

CITY OF OCONOMOWOC
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 2010

Mayor Daley called the regular Common Council meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Nold to convene into Closed Session; second by Larsen. Motion carried 7-0. Closed Session convened at 6:30PM.

Closed Session: Per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session." (Community Center/Financing)

Motion by Nold to reconvene into Open Session; second by Miller. Motion carried 7-0. Open Session reconvened at 7:31 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Aldermen Larsen, Hall, Kohlenberg, Miller, Slattery, Morgan and Nold

Excused: Alderman Cochrane

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

Others present: Atty. Chapman

Minutes of August 17, 2010: Motion by Nold to approve the minutes of the August 17th meeting as presented; second by Slattery. Motion carried 7-0.

Comments and suggestions from citizens:

Citizens who spoke in favor of the high speed rail stopping in Oconomowoc and who are also looking for Council's help in opening up communications with Madison -

- 1) Jon Spheeris, 311 E. Wisconsin Ave.
- 2) Louis Morgan, 5942 Mary Lane
- 3) Ken Herro, 425 W. Wisconsin Ave.
- 4) Mary Blaska, 116 E. Lisbon
- 5) Peter Schwabe, 506 W. Wisconsin Ave.

A) Proclamation – Oconomowoc Area Chamber of Commerce Month: Daley read the Proclamation into the record and presented same to Al Seneczko, Chamber President.

Consent agenda:

A. Licenses

B. Quit Claim Deed – Speedway SuperAmerica, LLC (Silver Lake Street)

Motion by Larsen to approve the Consent Agenda; second by Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

Personnel – Larsen, chr, Morgan, Cochrane, secy:

A: Consider/act on Creation of a Utility Engineer Position: Motion by Larsen to approve the creation of a Utility Engineer position; second by Morgan. Bednarski reported that the creation of this position has been evaluated over the last 2 years in relation to in-house engineering versus outsourcing. Engineering projects and sustainable work for all three utilities were taken into consideration and it was determined we would realize a cost savings. The full-time salary with benefits would be \$84K a year and the projected savings for 2011 is \$240K. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Consider/act on Filling a Vacant Engineer Technician Position in the Utilities: Motion by Larsen to approve filling a vacant Engineer Technician position; second by Morgan. Bednarski reported that this position has been budgeted and not filled pending the outcome of the engineering analysis. Some of the duties for this position would be to centralize our mapping and support the engineer. Motion carried 7-0.

- C. **Consider/act on Creation of Three Fire Fighter/Paramedic Positions:** Motion by Larsen to approve the creation of 3 fire fighter/paramedic positions; second by Morgan. Beguhn reported that these positions have been budgeted in the past three years in anticipation of the opening of Fire Station #2. The station is complete and will be open by the end of September. Additionally, we have one full-time fire fighter who is not a paramedic and the City is looking to hire this position as a pre-trained paramedic. In doing so, revenue would be generated because that service would be billed at a higher rate. Council asked how our current needs are being met. Beguhn stated that our 3 fire fighters are located at Station #1 and are supplemented with part-time. The intention is to have staff and an ambulance at both stations. The cost will increase from 3 full-time employees to 6, but we will reduce some part-time and overtime costs, as well as generate revenue for the paramedic service. The addition will allow us to have better coverage for fire calls. Motion carried 7-0.
- D. **Consider/act on Re-Organization of the Police Department:** Motion by Larsen to approve the re-organization of the Police Department; second by Morgan. Beguhn reported that this re-organization will provide a clear chain of command, clarify duties/assignments, be consistent with the structure of the Fire Dept. and maintain the ratio of command officers to union personnel. The current structure, having 2 lieutenants, was changed by the previous Chief although our code reflects the Captain structure. This structure will reclassify an existing position from Lieutenant to Captain and will not increase the department manpower. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Services – Kohlenberg, chr, Miller, Hall, secy.

