

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, October 18, 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, Burt Babcock, Joe Dean, Paul Neumyer and Jim Vollmar. 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 BABCOCK, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN NEUMYER TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED, ORIGINAL OPERATOR LICENSES TO CHARLES RESPONDI, GRETCHEN KERVIN AND HERBERT FISCHER. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

A. Highlights Of Ozaukee County Water Summit- Mayor Huebner reported on a meeting that was facilitated by Ozaukee County. Specialists were brought in to present the opportunities for future development and the availability of water from Port Washington to surrounding municipalities. Administrator Grams commented that the Village of Mequon, Cedarburg and Grafton were present at the meeting.

**5. OFFICERS'/STAFF REPORT**

A. Update On Highway 33 Project- Rob Vanden Noven reported that stage 2 eastbound lanes will be complete from Portview Dr. to Freeman Drive and Northwoods Road to the Milwaukee River overflow area by next week. Mid-November all traffic will be traveling on east bound lanes. Completion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to the east should be in mid-November also. Stage 3 westbound lanes may be paved if weather permits through November.

B. Update On North Lake Street Project- Rob Vanden Noven reported that the road base is being put in this week. They lost a few days due to poor weather, but the curbing should be completed by next week. The goal is to lay pavement by the first week of November, weather permitting.

**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.-*

\*Bethel Metz, 136 E. Van Buren Street- Addressed the Council regarding urban beekeeping and the bee hive they currently have at their home. They have requested a forum to be heard regarding their hive and its conformance with City ordinances. They were informed by the Mayor that this item has been placed on the upcoming Plan Commission agenda for discussion.

\*Tom Hudson, 822 W. Grand Avenue- Addressed the Council about the current ordinance not allowing beekeeping and supports the Plan Commission reviewing the ordinance to make an allowance for this activity with restrictions. There are other communities with ordinances that can be reviewed for information such as the City of Milwaukee.

\*Mary Boyle, 418 Hillcrest Court- Commented to the Council that she is supporting the Metz family and the ordinance change to allow beekeeping in the City.

## 7. COMMITTEES

### A. FINANCE AND LICENSE COMMITTEE

1. Approve BID Assessment Tax Rate- Alderman Larson reported on the BID's ability to finance the MainStreet program. A request is for approval of the same tax rate as last year. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Approve Placing Recycling Costs As A Special Charge On The Property Tax Bill- Alderman Larson reported on the removal of recycling costs from the budget and tax roll and placing it as a special charge on the property tax bills for the residents using the service. The amount will be \$44.00. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN DEAN TO APPROVE THE RECYCLING SPECIAL CHARGE AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Ordinance 2011-11 (Authorizing Special Charges For Current City Services) 1<sup>st</sup> Reading- Alderman Larson reported on the use of special charges for recovery of uncollectable City services. Attorney Eberhardt reported on the draft ordinance.
4. Resolution 2011-14 (Approval Of Special Funds)-Alderman Larson reported that this resolution has been drafted on the request of the accountants. This resolution will officially designate the individual funds within the City accounting system. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2011-14 AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

### B. TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. Ordinance 2011-9 (Eliminate 2 Hour Parking On Western Ave.) 1<sup>st</sup> Reading- Administrator Grams reported on the recommendation from the Traffic & Safety Committee for the elimination of the 2 hour parking, which is no longer needed on Western Ave. Attorney Eberhardt requests the ordinance language be changed to state repeals rather than eliminates.
2. Ordinance 2011-10 (Approve On Street Handicapped Parking Stalls At New Senior Center Building, 403 Foster Street) 1<sup>st</sup> Reading- Administrator Grams reported on the recommendation from the Traffic & Safety Committee along with Commission on Aging. The request is being made for handicapped parking and a loading zone to be created.

**8. BOARDS/COMMISSIONS-** None.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-** None.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Approve Submission Of Wisconsin Coastal Management Grant Application- Administrator Grams reported the grant application is due in early November. The request is to use the grant money for the construction of a boardwalk on the east side of the coal dock. The estimated project is approximately \$100,000 and it would be funded 40% by Wisconsin Coastal Management and 60% by the City through services by City crews to bring costs down. This year less grant money is available from the State. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO APPROVE THE GRANT SUBMISSION. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Consider Using Commercial Lab For Lab Work At WWTP-Dan Buehler, Superintendent of the Wastewater Treatment Plant gave a report. The employee that handles this lab work will be retiring at the end of the year. 60% of his duties could be sent out to a commercial lab and the remaining 40% could be done in house by current employees. Lowest bidder for the lab work was Cardinal Environmental at \$23,036 per year. The savings to the City is at approximately \$35,000 per year. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR TO APPROVE CARDINAL ENVIRONMENTAL TO PROVIDE LAB WORK FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS-** Alderman Ehrlich reminded the Council that the Senior Center is having an open house on Thursday. Mayor Huebner Molded Dimensions is having an open house is Saturday from 9-12 to tour the facility and see the products that they make. Attorney Eberhardt commented that he distributed a memo on beekeeping to the Council. There is a Plan Commission meeting on Thursday and if beekeeping is discussed the owners need to understand that in the current code it is not allowed. Also an amendment can be requested by the owner to change the City code and change this to a conditional or permitted use. There is a written procedure for this request and the various steps of this process will need to be followed by the owner. Alderman Vollmar announced that the Historical Society is having an event on November 5<sup>th</sup> at The Patio; the public is welcome to attend.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES-** None.

**13. ADJOURNMENT-** MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:25 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.