

Common Council Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2012

Approved

Call to Order @ 7:45 pm by Sandy Myhre, Council President

Pledge of allegiance.

Oath of Office for Mayor Elect Mark Stanek

Mayor Stanek takes over meeting.

Roll Call. Helgerson, Krueger, Garvin, Myhre, and Stanek. Mendum excused absent.

Oath of Office administered to three alderpersons, Krueger, Garvin and Myhre. Mendum to receive oath of office at next meeting.

Election of President

Garvin/Krueger to nominates Myhre for Council President . Adopted by unanimous consent. Carried.

Approval of Minutes –

Garvin/Helgerson to approve the Council minutes from March 13 and March 27, and Committee of the Whole March 27. All ayes. Carried.

Mayor appoints William Jefferson to be city attorney. Myhre/Garvin to approve. 3 ayes and 1 nay. Krueger in opposition. Carried.

Mayor's appointments of Committees, Boards and Commissions. Will discuss this information at the Committee of the Whole next week, April 24.

Items 10 and 11 can be removed from the agenda as this is not needed as they were appointed in 2009.

Public Comment: None.

Garvin asked if Mr. Beaver could be moved up on the agenda.

Item 15. G. Discussion on Resolution 926. Steward read the resolution. Jefferson discussed the easement.

Garvin/Helgerson to approve Resolution 926. All ayes. Carried.

Item 15. I. Steward presented on the bid, and Ben Miller from Miller Quality Roofing explained the process.

Garvin would like to see a list of clients and project sites to investigate and check references. Miller will subcontract it out to a person with 5+ years of experience, and another doing it 25+ years. Also like to see the list of the subcontractors involved with the project.

Krueger/Garvin to table the roof repair bid til the May meeting. All ayes. Carried.

Item 15. H. Steward presented on the cemetery and park lawn maintenance. Steward explained what is in the budget. Garvin is concerned that bidding this out may be grounds to eliminate a staff member. Krueger feels contracting out the lawn maintenance will free up the Street department staff to clean out the storm sewers. The City dedicated \$8000 to the cemetery to maintain the lawn.

Garvin/Myhre accept the ProScapes bid to do the cemetery mowing at a bid price of \$5625.00 at and defer any action on the Park mowing til next year. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Communications:

Mayor's Comments, Communications and Recommendations – None at this time, as it is his first meeting. Trying to get an understanding of what is happening at the Council. He would like to meet with all City employees.

Council's Communications – Myhre asked if we will appoint someone to the Utility Commission. There will be recommendation at the next Council meeting. Garvin asked about the CIP. Steward said that MSA was supposed to bring it tonight.

Garvin would like to do a 6 month performance review of Steward. He would like one other member to participate. Jefferson said there is a form to follow, but for Sornsin, they did it individually. Steward is to put a copy of his job description and goals in the mailboxes of the Council members. Royall Health Fair is Friday April 27. Volunteers are needed Thursday night for set up and Friday afternoon for take down. Garvin will get back to Steward with details.

Helgerson asked about Museum repairs. Steward and Ladwig will tour the museum. When will chickens and liquor hours be on the agenda again. Steward said he will bring it up on the next meeting agenda.

Krueger had five complaints of people parking on lawns during the track meet in the alley near the Royall School. Is the Methodist Church available for overflow parking? The Church and School have an agreement. Need to evaluate the parking situation. Garvin will talk to Mark Gruen about this.

Administrator's Communications – Steward read and email about land south of the airport and the neighboring land owner who would like to purchase land.

Garvin – can we get a map of the land around the airport at the May Council meeting?

Reports:

Economic Development Initiative update.

Garvin gave an update on the EDI and Steward handed out a document to be reviewed at the April 24 meeting and Garvin will provide a powerpoint presentation at the 24th meeting.

Utility Commission update (Krueger)

Nothing to report.

Administrator's report

Steward presented his written report.

Consent Agenda:

15. a – d. Garvin/Helgerson to approve burning permits for Jackie Schumann, Douglas Jackson, David Rubeck, and Chris Zindorf. All ayes. Carried.

15. e. Myhre/Garvin to approve operator's license for Andrea Robson. All ayes. Carried.

15. f. Garvin would like to see a recommendation from Hansen's IGA on this matter. Garvin/Myhre motion to postpone recommendation on operator's license for John Sandquist to the May meeting. All ayes. Carried.

15. j. The Badger Coulee Transmission line by ATC was discussed during the utility commission meeting.

15. k. Garvin wants to know if the Council needs a second meeting a month? Defer the discussion till there is a decision on the committee assignments.

15. l. Discussion and action on expenditures. Garvin/Krueger to approve expenditures as noted on monthly report. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Next meeting date – April 24, 2012 – Committee of the Whole at 6:30 pm.
Agenda Items?

Public Comment (5 minute limit, no action to be taken, items not on agenda)

Mark Pfof – what was discussed on Badger Coulee powerline? Stanek answered that the one proposed route is outside the city boundary to the south along an existing corridor. Council and Commission will keep an eye on the project and will follow through as the need arises.

Mrs. Green – will there be another walk through with the floodproofing project? Next step will be the development of legal descriptions about the proposed projects. She would like to express her concerns about paving the entire driveway at a later date. She is impacted greatly by this project, and would like to negotiate something acceptable to them. She wants to be heard with her concerns. She wants more discussion on the project.

Garvin/Krueger to adjourn at 9:15 pm

Mark Steward
City Administrator