

**Protection & Welfare Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**September 16, 2008**

**Chairman Schmitter** called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mayor Sullivan and Aldermen Schmitter, Miller and Hollatz

**Staff Present:** Gard, Frye, Gallo, Kitsembel, Bednarski, Beguhn, Lamp, Duffy, Leidel, LaVenture, Maurer, Spencer and Coenen

**Others present:** Aldermen Cochrane, Larsen, Antonneau, Nold and Morgan and Atty. Chapman

**2. Consider/recommend Street Name Changes**

Frye, using a map display, reported that with the completion of the roundabout and the realignment of Silver Lake Street, the City's Public Safety and Public Works departments have reviewed the new street configurations and recommend renaming some of the streets. Although it is not mandatory to rename the streets, we are proposing that the existing portion of Silver Lake Street between Collins Street and Wisconsin Avenue be renamed to Silver Lake Plaza. The term plaza was selected as it describes the newly constructed landscape area at the street's entrance from Wisconsin Avenue. This entrance is now a right-in-only for eastbound traffic on Wisconsin Avenue. The realigned street between Summit Avenue and the roundabout should be named Silver Lake Street for safety and clarity purposes. Currently, it is Silver Lake Street from Summit Avenue to Collins Street and Walnut Street from Collins Street to the roundabout. The impact would be minimal, as only a storage unit at 115 Walnut Street would have its address changed to 115 Silver Lake Street. It was also proposed to rename the two block section of Walnut Street, from the roundabout going north to Fowler Street, to Oakwood Avenue. Although staff feels it would be proper to make this proposed change, we can understand and support the concerns indicated in the two letters from residents and one business along Walnut Street that are included in your packet. In addition to these letters, a message was received from Sherper's on September 4<sup>th</sup> indicating that they were alright with the changes.

Motion by Miller to recommend the street name changes as proposed; second by Hollatz. Motion carried 3-0.

**3. Consider/recommend Purchase of Fire Department Protective Clothing**

Leidel reported that we received our 2007 FEMA Grant for the purchase of protective clothing in the amount of \$72,916.00. We have received three proposals for bunker coats and pants, helmets, hoods, boots, passport shields and flashlights. Currently, the department is using Morning Pride protective gear and the committee feels that we should not mix and match our clothing because of different levels of thermal protection, accessories and service. Jefferson Fire and Safety quoted Morning Pride, which was the low quote for the bunker coats and pants. The Fire Department is pleased with this vendor and longevity of that gear. The other items will be purchased from the lowest quotation. After applying the FEMA Grant, the City's share of the total cost (\$76,754.00) will be 5% or \$3,838.00.

Motion by Hollatz to recommend the purchase of Fire Department protective clothing as presented; second by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Miller to adjourn; second by Hollatz. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Minutes taken by Diane Coenen, City Clerk  
Ald. Miller, Secretary