

**City of Oconomowoc
Common Council Meeting**

October 4, 2005

Mayor Sullivan called the meeting to order at approximately 7:36 p.m. and the Deputy Clerk confirmed that appropriate notice had been given.

Mayor Sullivan asked Mr. Bednarski to lead in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Aldermen present - Morgan, Gross, Larsen, Antonneau, Cochrane, Hollatz,
and Snyder (A quorum was present)

Aldermen absent - Jones

Staff in attendance: Bill Chapman, Diane Gard, Bob Duffy, Sarah Kitsebel, Kimberly Caughran, George Langohr, Jim Lamp, Hugh Martin, Glenn Leidel, Ray McKenna, Jeff Schmidt, Ron Buerger, Rob Severson, Dennis Bednarski, Mark Frye and Jennifer Goergen

Minutes of previous meeting: Regular Common Council meeting of September 20, 2005 - Moved by Ald. Cochrane, seconded by Ald. Hollatz to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2005 Council meeting, as written. Voice vote carried with no dissenting votes.

Comments and suggestions from citizens – Mayor Sullivan stated that because comment cards were not provided for use this evening, individuals wishing to speak should step forward to the microphone and clearly state their name and address before speaking.

Carl Duch, 1001 Keats Circle thanked the City of Oconomowoc for past contributions. He distributed a handout regarding Oconomowoc Area Senior Center budget considerations for 2006. Mr. Duch explained that the Senior Center has recently relocated to Berkshire from their Lutheran Homes of Oconomowoc location. There are additional expenses that the Senior Center will incur as a result of the new location. Mr. Duch reported on all of the expenses, which are outlined in the spreadsheet he provided. Furthermore, he learned that the \$13,000 contribution provided by the City in the past years was not budgeted nor is it a planned contribution in 2006. On behalf of the Oconomowoc Area Senior Center, Mr. Duch is asking for continued help and support from the City of Oconomowoc.

Andrew Carpenter, 747 Adams Street complained about the spotlights located on top of the McDonald's building, which create light pollution and are an eyesore. Spotlights should not be allowed without permits.

Hugh Martin, 1298 Heather Circle reported that McDonald's has addressed the spotlight situation and the issue has since been resolved.

Consent agenda:

A. Licenses. There were no additions to the license resolution. A motion was made by Ald. Hollatz, seconded by Ald. Morgan to approve the consent agenda. Voice vote carried with no dissenting votes.

Mayor Sullivan reported that the Committee of the Whole met earlier this evening to discuss the 2006 budget and a transportation utility district. Both were recommended for further Common Council consideration. A public hearing regarding the 2006 budget will be scheduled for November 1, 2005. There will be further discussion about a transportation utility district at the next Common Council meeting. Later this evening, the Common Council will go into closed session to discuss public property purchase and bargaining, fire service and personnel evaluations.

Committee Reports:

- A. Finance – No report.
- B. Personnel - No report.
- C. Protection & Welfare – No report.
- D. Public Services – No report.
- E. Utility

1) Resolution re: Purchase of three utility vehicles – Moved by Ald. Gross, seconded by Ald. Antonneau to approve the purchase of three utility vehicles, and the fourth, a second truck for the electric utility, conditioned on the 2006 budget approval and that the cost of the truck does not exceed \$38,511.

Mr. Frye reported on the vehicles being replaced and their purpose. The utility is requesting approval for the purchase of an additional electric utility truck. This purchase is conditioned on the 2006 budget approval and that the cost of the truck does not exceed \$38,511. The State Bid program will guarantee this price if purchased later this year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Plan Commission recommendations – none.

