

**MINUTES
CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 5, 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 Administrator Mark Grams, City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven, City Planner Randy Tetzlaff and City Attorney Eberhardt. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting – December 15, 2009
- B. Operator's License Applications – None

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

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

OFFICERS'/STAFF REPORT

- A. City Administrator Grams reported that the only people who filed papers for the 2nd, 4th, and 6th Aldermanic Districts were the incumbents. As it stands now, it doesn't look like the City of Port Washington will have a February Primary Election. The Spring General Election will be held on April 6th.
- B. Filling Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk Position – We started the process of advertising for the position. So far we received about 75 applications. The Personnel Committee will meet to go over the process to review the applications.
- C. Update On Projects
 - 1. Marina Floating Pier Project – City Engineer Vanden Noven reported that WE Energies is connecting new transformers and the electrical and pier contractors are working on the piers. All four piers are in except the fuel pier. The project is on schedule and there were no problems even with the cold weather. Alderman Vollmar asked when do they plan to remove the old piers that are piled up in the parking lot? City Administrator Grams said in talking with the Harbormaster, he said a number of people have come in who are interested in salvaging the wood. City Engineer Vanden Noven said it is the contractor's responsibility to dispose of the old piers. City Administrator Grams will check on their schedule to remove the debris.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES – None

COMMITTEES

A. Finance and License Committee

- 1. Approve Fire Services Agreement With Town Of Port Washington – Alderman Hudson reviewed the proposed figures in the calculation, which determine the amount of monies the township will pay to the City for providing fire services to them. MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO APPROVE THE 2010 FIRE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE TOWN OF PORT WASHINGTON. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2. Update On 2009 City Budget – City Administrator Grams said there is not too much to report. In talking with Dave Ewig about the amount of salt we used in the month of December, it looks like we are going to go over budget on our salt usage for the year by about \$9,000 to \$10,000. He did indicate that if the price of salt had stayed the same, we actually would have been right at the budget number. The 46% increase in the cost of salt took us over the budget amount for the year.

B. Traffic Safety Committee

1. Ordinance 2009-21 (Amend 8.04.000 Of Municipal Code, One-Way Streets) 2nd Reading – City Administrator Grams reviewed the ordinance. He said if you remember at the last Council Meeting, we talked about the intersection at Lakeshore Road (Hwy. C) and Wisconsin Street. We asked the County to give some consideration to re-doing that intersection so we have more of a right-hand turn lane to go onto Wisconsin Street making it easier to continue to the downtown area. Rob Vanden Noven has had some preliminary discussions with the County, but unfortunately it doesn't look like it would be favorable to what we want to see. City Administrator Grams said the Council may want to give some thought to use this as a bargaining chip with the County before we actually go ahead and approve this ordinance. We could talk to them a little more about them giving stronger consideration to the intersection at Wisconsin Street and Lakeshore Road. He said he wanted to throw that out and get the Council's thoughts on it. A discussion followed.

Alderman Babcock asked if they are objecting to spending the money or to try and make it more palatable to turn on Wisconsin Street? City Engineer Vanden Noven said it's really not a case of money because we're using the pavement that's out there. Instead, it's really just paint and signage, which the City can provide. There's a couple of things that would require ordinance changes if we want the speed limit lowered and they would have to change their County ordinances. The other thing is their Highway Commissioner Bob Dreblow has informed me that directional signage is prohibited even when the signage is intended to direct people to the downtown area or the Marina. The City Engineer said he's hopeful that we'll get a favorable hearing before the Highway Committee on January 20th. Alderman Vollmar asked if the County had a better plan for configuration of the intersection or do they just reject our plan? City Engineer Vanden Noven said the suggestion Bob Dreblow made is that the line markings be dashed rather than solid. Rob said he thinks both would be effective. Having the directional signage and slowing down the traffic is really critical. This would require two County ordinance changes to 1) reduce the speed limit and 2) to allow the City to erect directional signage for municipal use. Alderman Hudson questioned why the County wouldn't allow the signs noting that just south of the new intersection, Ozaukee County has signs directing motorists to the Lions Den Gorge. He feels this is inconsistent. Alderman Ehrlich as they probably don't want to set a precedent as far as doing this for other communities and/or private businesses. City Engineer Vanden Noven said hopefully we can be persuasive that there's a big difference between municipal signage that's for public use and signage that's for private use. Alderman Becker feels the City and County should be able to work together on this issue.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO TABLE THE 1ST READING OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE NEXT MEETING. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2. Ordinance 2009-22 (Amend 8.05.040 Of The Municipal Code, Angle Parking Permitted) **2nd Reading** – MOTION BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO TABLE THE 1ST READING OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE NEXT MEETING. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. Ordinance 2009-23 (Amend 8.05.010 E. Of The Municipal Code, 2-Hour Parking) **2nd Reading** – MOTION BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2009-23. **Motion carried unanimously.**

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

A. Police & Fire Commission

1. Ordinance 2009-24 (Amend 9.17.070 c. 1. A. i., ii Of The Municipal Code, False Alarms Responded To By The Police Department) **2nd Reading** – MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2009-24. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Plan Commission

1. Ordinance 2009-25 (Amend 20.24.030 Of The Municipal Code Pertaining to Driveways) **1st Reading** – MOTION BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO TABLE. **Motion carried unanimously.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS – Mayor Huebner said that the Main Street Program is in the middle of its budget drive so if you know anybody who is interested in pledging money, let them know. Also, the skating rink is up and running and used well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES – None

ADJOURNMENT – MOTION BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AT 7: 54 P.M.
Motion carried unanimously.