

MINUTES
CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, September 21, 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. Council members excused: Aldermen Babcock and Larson. Also present: City Planner Randy Tetzlaff, 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

Mayor Huebner suggested the Operator License Application for Joseph Winker be considered separately due to background records check submitted by the Police Department.

MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA EXCLUDING JOSEPH WINKER. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Hudson reported on the procedure for consideration of licenses from the Finance and License Committee. All violations are reviewed and the dates between violations. Applicants may need to wait a year and re-apply with no additional activity to their record. Details of the background check for Winker can be included next month for the Alderman to review.

MOTION TO TABLE CONSIDERATION OF AN OPERATOR LICENSE FOR JOSEPH WINKER MADE BY ALDERMAN NEUMYER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR. Motion carried unanimously.

4. MAYOR'S BUSINESS

A. Proclamation Honoring Vern and Jim Bieber, And Proclaiming September 23, 2010 Vern and Jim Bieber Day In Port Washington- Mayor Huebner reported that the Port Washington-Saukville Arts Council is holding a show honoring Vern and Jim Bieber and their Packer photography at the High School Auditorium on Thursday, September 23rd. A Proclamation was read by Mayor Huebner honoring the Bievers and declaring September 23, 2010 Vern and Jim Bieber Day in the City of Port Washington.

5. OFFICERS'/STAFF REPORT

- A.** Recap Of Fall Primary Election- Mark Grams reported that 2,343 residents voted in the Primary Election which is a 29% turn out. November 2nd will be the Fall General Election, which is the first Tuesday in November.
- B.** Update On Projects
 1. S. Wisconsin / Chestnut / Division Streets Project- Rob Vanden Noven reported that S. Wisconsin Street was completed on September 9th. Chestnut and Division Streets have an October 1st deadline.
 2. Highway 33 Project- Rob Vanden Noven had nothing to report.
 3. S. Wisconsin Street (We Energies Project)- Rob Vanden Noven reported that the light poles are going in and the right-of-way plats are being completed.
 4. Portview Drive- Rob Vanden Noven reported that the work on this street should be done by the end of October.

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.

- *Catherine Kiener, Senior Center Director addressed the Council about the need to continue the Shared Ride Taxi service for seniors in our community.
- *Deb Henderson-962 Sunset Road, Maple Crest Apartments- People live too far out of downtown and need the taxi service to get them to the Senior Center and appointments.
- *Jim Batzko- Harbor Village- A disabled vet and depends on the taxi service to help him remain independent.
- *Billy Newcomb- 962 Sunset Road, Maple Crest Apartments-With no family in town depends on the taxi to get to Dr. appointments, the pharmacy and grocery store.
- *Lois Ewig- Maple Crest Apartments- Need the taxi to get to and from work and church.
- *Harold Johnson- 902 Benjamin Street- The County taxi service is too long of a wait. Reservations have to be made in advance and there is still a wait. With the City taxi service, there is not as long a wait.
- *Brian Maher- Port Taxi Employee- Both services are good. Without the City taxi people will have to call 24 hours in advance with the County service and tourists will be affected by the loss of local service.
- *Dave Korthals- 117 E. Van Buren Street- Thanked Mr. Grams for returning his phone call about the taxi service issue. Port is one of the only cities that provides taxi service and it is a good thing that we have it.
- *Dick Demario- Port Taxi Employee- About 100 times per week riders tell him that they need a taxi service for medical reasons and to help them remain independent.
- *Janet Glenn- 108 Granite- Ellyn's Home- The Port Taxi drivers are wonderful and helpful, and will stop to pick up or drop off little things that need to be done.

7. COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE AND LICENSE COMMITTEE

1. Continuation Of Shared ride Taxi Program- Discussion was held on whether to continue the Port Taxi Service in 2011. Discussion was also held on whether Ozaukee County Shared Ride Taxi provides comparable services. Alderman Hudson reported that the City will need additional money for services to continue. The State controls the municipal levy amounts and the City must stay within that amount. Mark Grams reported that the current contract the City has with Specialized Transport Services (STS) would require a 90 day notice to discontinue. If the City does continue taxi service the grant application is due to the State Department of Transportation by October 15th. The budget cost for the taxi service in 2010 was \$270,000 and in 2011 the projected cost is \$270,000. The City pays the balance not covered by the grant. We also need to replace a taxi which will cost between \$45,000 and \$50,000. The City's cost will be between \$10,000 and \$13,000. Mayor Huebner reported on the history of taxi service in Port Washington. The Senior Center had a van in 1994 and when it was time to be replaced there were State and Federal funds to start a City taxi service. At that time Ozaukee County had no taxi service. After 15 years the funds aren't as available and costs continue to go up. Port is the only municipality in Ozaukee County that offers a taxi service. In attendance from the Ozaukee County and the Shared Ride Taxi Service was Jason Wittig, Transit Superintendent for Taxi and Bus services. Bob Dreblow, Ozaukee County Department of Public Works Director and Suzanne Plant, Employee of STS, which is the vendor that also provides the taxi service for the County. The Aldermen inquired about the differences between the City and County taxi service programs, availability to City residents and how the County would be able to absorb and service the extra riders should the City discontinue taxi service. The County representatives responded that the County program is on a different tier than the City's. The extra riders would be planned for in their next contract with STS.

MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR TO DISCONTINUE THE CITY TAXI SERVICE. Discussion was held, Alderman Erlich inquired whether extra funds can be allotted for other uses, like the purchase of a van. Mayor Huebner commented that Attorney Eberhardt would have to review that and it is not on the agenda for discussion tonight. ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN, 2 AYE- BECKER AND VOLLMAR, 3 NAY- HUDSON, EHRlich AND NEUMYER. MOTION FAILS AND SERVICE CONTINUES FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

8. BOARDS/COMMISSION

A. PLAN COMMISSION

1. Resolution 2010-20 (Consideration Of, And Action On Resolution Rejecting Pending Petition For Direct Annexation Of Land- Albert Weifert Property, CTH C)- Mark Grams reported that the rejection of the first petition is necessary due to a survey error. The second resolution is to accept the corrected petition. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2010-20. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Resolution 2010-21 (Consideration Of, And Action On Resolution Accepting New Petition For Direct Annexation Of Land- Albert Weifert, Property CTH C)- MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2010-21. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS-** None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Closing Of Street For Port Washington High School Homecoming Tailgate Party-

Mark Grams reported on the letter received from Duane Woelfl, Port Washington High School Principal requesting a portion of Jackson and Holden Streets be closed between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 1st for a Homecoming celebration. Mayor Huebner commented that the High School has developed a nice celebration for the students and families to participate in. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO APPROVE THE CLOSING OF STREETS FOR THE HOMECOMING TAILGATE PARTY ON OCTOBER 1ST. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Consider Salary Adjustment For Administrative Assistant-

Mark Grams reported that the new employee probationary period ended on September 1st for Susan Westerbeke, Administrative Assistant and Deputy Clerk. After a positive performance review, it is being recommended that a 2% increase in salary is approved. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO APPROVE THE 2% SALARY INCREASE. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **FORTHCOMING EVENTS-** Mayor Huebner reported that the Port Washington-Saukville Arts Council is holding a show honoring Vern and Jim Biever and the history of their Packer photography at the High School Auditorium on Thursday, September 23rd .
12. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES-** None.
13. **ADJOURNMENT-** MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN NEUMYER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:36 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.