

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, August 24, 2011, 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, Dan Becker, Dave Larson, Jim Vollmar, and Burt Babcock. Absent and Excused: Paul Neumyer and Absent: Joe Dean. Also present: City Engineer Robert Vanden Noven, City Planner Randy Tetzlaff, City Attorney Eric Eberhardt 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

MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED, ORIGINAL OPERATOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR RYAN GLANDER, MICHAEL EVENSON, SUSAN BLOEDOW, MARANDA CARDARELLE, NICKI MCGEACHY AND ANDREA POULL. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

A. Proclamation Honoring Sue Didier- Mayor Huebner read the Proclamation. Mayor Huebner also commented that preparation and attendance at the meetings is important to the City and its residents.

**5. OFFICERS'/STAFF REPORT**

A. Update On Highway 33 Project- Rob Vanden Noven reported curb and gutter work will start tomorrow between Northwoods Rd. and Sweetwater Blvd. On east bound lanes all underground work will be complete by middle of September. Hwy LL intersection will be open this year with a temporary four way stop.

B. Start Of North Lake Street Project- Rob Vanden Noven reported on the pre-construction conference. Project will begin on September 6 with pulverizing the road and parking lot. September 7 the storm sewer work will begin and continue through September. The base course and curb and gutter will be done in October and the beginning of November the final paving should be completed. Utilities will be placed underground in September and streetlights will also be installed at that time.

**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.*

\*Nancy Haacke, 1509 Parkview Lane - Made comments regarding the retention of the Old Fire Engine House and asked the Council not to list it with a realtor. She asked the Council to research other City owned properties to sell instead. The Historical Society needs a permanent home and a place for a museum.

**7. COMMITTEES**

**A. FINANCE AND LICENSE COMMITTEE**

1. Resolution 2011-11 (Preliminary Resolution Authorizing Special Assessments To Be levied Against Benefited Properties For 2011 – 2012 Street Improvements On Highway 33, West Grand Avenue and County Highway LL)-Alderman Larson reported on the resolution. This is for the new sidewalks and street improvements to West Grand Avenue and STH 33 within City limits. There is a correction to the attachment; Harbor Hills for \$3,740 needs to be removed.

MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2011-11 WITH THE REMOVAL OF HARBOR HILLS FOR \$3,740. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve Refunded/Rescinded Tax Claims- Alderman Larson reported on the claims being presented. A property owner was given a complete assessment rather than a partial assessment and missed the deadline to appeal. The assessor communicated with the property owner about the appeal deadline. Discussion was held on the assessment and appeal process.

MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR TO APPROVE TO RECSIND TAXES FOR WE ENERGIES AND PINNACLE FITNESS LLC, TABLE REQUEST FOR SANDSTONE HOMES CORP. AND DENY NEJAD ORIENTAL RUG. AYE'S: 4, NAY: 1 (BABCOCK). Motion carried.

3. Approve Amended Tower Lease Rates With U S Cellular- Alderman Larson reported that U S. Cellular wants to add three additional antennas to the current tower for an additional \$150 of rent per month.

MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK TO APPROVE THE LEASE RATE WITH U.S. CELLULAR AS PRESENTED. AYE'S: 4, NAY:1 (VOLLMAR). Motion carried.

## **8. COMMISSIONS / BOARDS**

### **A. PLAN COMMISSION**

1. Ordinance 2011-6 (Rezoning Of Properties At 523, 531, 533, 537, And 547-549 West Grand Avenue From B-3 To CCM) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading- Randy Tetzlaff reported. This will make three of the properties conforming and allow the fourth property options.

MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2011-6 AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Approve Preservation Covenant For The Former Senior Center Building- Attorney Eberhardt reported on the easement. The Council was given a supplemental report prior to the meeting. Repairs can be done to existing building. Alterations to aspects of the exterior and some of the interior of the building may need to be reviewed by the State Historical Society and City Design and Review Board. This document needs to be sent to the State Historical Society for review.

MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO APPROVE THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT AS PRESENTED AND TO INCLUDE THE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Contract With Real Estate Firm To Sell Old Fire Station- Randy Tetzlaff reported on the two previously interested parties, one of which is no longer interested. Two real estate firms were contacted, Didier Remax in Port Washington and Grubb & Ellis from Milwaukee. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LARSON TO APPROVE THE CITY STAFF CONTACT BROKERS FOR LISTING PROPOSALS AND CONTACT THE INTERESTED PARTY TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE OFFER TO PURCHASE. AYE'S: 3, NAY: 2 (BABCOCK AND VOLLMAR) Motion carried.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Approve Hiring Kathy LeMahieu For City Street Yard Attendant Position- Administrator Grams reported on this position and the applicant being considered. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO APPROVE HIRING KATHY LEMAHIEU. Motion carried unanimously.
11. **FORTHCOMING EVENTS-** Alderman Vollmar reported on a Venetian Parade in the harbor for Labor Day. Mayor Huebner reported that the Maritime Heritage Festival went very well.
12. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES-** None.
13. **MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION ACCORDING TO WISCONSIN STATE STATUTE 19.85 (1)(e) TO DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE AND/OR SALE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY FOR COMPETITIVE OR BARGAINING REASONS.** MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE REASONS STATED ABOVE AT 8:45 P.M. ROLL CALL VOTE: BECKER-AYE, LARSON-AYE, BABCOCK-AYE, VOLLMAR-AYE, EHRLICH-AYE. Motion carried unanimously.
14. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION-** Reconvened into open session at 9:05 p.m.
15. **POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY ITEM THAT WAS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION-** MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LARSON TO NEGOTIATE AN OPTION WITH BRINSHORE DEVELOPMENT FOR LAND ON S. SPRING STREET FOR \$290,000. Motion carried unanimously.
16. **ADJOURNMENT-** MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BECKER SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LARSON TO ADJORN THE MEETING AT 9:08 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.