

**CITY OF OCONOMOWOC  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 7, 2003**

**Mayor Kohlenberg** called the regular Common Council meeting to order at approximately 7:33 p.m. and the Clerk confirmed that appropriate meeting notice had been given.

**Roll Call:** Aldermen present - Jones, Snyder, Nold, Gross, Larsen, Antonneau, Cochrane and Hollatz (all present)

**Staff in Attendance:** Tonn, Langohr, Lamp, Endl, Duffy, Martin, Leidel, Frye, Senfleben, Gard and Attorney Chapman

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Kohlenberg asked if there were any objections to changing the order of the agenda to allow for the demonstration of the video equipment at this point. There were no objections.

**Demonstration/discussion re: Videotaping Equipment upgrade** -Mr. Dittmann, of Advanced Communication Services, explained there would be two cameras, two monitors in the back, a keyboard and a switcher, as far as equipment is concerned. This would give the ability to zoom and pan. There would be the ability to pre-set the camera to many areas, such as the Mayor and Aldermen, and with the other camera the ability to pan or zoom in on another speaker or the audience. He displayed the picture, zooming in on individuals which looked good. Mr. Dittmann responded to questions of the Aldermen and staff. What a staff member would have to do to operate the equipment is to set several pre-sets, as needed, and operate the other camera to zoom in on a speaker, etc. The Aldermen felt the equipment looked good and definitely would improve our coverage, but would like someone other than a staff person operating it. Staff people are attending the meeting for a purpose, and may not be able to absorb the content of the meeting or respond adequately when called upon. At this point no staff has had access to the equipment.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Regular Common Council meeting of December 17, 2002. The City Clerk pointed out the following correction in the last paragraph on page 2 in the discussion of the building at 327-329 Silver Lake St. It should read: "Attorney Chapman pointed out that the owners of that property have complied with whatever was asked of them in regard to this property." .

Moved by Ald. Cochrane, seconded by Ald. Jones to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2002 Common Council meeting, as corrected. Carried unanimously.

**Comments from the Audience:** Ms. Stephanie Phillips introduced herself as the new Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and invited everyone to feel free to visit her. Mayor Kohlenberg also stated that Ms. Phillips is the newest member of the Bureau of Economic Development.

**Consent Agenda:**

A. Licenses (including transfer of liquor license for Fong's, from 113 N. Main St. to 109 N. Main St. and

B. Cooperative Agreement between City of Oconomowoc and Waukesha County Department of Senior Services

Ald. Gross asked that B. be discussed in order to have more input on this item. Ms. Gard stated that this is a continuation of the hot lunch program that the County sponsors at our Community Center. It has not come to the Council in the past, but felt that it should so you are aware of it. Mr. Endl, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that this is a great program for Seniors, and brings activity into the Department. He fully supports the program, and there is no change in this agreement from previous years. Mr. Endl further stated that improvements have been made to the upstairs restrooms to bring them up to ADA compliance through a CDBG Grant. He thanked Mr. Duffy, Director of the Bureau of Economic Development for his involvement in obtaining that grant. Also, our Department of Public Works has cooperated in upgrading the parking lot and creating a couple of extra ADA parking stalls, meeting those requirements. Mr. Endl reported that the number of Seniors using the program Monday through Friday varies from between 8 to 35, the heavier turn-out being on Bingo days. There are also about 12 to 20 carry-outs each day. Ms. Gard stated that we have checked our insurance, and we are fully covered for this program.

Moved by Ald. Gross, seconded by Ald. Cochrane to approve the Consent Agenda. Carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

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

**Plan Commission recommendations - none**

**Unfinished Business**

A. An Ordinance to Amend §27.09(2)(b) of the Municipal Code of the City of Oconomowoc Relating to the Water Facilities Impact Fee - 2nd reading. Moved by Ald. Gross, seconded by Ald. Cochrane that the ordinance be given its second reading by title only. Carried unanimously.

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

B. An Ordinance to Rezone Certain properties on Summit Avenue from SO Suburban Office District to IP Institutional and Public District as shown on the District Zoning Map, City

of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin (street numbers 791, 849 and 869 E. Summit Ave. - Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital) - 2nd reading. Moved by Ald. Gross, seconded by Ald. Cochrane that the ordinance be given its second reading by title only. 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 Primary Election - The City Clerk reported that all papers have been timely filed, and there are three people who have filed in District #4, therefore the Council must decide whether or not to have a Primary election. She further pointed out that there will be a state-wide Primary for one office, and she understood that there will be a Primary for School Board, who have 11 or 12 candidates for 3 seats. Attorney Chapman read from our Municipal Code as to situations like this and the Council's decision on whether or not to have a Primary. Ald. Snyder didn't think a Primary was necessary since our local race is in only one district, as did Ald. Nold. Ald. Antonneau agreed since there were only 3 people running in District #4, considering there would be some extra cost. The City Clerk stated that there would be added cost if there were a local primary, primarily in staff time. Ald. Gross stated that he would abstain on voting on this item as it directly affects him.

