

MINUTES
CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 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. Council members present: Aldermen Mike Ehrlich, Paul Neumyer, Bill Driscoll, Doug Biggs, Kevin Rudser, Dave Larson and Dan Becker. Also present: City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven, City Planner Randy Tetzlaff, City Attorney Eric Eberhardt, City Administrator Mark Grams and City Clerk Susan Westerbeke.

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 RUDSER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AS PRESENTED AND ORIGINAL OPERATOR LICENSES FOR JERZY PASKO, MELISS DOHERTY AND MICHAEL SULLIVAN WITH A TABLE OF A LICENSE FOR ABBY PAYNE. Motion carried unanimously.

4. MAYOR'S BUSINESS

A. Volunteer Appreciation Month Proclamation- Mayor Mlada made a correction; the proclamation tonight is for Business Appreciation Month, which he read for the public.

B. Final Denis Sullivan 2016 Summary- Maureen Boylan was present to report the summary of sails, profit and process of set up prior to the sails. Possible future dates for 2017 could be June 2-4 to align with Pirate Festival, then later in June to coincide with Get Into Your Marine Sanctuary. Unsure about July dates at this time due to Sullivan availability. August 12-14 and then possibly Labor Day weekend when the Paramount Music Festival is held..

C. Update On Lighthouse Ornament Series- Mayor Mlada introduced John Reichert who will be creating the lighthouse ornament series for the city. The proof has been completed. Once the ornament style has been settled on it can be completed within a few weeks.

5. OFFICERS'/STAFF REPORT

A. Fall General Election On November 8th- The City Administrator and City Clerk reported the upcoming General Presidential Election will be held next Tuesday, November 8, 2016. After 3 ½ weeks of the 4 weeks of early voting, we currently have 2011 absentee ballots issued and 7,700 registered voters.

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.- None.

7. COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE AND LICENSE COMMITTEE

1. Review Of 2017 City Departmental Budgets And Proposed Tax Levy-

Alderman Larson presented a PowerPoint on the proposed 2017 City Budget. On November 15th there will be a public hearing and final vote by Common Council on the budget.

2. Update On Sale Of City Land On W. Grand Avenue- The City Attorney reported on the counter-offer made by the City. The buyers had questions and concerns that were addressed by the City. The buyers are still interested in the property, but are asking that the City agrees to pay for and remove a tree on the property. The future rezoning and completion of sale may still be finalized by December. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN DRISCOLL TO APPROVE THE COUNTER OFFER AS PRESENTED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider City Assessment Services Proposals- The City Administrator reported on the RFP's and submitted appraisals by three firms. After research on each of the firms, including other communities as references, the firm that has the best performance report was Associated Appraisals at \$40,000 for each year on a three year contract. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BIGGS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LARSON TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH ASSOCIATED APPRAISALS FOR \$40,000 EACH YEAR FOR THREE YEARS AND SUBJECT TO CONTRACT REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE CITY ATTORNEY. Motion carried unanimously.

8. BOARDS/COMMISSIONS- None.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discuss Senior Center Options And CDBG Facilities Grant- The City Administrator reported that the CDBG grant money could be used to update the existing Senior Center building. The cost to purchase a new facility and the upgrades that would be necessary is considerable money. Consideration of how much fund raising money would be available and would it be sufficient to cover the cost of a new facility and upgrades. Purchasing the existing building with a few additional upgrades, may be a more viable financial option. Discussion was held on the potential options to be considered. Any action to be taken would have to be included on a future agenda.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Waiver Of Interest In Property To Repurchase Strip Of Land From Renew Port Holdings (Harbour Lights Project)- The City Attorney reported on a previous agreement for a strip of land that was sold to the developer by the City. The City reserved the right within the agreement, if the developer did not adhere to the length of construction and or it be substantially completed, the City could repurchase the property. The developer is requesting the city approve this waiver releasing the right of option to repurchase to rectify the property deed. The requirements have been met and the waiver relinquishing the right for re-purchase would not likely be needed due to the progress of the development. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY RUDSER TO APPROVE WIAVER OF INTEREST IN PROPERTY TO REPURCHASE STRIP OF LAND FROM RENEW PORT HOLDINGS-HARBOUR LIGHTS PROJECT. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **FORTHCOMING EVENTS-** The Mayor and Aldermen reported on various upcoming events.

12. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES-** John Sigwart, 230 W. Theis Street- Reported as Chairman of the Senior Center Ad-Hoc Committee, against not continuing to look toward a combined community center and senior center building plan. The existing building the Senior Center is in is less expensive, but Aurora should be contacted and a reduction in their building price should be discussed.

13. **MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION according to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1)(g) to confer with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or likely to become involved in.-**
Mayor Mlada read the closed session item. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:54 P.M. FOR THE REASONS STATED ABOVE ON THE AGENDA. ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN: AYE: EHRLICH, NEUMYER, DRISCOLL, BIGGS, RUDSER, LARSON AND BECKER. Motion carried unanimously.

14. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION-**

15. **POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY SUBJECT DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION-** No action taken.

16. **ADJOURNMENT-** MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BECKER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:10 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.