

MINUTES
CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 5, 2010, 7:30 P.M., City Hall

1. **ROLL CALL-** A duly convened meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Scott Huebner in Council Chambers. Council members present: Aldermen Mike Ehrlich, Paul Neumyer, Jim Vollmar, Tom Hudson and Dan Becker, Burt Babcock and Dave Larson. Also present: City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven and City Administrator Mark Grams.

2. **PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG-**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting

B. Approve Original Operator License Applications

Alderman Hudson reported that the Finance and License Committee did not recommend approval of a license for Kathleen Kropidowski due to the Police Department's background records check. Alderman Neumyer commented that with his experience in law enforcement he cannot support approval of individuals with a background history of not adhering to the laws as it relates to serving alcohol. Mayor Huebner expressed concern given the issues with damage to downtown as it is related to alcohol issues. Alderman Hudson reviewed the past considerations of individuals with background history and the time frames between the last offense and the current application requests. Alderman Vollmar commented that individuals cannot be discriminated against by employers due to former felonies. Attorney Eberhardt commented that conviction records should substantially and directly relate to the license being requested.

MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LARSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA INCLUDING JOSEPH WINKER AND EXCLUDING KATHLEEN KROPOLOWSKI. 6 AYES, 1 NAY (NEUMYER)
Motion carried.

4. **MAYOR'S BUSINESS-** None.

5. **OFFICERS'/STAFF REPORT**

A. Mid-Moraine Municipal Association Dinner Meeting- Mark Grams reported on the upcoming meeting being hosted by the City of Cedarburg. Those that wish to attend should register soon.

B. Update On Projects

1. S. Wisconsin / Chestnut / Division Streets Project- Rob Vanden Noven, City Engineer reported that the Chestnut and Division Street project deadline was last Friday. S. Wisconsin Street lighting is complete. Landscape restoration is being completed by We Energies and final paving deadline is October 15th.

2. S. Wisconsin Street (We Energies Project)- Rob Vanden Noven reported the Landscape restoration is being completed by We Energies and final paving deadline is October 15th.

3. Portview Drive-Rob Vanden Noven reported that this project is ahead of schedule. Curb will be going in next week.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES**

Your comments are welcome. Please limit your discussion to 3 minutes. If you need more time, please contact the City Administrator and request that your topic be placed on the City Council Agenda.- None.

7. **COMMITTEES**

A. **FINANCE AND LICENSE COMMITTEE**

1. Approve Submission Of Shared Ride Taxi Grant Applications (Operating Assistance And Capital Assistance)- Alderman Hudson reported that these are State and Federal grant applications for 6.5% aid and are due by October 15th. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO APPROVE THE GRANT APPLICATIIONS. Alderman Becker commented that he voted against the Shared Ride Taxi program at the last meeting,