Moved by Ald. Snyder, seconded by Ald. Jones not to have a local Primary Election. Motion carried, with Ald. Gross abstaining.

B. Resolution re; Increase in Water Rates - Moved by Ald. Nold, seconded by Ald. Antonneau to adopt the resolution.

Mr. Mark Frye, Water Operations Manager, pointed out this will result in a .50 increase for an average residential user having a 3/4" pipe; and \$2.70 per month increase for users with a 5/8" pipe. He further pointed out that most homes have the 3/4" pipe.

Motion to adopt the resolution carried unanimously.

C. Consider/act on Agreement Amending Intermunicipal Agreement for the operation of the Lake Country Municipal Court - Attorney Chapman reported that the Town of Lisbon has asked to join our Municipal Court. This will give them a representative on the Administration Committee. Nothing else changes.

Moved by Ald. Larsen, seconded by Ald. Jones to approve the Agreement Amending the Intermunicipal Agreement to include the Town of Lisbon. Carried unanimously.

### **Staff Reports**

A. Administrator - no report

B. Other - Chief Martin reported that he was in touch with school authorities regarding the calls Ald. Snyder received about the gate at the end of Lincoln Ct. to the school

property. It was originally the plan to use that entrance for delivery trucks and/or special activities. It appears it is used for more than that and it is school property, therefore any complaints by area residents should be directed to school authorities. Ald. Snyder stated that he has also been so advised by the school.

Mr. Bob Duffy, Director of Economic Development, announced the Home Building Expo being held this week-end and Pabst will be presenting a conceptual plan.

Deputy Fire Chief Leidel announced that Mr. Larry Atlas, formerly a 15 year Volunteer Fireman for the City, has passed away. Due to Mr. Atlas' efforts, Oconomowoc was the first community to do ice rescue. Mr. Atlas moved up north awhile ago and established a Rescue Academy. There will be a memorial gathering at the home of his wife's parents in Hartland, and memorials are directed to a training scholarship fund. For more information, call the Fire Station.

Deputy Fire Chief Leidel also announced that the Fire Department has received a check in the amount of \$3,500 from WE Energies for the purchase of safety equipment. He was very pleased and stated he would be purchasing self-contained breathing bottles with the donation.

**Announcements and Communications** - The City Clerk read a letter from the Board of Directors of the Oconomowoc Area Chamber of Commerce regarding the proposed Sign Ordinance and the fact that it appears it is being pushed through so quickly without adequate input from the business community. They will continue to support the City's efforts to improve Oconomowoc, but hope that in the future the City would call upon them as a resource representing the merchants in like efforts.

**Reports and Comments from the Aldermen** - Ald. Snyder commented that he has received a lot of calls opposing the proposed sign ordinance. If other aldermen haven't gotten calls, they probably will, because it will be considered by the Plan Commission tomorrow evening. Ald. Larsen stated he felt calls were basically from businesses who have the large pylon signs. Ald. Jones, too, has had several calls and not only from those out of compliance, but that the merchants would just like to have had input.

**Reports and Comments from the Mayor** - Mayor Kohlenberg stated that he is well aware that there is opposition to the sign ordinance, and he will discuss it further at the next Council meeting. Referring to the letter from the Chamber that we are moving too quickly, he pointed out that it has been delayed 5 weeks and he has not received any input from the Chamber. He went on to say that if it means delaying it further, he'll do it, but he wants it to be a good sign ordinance. There is a public hearing before the Plan Commission tomorrow evening, and another public hearing before the common Council on January 21st.

The Mayor also announced a Teen Center Meeting on the 16th @ 6:30 p.m. here in the Council Chambers and invited everyone to attend.

He also announced that there will be a meeting on the 13th @ 7:00 p.m. at the Park &

Recreation Building at which time the Badgerland Ski Show will be discussed.

He also invited anyone interested to attend the Better Business Breakfast @ Olympia on the 9th at 7:30 a.m. Mr. Leonard Goldstein will be speaking on niche marketing.

The Mayor reported that demolition of the building at 327 Silver Lake Street has begun and should be completed by the end of the week.

Lastly, Mayor Kohlenberg stated that he was disappointed in the Council opposing a local Primary, pointing out he felt there was no purpose in voting that down to the benefit of the Community.

There being no further business to properly come before this body, a motion to go into closed session for Union Negotiations was made by Ald. Larsen, seconded by Ald. Cochrane and roll call vote carried unanimously.

Ald. Nold moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Snyder and carried. (8:30 p.m.)

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