

CITY OF OCONOMOWOC
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 3, 2010

Mayor Daley called the regular Common Council meeting to order at 7:44 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Aldermen Morgan, Nold, Larsen, Cochrane, Kohlenberg and Miller

Excused: Aldermen Hall and Slattery

Staff Present: Mayor Daley, Gard, Kitsembel, Frye, Beguhn, Gallo, Lamp, Kelliher, Duffy, Steinbach and Coenen

Others present: Atty. Chapman

Minutes of July 20, 2010: Motion by Cochrane to approve the minutes of the July 20th meeting as presented; second by Larsen. Motion carried 6-0.

Comments and suggestions from citizens:

Frye addressed the lake levels on Lac La Belle stating that the lake is 19 inches above normal levels caused by abnormal weather patterns. The City is working with the Town of Oconomowoc and Village of Lac La Belle seeking cooperation in their control of the dams. A Slow-No-Wake was issued on 6/27/10 and by 7/4/10 the order was dismissed due to cooperation. On 7/23/10 a rainfall of 4.11 inches created problems and the levels rose from 5 inches above to 15 inches in one day. At present, it appears the levels are going down. He noted that once the wetlands get full, draining does not occur as fast. To help control the water, the City has seven sections by the dam and each section has four planks. All planks have been removed since 6/23/10, which means the City is not holding back any water.

The following individuals expressed concerns about the high lake levels on Lac La Belle and their dissatisfaction with how the communities are not working together to help control the water. The residents are asking what the plan is to address and solve this problem and for direction on how the citizens can make something happen.

- 1) Dan Bauer, N61 W384 Nokoma Dr. shared photos of the 2008 and 2010 floods.
- 2) Jerry Peterson, N60 W38462 Hawthorne
- 3) Herbert Marquardt, N60 W38553 Blackhawk Dr.
- 4) Vince Schmidt, W384 N6088 Nokoma Dr.
- 5) John Lesko, W384 N6087 Nokoma Dr.

Daley commented that the City is committed to work on a regional procedure and is willing to lead the conversation with the other communities. We have already started working together, but this process will take time.

Consent agenda:

- A. Licenses
 - B. Amended Resolution Vacating Portion of Silver Lake Street
 - C. Set Trick or Treat Hours for Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM
- Motion by Cochrane to approve the Consent Agenda; second by Nold. Motion carried 6-0.

Committee Reports:

Utility - Miller, chr; Nold; Slattery, secy

1. **Consider/act on Resolution to Purchase a Backup Electric Generator:** Miller reported that the backup electric generator will be housed at Fire Station #2. The purpose of the generator is to assure continued reliability in emergency situations and to provide emergency backup for the Electric SCADA and Operating System as well as the fire station. The Utility Committee reviewed and recommends the low quote of PieperPower in the amount of \$61,915. Motion by Miller to adopt the resolution to purchase a backup electric generator from PieperPower in the amount of \$61,915; second by Nold. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business:

1. **Consider/act on Request for Wake Surfing Marathon on Lac La Belle:** Kelliher reported that Warrick Bell has requested approval from the City to conduct a 24 hr. wake surfing marathon on Lac La Belle. His quest is to appear in the Guinness Book of World Records. There is no night time "slow-no-wake," but we do have a speed limit of 10 MPH and Bell's boat speed is less than that. Park and Recreation reviewed and unanimously recommend approval of the permit which includes special requirements. The date requested for his event is August 10th with a Rain Date of August 24th, but due to high lake levels, the 10th will not happen and it is doubtful the 24th will work. Therefore, it is requested that Council allow Bell to select a new date/rain date through the City Administrator without returning to Council for approval. Bell stated that he has contacted the Town of Oconomowoc and received their approval. He does not have approval from the Village of Lac La Belle, but he only needs approval from two-thirds of the municipalities that share the shoreline. He has also contacted the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in regard to the "slow-no-wake" and they indicated this rule is set by the governing bodies of the lake. He further stated that he would abide by all the guidelines established in the permit. Motion by Kohlenberg to approve the Park and Recreation Permit to allow the wake surfing marathon on Lac La Belle for a date to be determined; second by Cochrane. Council asked questions of Bell and he stated that he had safety guidelines to follow and although there would be other boats, they would be anchored. Motion carried 5-1-0. Larsen abstained.

Announcements and Communications: Daley read a Proclamation into the record in recognition of Lorleberg's 140th Anniversary. A signed and framed Proclamation was presented to Jerry Burchardt. Applause and congratulations were given.

Reports and Comments from the Aldermen: Morgan commented that the Oconomowoc River only has 4 ft. of fall and does not release water very fast. Kohlenberg asked Burchardt to clarify some facts of Lorlebergs. Burchardt stated Lorleberg's is the 2nd largest True Value in the State and there is only one store older than theirs. Larsen congratulated Lorlebergs and stated he is glad the Mayor commented that everyone should bear the burden on the water issue.

Reports and Comments from the Mayor: Daley stated that he hoped there would be equitable suffrage between the communities and that the problem is approached from a team perspective. He gave his pledge for the City to work toward that.

Motion by Cochrane to adjourn the Common Council meeting; second by Miller. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Diane Coenen, City Clerk