

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, November 1, 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 Dan Becker, Dave Larson, Joe Dean, Paul Neumyer and Jim Vollmar. Absent and Excused: Aldermen Mike Ehrlich and Burt Babcock. 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-** Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting

B. Approve Original Operator License Applications

MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED, ORIGINAL OPERATOR LICENSES TO JACQUELINE WALTERS, KATHLEEN WALTERS, ASHLEY HOGAN, BETHANNE SCHEEL AND MATTHEW REYNEN. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**5. OFFICERS'/STAFF REPORT**

A. Update On Highway 33 Project- Rob Vanden Noven reported that the sidewalks are being put in over the next two weeks. All traffic will be on the east bound lanes by Thanksgiving. Hwy 33 on County LL south will be open. They are trying to get Hwy 33 on County LL north open before winter.

B. Update On North Lake Street Project- Rob Vanden Noven reported that over the next few weeks the paving and binder will be completed. We Energies will be putting up the street lights and the final pavement will be done by November 18<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.* – Alderman Dean commented that he'd read the editorials in the Ozaukee Press and on Patch regarding issues and the City Attorney. Any questions, comments or concerns about issues need to be directed at the City staff or Council who make the decisions. The City Attorney does not seek out violators; he takes direction from the staff and Council.

**7. COMMITTEES**

**A. FINANCE AND LICENSE COMMITTEE**

1. Review Proposed 2012 City Budgets- Alderman Larson thanked Administrator Grams and the City Department Heads for all of their hard work to put together excellent budgets. There will be a slight tax decrease for the property owners. To help reduce the budget recycling will be placed on the property tax bills as a special charge and no longer be on the property tax levy. The City taxi service will be discontinued, but taxi service will continue to be provided by Ozaukee County. By allowance of State law, employees will be paying 12% of their healthcare and 5.8% of their pensions. Costs that will increase are for the multiple elections in 2012 and capital outlay for the new ambulance. The tax levy will be going down by 3.3%. Fee's that may have to increase to increase

revenues would be in building permits, Park and Recreation, and the Senior Center to offset the new building costs. Those increases will be discussed further at the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Alderman Becker commended Mark Grams and the Department Heads for the budgets submitted. Mayor Huebner would like to review the current fee schedules and before increasing any make sure it is necessary.

2. Ordinance 2011-11 (Authorizing Special Charges For Current City Services) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading- Alderman Larson reported this ordinance includes specific charges that would be assessed to residents that have failed to pay when invoiced. Attorney Eberhardt recommends the language "shut off" be removed and insert "meter reinstallation" . MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2011-11 WITH AMENDMENTS AS PRESENTED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Resolution 2011-15 (Establish Fees For Special Charges For Current City Services)- Administrator Grams reported on the various charges that are included. City Attorney recommend that 1<sup>st</sup> false alarm with no cost, second and subsequent may be charged back. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LARSON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2011-15 WITH CHANGES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **B. TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

1. Ordinance 2011-9 (Eliminate 2 Hour Parking On Western Ave.) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading- Administrator Grams reported that this recommendation comes from the Traffic Safety Committee and Modern Equipment for this change. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN NEUMYER TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2011-9 AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Ordinance 2011-10 (Approve On Street Handicapped Parking Stalls At New Senior Center Building, 403 Foster Street) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading- Administrator Grams reported that this is a recommendation from the Traffic Safety Committee for Handicapped Parking Stalls and a loading and unloading area at the Senior Center on Foster Street. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN NEUMYER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2011-10 AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Ordinance 2011-12 (Adding No Parking On W. Monroe Street) 1<sup>st</sup> Reading- Administrator Grams reported the Traffic Safety Committee is recommending this change due to vision issues on the corner of Monroe and Benjamin Streets.

#### **8. BOARDS/COMMISSIONS**

##### **A. Plan Commission**

1. Development Of Regulations Regarding Beekeeping- Administrator Grams reported on the Plan Commission meeting where this topic was discussed. It was the Commission's request that regulation language should be drafted. Alderman Dean

gave a detailed report on bee keeping by the USDA agencies. Comments were made by the Aldermen regarding the various concerns and possible language that could be drafted. Mayor Huebner commented that the St. Mary's school has not seen nor had issues with any bees to this point. Some schools are bringing bees into the classroom for educational purposes. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN NEUMYER TO RECOMMEND THAT REGULATIONS BE DRAFTED ON URBAN BEEKEEPING TO INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION FROM THE MAYO CLINIC. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Approve North Access Lease Agreement With We Energies- Administrator Grams reported that this is the final draft of the agreement. The City asked We Energies to do an engineering study on this small bridge. The report has been included in the lease language. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN NEUMYER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Policy Regarding Concealed Carry Of Weapons Law- Administrator Grams reported that the weapons law went into effect today. Currently the code prohibits this and needs to be amended to comply with State law. Department of Justice has detailed information on their website. The Council had a detailed conversation regarding carrying concealed weapons into our municipal buildings and safety of residents while in the buildings. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT HEADS ELECT WHETHER OR NOT TO ALLOW CONCEALED WEAPONS INTO THEIR VARIOUS BUILDINGS. FURTHER DISCUSSION WAS HELD AND AMENDMENTS MADE TO THE ORIGINAL MOTION FOLLOWED. MOTION AMENDED TO READ, THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND CITY ATTORNEY ARE DIRECTED TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING CONCEALED WEAPONS IN ALL CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS. 4- AYES, 1- NAY (DEAN). Motion carried.

**11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS-** Alderman Dean commented that the Honor Flight will be running this weekend. Mayor Huebner commented that the Main Street program is selling calendars with community pictures on them for \$10. Organizations that would like to sell them as a fund raiser should contact Main Street; the organization will be able to keep a \$2.00 profit from each calendar sold.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES-** \*Beth Metz, 136 E. Van Buren Street- Thanked the Aldermen that came to their property to view the bee hive and obtain further information on urban beekeeping. She invites others to stop by and observe the hive also. Much larger communities than Port Washington allow urban beekeeping.

**13. ADJOURNMENT-** MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:05 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.