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however, because these grants will provide tax relief to the residents he will vote in favor of these applications. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Shared Ride Taxi Rates For 2011- Alderman Hudson reported that the residents will pay a increase fee of .50 to keep the taxi service. Adult rate will change from \$2.75 to \$3.25, Children and Seniors from \$2.25 to \$2.75, out of City riders from .75 to \$1.00 and Children under 5 years of age are free. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK TO APPROVE THE SHARED RIDE TAXI RATES FOR 2011 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Alderman Ehrlich inquired whether the rate increase will affect the grant amount. Mark Grams responded that it will affect the grant amount, but it will also reduce the tax levy to the residents. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approve 2011 Assessor Contract With Mass Appraisals- Alderman Hudson reported the contract rate from Mass Appraisals remains the same as last year. Attorney Eberhardt reviewed the contract and has made minor language amendments that the appraisers have agreed to. The 2011 contract is for \$22,800. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK TO APPROVE THE 2011 CONTRACT WITH MASS APPRAISALS WITH THE ATTORNEY'S RECOMMENDED LANGUAGE AMENDMENTS. Alderman Becker inquired whether this was bid out. Mark Grams responded that their contract was the lowest bid last year and remains the same this year, therefore bidding out was not necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider Simplified Rate Case Application For Water Utility- Alderman Hudson reported that the City has held off on rate increases in the past and then when increases are made it is more drastic. The last rate increase was in 2008. After past experience it is being recommended that rate increases are made in smaller increments with less time gaps between. A 3% volume charge is being requested and amounts to a \$1.00 or \$2.00 increase per utility bills. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK TO APPROVE A 3% RATE INCREASE ON VOLUME CHARGE. Discussion was held and Dave Ewig, Water and Street Department Director was present to answer questions. Dave Ewig reported that the PSC regulates the minimal rate that can be charged, which is the 3% being requested. Capital projects have used current cash reserve and those depleted funds need to be rebuilt for future projects. Alderman Hudson commented that it is more cost efficient to raise rates in smaller increments and avoid a large borrowing where interest rates have to be paid over time which goes on the taxes. Concerns were raised by Mayor Huebner that the City does not want to lose industrial business customers that consume large amounts of water due to rate increases. ALDERMAN HUDSON WITHDRAWS MOTION, ALDERMAN BABCOCK WITHDRAWN SECOND. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRlich TO TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL MORE INFORAMTION IS AVAILABLE. Motion carried unanimously.

8. BOARDS/COMMISSION

A. BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

1. Approve Lake Street Reconstruction Engineering Proposal- Rob Vanden Noven reported that the grant was received from the Department of Commerce. Proposals were received and the proposal being recommended by the Board of Public Works is with Bonestroo. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN NEUMYER TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM BONESTROO. Attorney Eberhardt commented that the contract language has to be clarified prior to final contract signing. Motion made unanimously.

B. COMMISSION ON AGING

1. Consider Design For New Senior Center Facility At 403 Foster Street- Mark Grams reported on the design that was drafted by Mike Ehrlich from Haag Muller. Mike Ehrlich reviewed the draft plans with the Council members and answered questions. An elevator has been added as required by code. The dining room area has been expanded and movable partitions have been added to adjust room size as needed for programs or events. Budget construction cost base is \$246,255 and the Commission On Aging is requesting the City move ahead on the base bid. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HUDSON TO APPROVE THE BASE BID. 1 Abstention (Ehrlich) Motion carried.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Documents From We Energies To Dedicate Land For City

Road Right-Of-Way And Road Easements- Mark Grams reported that the documents for the road easements are not in acceptable form. Attorney Eberhardt is in discussion with the We Energies attorney to

modify the language. Mark Grams requested that the Council consider the Quit Claim Deed tonight. The roadways are completed and ready to be opened. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK TO APPROVE THE QUIT CLAIM DEED . Motion carried unanimously.

B. Ordinance 2010-18 (Annexation Of Property At 2795-2797 County Highway C) 1st Reading- Mark Grams reported that the property has been re-surveyed and is correct. The annexation request has been accepted by the Department of Commerce.

C. Proposal To Store Cruise Ships In Port Washington Over Winter Months- Mark Grams reported that two cruise ships are requesting winter harbor that does not freeze over. While the ships are here public cruises will be offered. The cruise ship company will pay for docking and the ice eaters during the winter months. Dennis Cherny, Harbormaster was present to answer questions about the request. The ships are roughly 100 feet long and 15 feet high. Attorney Eberhardt suggested a draft use agreement be done and a copy of their insurance policy be submitted for review. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LARSON TO APPROVE AND TO INCLUDE THE ATTORNEYS REVIEW FEE'S ARE TO BE PAID BY THE COMPANY. Motion carried unanimously.

11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS- Alderman Becker commented about the Ozaukee County budget and reports from the County Treasurer's Office. Alderman Larson commented that Port Hoops is starting soon at Thomas Jefferson Middle School. Alderman Ehrlich commented on the budget for the Senior Center project.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES- None.

13. ADJOURNMENT- MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:31 P.M. MADE BY ADERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER. Motion carried unanimously.