

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, September 7, 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, Burt Babcock, Tom Hudson, Dave Larson, and Dan Becker. Also present: City Planner Randy Tetzlaff, City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven, City Administrator Mark Grams and City Attorney Eric Eberhardt.

**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
- C. Approve Cabaret License

MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, WITH AMENDMENT TO MINUTES FROM AUGUST 17, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

A. Police Department Accreditation- Police Chief Richard Thomas was present along with the Chief of the West Allis Police Department to present the Accreditation. Chief Thomas thanked the individuals working for the police department who assisted in preparing and accomplishing the requirements to meet the Accreditation requirements.

B. Update On NOAA- Mayor Huebner reported on the NOAA selection for a research facility in Wisconsin. NOAA is still going through the budget process, so determination on the site selection is in the distant future.

**5. OFFICERS'/STAFF REPORT**

**A. Update On Projects**

- 1. S. Wisconsin / Chestnut / Division Streets Project- Rob Vanden Noven reported on the progress of the project which was to be completed by Labor Day. The project will not be completed until this week and the penalty provision has begun with the contractor.
- 2. Highway 33 Project

A. Consider Underground Construction Of Utilities- Rob Vanden Noven reported on the estimated cost of burying the utilities of We Energies, ATT and Time Warner along Hwy 33. The estimated cost is \$551,000 and the Council discussed whether to bury utilities or keep them above ground. Aldermen Babcock and Vollmar felt burying the utilities would improve the aesthetics on Hwy 33 coming into the City. Aldermen Hudson and Ehrlich expressed concern on the expense with other City streets needing improvements. Mark Grams commented that the Village of Saukville will be burying the utilities in their jurisdiction along Hwy 33, however, utilities will be above ground between Jackson Road and Green Bay Road in the Town of Port Washington. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR TO BURY UTILITIES UNDERGROUND ALONG HIGHWAY 33. VOICE VOTE TAKEN: 4 AYE'S- ALDERMAN BABCOCK, ALDERMAN VOLLMAR, ALDERMAN NEUMYER AND ALDERMAN LARSON. 3 NAY'S- ALDERMAN EHRLICH, ALDERMAN BECKER AND ALDERMAN HUDSON. Motion carried.

- 3. S. Wisconsin Street (We Energies Project)- Rob Vanden Noven updated the Council on the project.

- B. Fall Primary Election- Mark Grams informed the Council that the Partisan Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**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.*

Fire Chief Mark Mitchell was present and spoke about the public hearing that will be held on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> regarding the City proposed paramedic service.

**7. COMMITTEES**

**A. FINANCE AND LICENSE COMMITTEE**

1. Approve Charge Off Of Uncollectible Accounts- MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK TO APPROVE THE CHARGE OFF OF UNCOLLECTABLE ACCOUNTS. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Update On Preparation Of 2011 City Budget

A. Shared Ride Taxi Program- Alderman Hudson reported that 2010 may be the last year for the program. The City will look into joining the County's taxi program. The Council would like to invite County representatives to the next meeting to discuss the program.

3. Consider Request From Marina To Purchase Vehicle- Harbor Master Dennis Cherny was present and request the purchase of a truck for the Marina. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LARSON TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR THE MARINA FROM EVS IN 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. BOARDS/COMMISSION**

**A. BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

1. Approve Purchase Of Blower Equipment For Wastewater Treatment

Plant- Wastewater Utility Superintendant Dan Buehler was present along with representatives from the company supplying the blower equipment. Discussion was held on costs of shipping which is estimated at \$500. Eberhardt has reviewed and finalized the warranty agreement with the company and it is in order. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE BLOWER EQUIPMENT. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve Purchase Of Dissolved Oxygen Analyzers For Wastewater

Treatment Plant- MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN NEUMYER TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE DISSOLVED OXYGEN ANALYZER. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None.**

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Public Hearing On Special Assessment For Public Improvements On S.**

**Division Street-** Rob Vanden Noven reported on proposed special assessments. No public was present to speak. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LARSON TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Public Hearing On Special Assessments For Public improvements On Portview Drive-** Rob Vanden Noven reported on special assessments for improvements on Portview Drive. No public was present to speak. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Approve Hiring Person for Senior Center Maintenance Position-** Mark Grams reported that the previous individual approved for hire was not able to pass the physical. Another individual that was interviewed is being recommended by Administrator Grams and Senior Center Director Catherine Keiner for approval. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF STEVEN BROYLES FOR THE SENIOR CENTER MAINTENANCE POSITION COTINGENT UPON PASSAGE OF BACKGROUND CHECK AND PHYSICAL. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Approve License Agreement With We Energies For Access To Interurban Trail-** Mark Grams reported that the license agreement is to connect the pathway of the park to the Interurban Trail. This agreement is required by We Energies for access across their property. Attorney Eberhardt has reviewed the agreement and provided the Council with recommended changes. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO APPROVE THE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH WE ENERGIES FOR ACCESS TO THE INTERURBAN TRAIL. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Approve Agreement For Trail Easement And Park Dedication With Fiduciary Real Estate Development.-** Mark Grams reported that the attached trail easement agreement between the City and Fiduciary will cover the trail that is located within the New Port Vista development which will provide access to the trail. Attorney Eberhardt reviewed the easement agreement and it is acceptable. MOTION BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN NEUMYER TO APPROVE THE TRAIL EASEMENT AGREEMENT AND PARK DEDICATION FOR THE PROPOSED THE PARK AT NEW PORT VISTA SUBDIVISION. Motion carried unanimously.
- F. Public Hearing On Proposed Application For Community Development Block Grant Funds-** Mark Grams reported that this public hearing is a requirement to accept the block grant funds for the emergency assistance project in regards to Lake Street for control of flooding issues in that area. This is based on the 2010 Smart Growth Plan that the City had hearings on and approved approximately two years ago. The Mayor opened the public hearing, and no public was present for comments. MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING. Motion carried unanimously.
11. **FORTHCOMING EVENTS-** None.
12. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES-** None.
13. **ADJOURNMENT-** MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LARSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:55 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.