting to do something for the TIF District so it's a good idea to do it now. Alderman Becker said it's a great plan in trying to be pro-active and hopefully we'll see some positives happening. Vote on motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**
2. Update On 2009 General Fund Budget – City Administrator Grams reported that he was hoping to have more details for tonight, but can't give any definite numbers with everything coming in. We're looking at a positive impact with the 2009 budget, so we should still finish with a surplus.
3. Update On 2008 Capital Borrowed Funds – Alderman Hudson reported that the good news is that we've got revenues from the 2008 Bond Proceeds available, but with the arbitrage law we have to expend them by March 10<sup>th</sup>. City Administrator Grams said that we're working at having the Department Heads identify some of the capital items that were pushed off because of budget concerns so we can go ahead and pay for them. City Engineer Vanden Noven put together a list of the outstanding projects where we still have some liability to pay the contractors on. In the end, we're still going to have about \$200,000 left. He will put this together in a report for the next meeting.

### **C. Traffic Safety Committee**

1. Ordinance 2010-2 (Amend 8.04.000 Of Municipal Code, One-Way Streets) **1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – City Administrator Grams reported and he and Rob Vanden Noven appeared before the County’s Public Works Committee a few weeks ago to talk about the intersection of S. Wisconsin Street and Division Street, the design, signage ordinances and speed limits. At that meeting they recommended going ahead with a new sign ordinance to allow the city to put a sign up directing people to the downtown. Also, the speed limit would go down to 35 m.p.h. The meeting was pretty positive as far as what they would do for us.
2. Ordinance 2010-3 (Amend 8.05.040 Of The Municipal Code, Angle Parking Permitted) **1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – This ordinance was in conjunction with the one-way street.

## **BOARDS/COMMISSIONS**

### **A. Plan Commission**

1. Ordinance 2010-4 (Amend 20.234.030 Of Municipal Code Pertaining To Driveways) **1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – City Planner Tetzlaff reviewed his memo, which gives background information on why we need to revise the ordinance pertaining to driveway and parking provisions.
2. Ordinance 2010-5 (Rezone Land On S. Division St. To RM-1) **1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – City Planner Tetzlaff gave an overview of a proposed ordinance to rezone land on S. Division St. City Attorney Eberhardt pointed out that an overlay should be added to the ordinance.

### **B. Community Development Authority**

1. Revise RLF Loan Conditions For Water View Properties, LLC (201 N. Franklin Street) – City Planner Tetzlaff reviewed a memo from John Meland of SEWRPC and a letter from Mr. van den Broek for a modification request for his RLF Loan Agreement between the City of Port Washington and Water View Properties, LLC. **MOTION BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO APPROVE REVISING THE RLF LOAN FOR WATER VIEW PROPERTIES, LLC.** Alderman Vollmar said he wouldn’t vote for it because the Revolving Loan Fund has had a history of bad loans and we are at risk with this loan. Alderman Hudson said this loan would be a safe risk for the City. Alderman Vollmar said the issue with it is that he needs more information. A discussion followed. Vote on the motion – 6 ayes and 1 nay (Alderman Vollmar). **Motion carried.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance 2010-1 (Establishing A Fee For Service Of Warrants Or Commitment Orders) **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** – City Attorney Eberhardt indicated that in meeting with other attorneys, they wanted to make some modifications to the ordinance, so we should defer final action until we have it in final approval form. **MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO TABLE.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS** – Alderman Babcock commented that there was a story in the paper where a man's life was saved at Kapko in Grafton by the quick action of EMT's. It would be appropriate to commend all people who work as EMT's in our community. Alderman Vollmar said that \$1,400 was raised for the Food Pantry in Port Washington by an event where Jane Suddendorf's art students from the high school provided their pottery bowls to be sold for \$10 and Mary Ann Voigt of Dockside Deli donated soup and bread. Our thanks to Jane and Mary Ann for putting on this event. The "Kiss of Indulgence" event sponsored by Columbia St. Mary's and Port Washington Main Street will be held Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in downtown Port Washington. Registered women can pick up their bags and scarves at Lueptow's the night of the event. Bags and scarves will also be available to the first non-registered 150 women in line at Port Washington City Hall

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES** – None

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION** According To Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) (e) to discuss Employee Performance Evaluations and wage compensation and to deliberate on the purchase of public property, which requires a closed session for bargaining reasons. ROLL CALL: Ehrlich-aye, Neumyer-aye, Vollmar-aye, Babcock-aye, Hudson-aye, Larson-aye, and Becker-aye. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Reconvene Into Open Session** – The Council reconvened into open session at 9:02 p.m.

**Approve Amendment To 2010 Salary Resolution** – MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LARSON TO AMEND THE 2010 SALARY RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE SALARY OF ENGINEERING TECH, ROSS KROEGER, TO \$25.81/HR. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT** – MOTION BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LARSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AT 9:03 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**