- A. **Consider/act on Resolution to Proceed with Second Borrowing for Street Maintenance Program:** Chapman reported that he will make a change to the resolution presented. The last two clauses will reflect that the borrowing for 2012 must be reviewed by Council in 2011. Frye reported that on 7/8/08 the Committee-of-the-Whole approved a street maintenance program consisting of the City borrowing \$5M in 2009 and \$5M in 2011. Staff is recommending the 2011 borrowing be done over two years; \$2.5M in 2011 and \$2.5M in 2012 to continue moving forward with the approved program. Motion by Larsen to adopt the "revised" resolution to proceed with the second borrowing of \$2.5M in 2011 and \$2.5M in 2012 for the Street Maintenance Program; second by Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

Utility – Miller, chr, Nold, Slattery, secy.

- A: **Consider/act on Resolution to Purchase a Hybrid Line Truck:** Slattery reported that the Electric Utility is looking to purchase a hybrid line truck in the amount of \$226,013 and that a grant has been received in the amount of \$47,997 to cover the cost of the electric drive unit. This brings the total cost of the truck down to \$178,016. Additionally, the Park & Recreation Dept. budgeted \$140K to replace a truck, but with this purchase the Electric Utility will retire Truck #2 and assign that truck to the Park & Rec Dept. Motion by Slattery to adopt the resolution to purchase a hybrid line truck in the amount of \$178,016; second by Miller. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. **Consider/act on Wisconsin Electric Power Company Purchase Agreement:** Slattery reported that this is a purchase agreement between Wisconsin Electric Power Company and the City for infrastructure made available to us by the attachment of 750 acres of land from the Town of Summit on 12/31/09. The cost to the City would be \$306,538, which covers the hardware infrastructure, easement transfer, meter readouts and associated costs. This purchase agreement must also go before the PSC. Motion by Slattery to approve the Wisconsin Electric Power Company Purchase Agreement with the City of Oconomowoc; second by Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

Unfinished Business:

- A. **Consider/act on Ordinance to Create §17.914(2)(d) Relating to the Waiver of Special Use and Conditional Use Regulations for Uses within Planned Development Districts – 2nd Reading:** Motion by Nold to give the ordinance its second reading in title only; second by Slattery. Chapman read the title into the record. Motion carried 7-0. Motion by Nold for the ordinance to become law; second by Slattery. Motion carried 7-0.

Old Business

- A. **Discussion on Location of New Community Center:** Kelliher went over the process and any actions by Council to date. Two sites are being considered, Site A - Worthington St. and Site B - east of City Beach. *Daley stepped down as Mayor at 8:30 pm and Larsen took the chair.* A map showing Sites A & B was displayed and Daley stated that the site east of the beach is a logical and hybrid approach that would serve two goals; new Community Center and expansion of the beach. With potential grant dollars, we could accomplish both. He stated that community input and the developer's proposed plan have been weighed heavily and reminded Council that the City cannot hold the land east of the beach hostage. He feels that Site A would have less

concerns with height and that Site B ultimately would be the cheaper option now. He feels Site B is an important component of what our downtown can be and we have an opportunity now for our community. *Daley returned to his chair at 8:37 pm.* Council discussed pros and cons of both sites, citing which site would be the most effective to accomplish Council's visions and previous actions, expanding City beach, looking at the new Community Center to be an anchor for the downtown, finding ways to find the dollars, safety concerns and that a new center has been part of the City's feasibility plans for the last 30 years. Daley stated this item will be brought back to Council in two weeks for possible action.

Reports and Comments from the Aldermen: Miller thanked Bednarski for the tour he and Slattery received of the Utility facility. Aids. Larsen, Kohlenberg, Morgan, Hall, Slattery and Nold, and Daley all spoke about high speed rail and opening up communications with the State.

Reports and Comments from the Mayor: Daley expressed get well wishes to Cochrane and read a Proclamation into the record for Bill Chapman's 80th Birthday. Laughter and Birthday wishes were given.

Motion by Nold to adjourn the Common Council meeting; second by Slattery. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:02PM.

Diane Coenen, City Clerk