

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, November 7, 2012, 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 Tom Mlada in Council Chambers. Council members present: Aldermen Dan Becker, Dave Larson, Joe Dean, Doug Biggs, Jim Vollmar, Paul Neumyer and Mike Ehrlich. Also present: City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven, 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 BIGGS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LARSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED AND ORIGINAL OPERATOR LICENSE FOR MATTHEW KAISER. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

A. Business Roundtable Update- Mayor Mlada let everyone know that the next event is Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at Country Inn and Suites at 7:30 a.m.

Thank you to Poll Workers for all their efforts during the elections, its appreciated.

Also a thank you to all Department Heads, Finance and License Committee and Administrator Grams for all their time and hard work in preparing the City Budget for 2013.

**5. OFFICERS'/STAFF REPORT**

A. Update On Projects

1. Coal Dock Project- Rob Vanden Noven reported that the work on water main and sanitary and storm sewers are done. Promenade should be done in another week. The bridge should be delivered and set next month.

Mark Grams reported on election, we had between 82% and 89% voters turn out depending whether you add in election day registrations which were almost 600.

**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.*

\*Joe Malanzie, 525 W. Barnich Road addressed the Council with concerns about raising the Senior Center membership dues in 2013. The Commission on Aging met and discussed the membership dues. The elected board should be responsible for increase of membership dues.

\*Suzanne Bruner, 516 N. Powers Street, member of Commission on Aging for over 20 years. Concerns expressed about the increase of membership dues.

\*Liz Bannon, addressed the Council about their business building at 219 N. Franklin Street. Plans for renovation were distributed to the Council members. There is a new bar owner that will be the new tenant.

**7. COMMITTEES**

**A. Finance and License Committee**

**1. Review Proposed 2013 City Budgets-** City Administrator Grams reviewed the 2013 City Budget with the Council.

**2. Approve Policy Regarding Garbage And Recycling Collection For Condo Owners That Utilize The Cart System-** MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BIGGS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN DEAN TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED POLICY AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Consider Increase To The Hotel/Motel Tax From 7% To 8%-** Alderman Larson reported on the current and proposed tax rate. Kathy Tank, Executive Director of Tourism addressed questions regarding the increase of Hotel/Motel Tax. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO HAVE ORDINANCE DRAFTED TO RAISE RATE FROM 7% TO 8%. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Approve BID Assessment Tax Rate-** Sara Grover, Director of Port Washington Main Street reported to the Council on the budget and BID assessment tax rate. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO APPROVE THE BID ASSESSMENT TAX RATE 1.83 PER \$1,000. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS-** None.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-** None.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Approve Submission Of Coastal Management Grant Applications**

**1. Bluff Study-** Rob Vanden Noven reported on the grant applications that are due by November 5<sup>th</sup>. The bluff stabilization proposal submitted was for a bluff study and borings. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO APPROVE . Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Interpretive Signage At Coal Dock Park-** Rob Vanden Noven reported on the improvement of signage at the Coal Dock. This could pay 50% of the cost of interpretive signage. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO APPROVE THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR SIGNAGE AT THE COAL DOCK AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS-** Alderman Dean reminded everyone of the roll out of the Honor Flight movie December 5, 6, 7 at Marcus Theaters. Alderman Becker reminded everyone of the commemorative event coming up regarding the draft riots in Port held at the Ozaukee County Courthouse. Alderman Vollmar reported on a comedy night run by Main Street at County Inn and Suites this coming Friday.

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

13. **Motion To Go Into Closed Session According To Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) (e) To Consider Candidates For The Finance Director/City Treasurer Position And To Deliberate Regarding The Acquisition / Purchase Of Public Properties That Require A Closed Session For Competitive Or Bargaining Reasons-** MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN NEUMYER TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE REASONS STATED. ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN. AYE: EHRLICH, NEUMYER, VOLLMAR, BIGGS, DEAN, LARSON AND BECKER. Motion carried unanimously.
  
14. **Reconvene Into Open Session-** MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN DEAN, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LARSON TO RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AT 10:00 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.
  
15. **Possible Action Regarding Any Item Discussed In Closed Session-** MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN DEAN TO HIRE DOUG MILLER AS FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY TREASURER. Motion carried unanimously.
  
16. **ADJOURNMENT-** MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:02 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.