Unfinished Business

A. An Ordinance to amend §9.04(1)(e) of the Municipal Code of the City of Oconomowoc relating to security for reimbursement of fire suppression costs – 2nd reading. Moved by Ald. Antonneau, seconded by Ald. Cochrane to give the ordinance its second reading by title only. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ald. Gross, seconded by Ald. Cochrane that the Ordinance become law. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

New Business

A. Consider/act on termination of planned unit development agreement for Arrowood Subdivision. Attorney Chapman reported on the history of this property. In 1979, a planned unit development agreement was approved for property owned by Family Financial Services, Inc.,

and Gerald A. Besnah in the southwest portion of the City. Since that time, only two subdivisions, Riverwood Trails and Hawthorne Ridge Trails, have been developed in that area. Arrowood Development owns the remaining land. Therefore, the request is to terminate the original agreement in order to clear the record so that the development of the new Arrowood subdivision can proceed. Attorney Chapman recommends approval.

A motion was made by Ald. Gross to approve the termination of the planned unit development agreement for Arrowood Subdivision, seconded by Ald. Morgan and carried unanimously.

B. Resolution appointing agent to apply to Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for urban forestry grant. Kimberly Caughran, Parks and Recreation Director, is applying for an urban forestry grant to prepare a tree inventory that would be incorporated into the City's GIS system. In order for the grant application to be accepted by the DNR, a resolution appointing Kimberly as the agent to apply for the grant on behalf of the City is required.

Ald. Antonneau asked how involved this process would be. Ms. Caughran explained that she would write and apply for the grant and an intern would do the inventory work under the Park Superintendent's supervision. This work will be done in 2006.

A motion was made by Ald. Gross to adopt the resolution, seconded by Ald. Cochrane and carried unanimously.

Mayoral appointments to Boards and/or Commissions, with Council confirmation - None.

Staff Reports

A. City Administrator – No report.

B. Other – Bob Duffy, Director of Economic Development, reminded everyone about the public informational meeting regarding the roadway improvement project for STH 16/Wisconsin Avenue, which will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2005 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Crown Room at the Olympia Resort, 1350 Royale Mile Road.

Dennis Bednarski, Electric Operations Manager, reported that the Oconomowoc Electric Utility is seeking public input on downtown lighting options. Customers are encouraged to review the eight options, which will be displayed along the 700 block of Worthington Street. Customers can cast their ballots at the utility office from October 8-15, 2005 between 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and until 8:00 p.m. on October 11 and October 13, and also on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. A press release outlining these details has been provided to the local newspapers.

Announcements and Communications - None.

Reports and Comments from the Mayor - Mayor Sullivan read a proclamation designating the week of October 2-8, 2005 as the 19th annual Public Power Week, which honors the City's electric utility for its contributions to the community.

Mayor Sullivan reported that as discussed at the September 27, 2005 Utility Committee meeting,

results of a sanitary sewer and water rate survey, which involved 120 comparable communities within the state, revealed that City of Oconomowoc utility rates are a solid 30% less than investor-owned utility rates.

Mayor Sullivan asked Mr. Bednarski to report on the Oconomowoc Utility crew's involvement with storm damage repair in Stoughton. Mr. Bednarski reported that he and seven utility crew employees went to Stoughton for a number of days to help restore electricity as a result of the damaging tornados. His employees volunteered to help and worked long days. Mr. Bednarski received a letter from Stoughton thanking and complimenting the Oconomowoc Utility crew on the work they did in Stoughton. Mayor Sullivan thanked the Oconomowoc Utility crew involved: Craig Clemmensen, Tim Lauer, Todd Tremaine, Mark Niggmeier, Tim Stelpflug, Dan Jarocki, Andy Evans, Scott Wolf, Greg Randa and Dennis Bednarski.

Reports and comments from the Aldermen - Ald. Larsen reported that he and a group of concerned neighbors from North Lake Road met with Department of Transportation officials to discuss the new highway 16/67 bypass. The neighbors have asked that truck traffic be encouraged to use the new bypass now that it is open.

There being no further business to properly come before this body, a motion to go into closed session, per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties...or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session." (fire services) and, per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) "Considering...performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility" (personnel evaluations), was made by Ald. Cochrane, seconded by Ald. Antonneau, and roll call vote carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Antonneau, seconded by Ald. Cochrane, and carried unanimously (8:20 p.m.).

Jennifer Goergen, Deputy Clerk