

## Common Council Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2012

*Approved*

Call to Order - Call to order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call - Roll Call. Garvin, Krueger, Helgerson, Mendum, Myhre, and Knuth.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes – December 13, 2011 and December 19, 2011. Motion to approve Garvin/Helgerson. Carried.

Public Comment (5 minute limit, no action to be taken, items not on agenda)      None

### Communications:

Mayor's Comments and Communications: It is getting close to the end of her term and wishes everyone luck. It has been a good year and we kept taxes low.

Council's Communications: Helgerson asked if the seniors at Georgetown would need ID's to vote and the answer is yes. The DOT in Mauston is open on Thursdays. Helgerson would like the City to look into partnering with other communities on various activities. Explore the option prior to contracting out or expanding services.

Administrator's Communications: See reports.

Closed Session: Garvin/Krueger to go into closed session. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 19.85 (1)(c), considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercise responsibility, and Wis. Stats. § 19.85 (1)(e), deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specific public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Discussion on the pending vacancy and recruitment of the Street Superintendent position, and the job description of the City Administrator. In addition, the collective bargaining agreement with Elroy Professional Police Association/WPPA/LEER and updates on offers to purchase city land and land in TID2 and TID3.

Reconvene into open session immediately following closed session. – Myhre/Krueger. Roll Call. All ayes. Carried

### Consent Agenda:

Discussion and possible action on recruitment of Street Superintendent.

The Council will hold a special meeting on January 17, 2012 to discuss the recruitment of the Street Superintendent.

Discussion and possible action on collective bargaining agreement between City and Elroy Professional Police Association.

Garvin/Helgerson to approve. Roll Call. All ayes, with Krueger abstaining. Carried.

Discussion and possible action on the sale of City owned property in TID3 and other City owned property.

Myhre/Mendum to approve resolution to authorize the City Attorney and City Administrator to offer a purchase and development agreement to Pam and Randie Johns to purchase land at the corner of Main Street and Prospect for \$2500 in TID3. Roll Call. Carried.

Garvin/Helgerson to approve the sale of 20 acres for \$10,000 to Jim Lunde, and authorize the City Attorney and City Administrator to finalize the contract to include easement to the City burn site and subject to other contingencies. All ayes. Carried

Garvin/Myhre to authorize the City Attorney and City Administrator to proceed with the purchase offer with Todd Lindemann on Lots 1 and 2 in TID2 subject to contingencies. Roll Call. All ayes. Carried.

#### Reports:

Economic Development Initiative update. Garvin spoke about the work groups meeting to discuss focus, goals and ideas.

Administrator's report and Goals for 2012 and housing action plan. Steward presented his goals and added a timeframe to each. Steward presented a housing action plan, which was well received by the Council. The focus will be on houses in the floodplain, and the City will apply for a DNR grant to help with the acquisition and demolition.

Brunner is looking at a possible expansion of his Hilltop Precision plant. This would require an annexation and amendment to TID4.

Discussion and possible action on the selection of an engineering firm for professional consulting services for the Powerhouse Flood Mitigation Project.

Garvin/Myhre to award Powerhouse Flood Mitigation Project engineering contract to Vierbicher, a professional engineering firm from Reedsburg. Roll Call. All Ayes. Carried.

Discussion on transfer of money to savings accounts.

Steward present the financial statement and the accounts are in good standing.

Discussion on money transfer for capital improvements such as police car and street work to appropriate accounts at the bank.

Knuth wants to make sure that money will be set aside for capital improvements, specifically a new squad car and street work. Steward stated that the City is working on a Capital Improvement Plan with MSA and part of this process will be to allocate funds to appropriate accounts for capital purchases.

Discussion and possible action on narrowing the width of Madison Street at Spring Street and vacating portions of Madison Street which intersect with State Hwy 80/82.

Steward explained that Beaver came into request a variance to build a garage along this street. The Board of Appeals reviewed the application and postponed their decision to allow the City to either abandon or narrow the street and that is why it is on the agenda. The concern is access to properties, the need for a new survey in this area and to determine who will pay for the survey and narrowing or abandoning of the street.

Garvin/Mendum motion to authorize the City Administrator and City Attorney to look into a survey and look into the process to narrow or vacate the street right-of-way. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion and possible action on the role of Cemetery Sexton for 2012 and who will take on the duties.

Myhre/Mendum to approve Chris Zindorf as Cemetery Sexton at \$75 per month. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion and possible action on Petition for County Aid for Highway Road Construction.

Garvin/Myhre to have City Administrator sign and return petition to Juneau County with the pay request of \$2000. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion and possible action on Expenditures.

Myhre/Helgerson to approve expenditures. Roll Call. All ayes. Carried.

#### Ordinances and Resolutions:

Discussion and possible action on amending City of Elroy Code of Ordinances § 7-2-15 Closing Hours, to reflect new state law allowing for carryout sales of alcohol beginning at 6:00 a.m.

Steward discussed the changes to sale hours for alcohol that the state government made and informed the Council that Kwik Trip and Hansen's inquired about this.

Garvin/Mendum motion to leave the ordinance as is with no change to meet the new state law. Roll Call. All ayes. Carried.

Garvin/Krueger to adjourn at 9:16 pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Steward  
City Administrator