Mayor Will called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Pastor Schaus gave the invocation.

Brockman moved and Schueler seconded a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

**Public communications and comment**
Andy Kegler of 926 Watson Street addressed the Mayor and Council with his concerns regarding a deteriorating property at 930 Watson Street.

**Proclamation – Arbor Day**
Schraeder moved and Brockman seconded a motion to approve a proclamation declaring May 12, 2010 as Arbor Day in the City of Ripon. Motion carried 8-0.

**Presentation – Study of housing issues in Ripon (Casey Riesing – intern)**
Casey Riesing, an intern from Ripon College working with Barg this spring, presented and highlighted results of her study regarding housing in the City of Ripon. As part of her report, Ms. Riesing made five recommendations on issues for city officials and community leaders to address, and she also answered questions from the Mayor and Council.

**Appeal of staff’s denial of taxicab license renewal – Mary Eilers**
Ms. Eilers was not present to address her request, but upon review of documents provided by city staff, and after reviewing Ms. Eilers letter, Luskey moved and Hansen seconded a motion to deny Ms. Eilers request for renewal of her taxicab license. Motion carried 6-0, with Peabody and Schraeder abstaining.

**Consent calendar**
Schraeder moved and Luskey seconded a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented, with the exception of item 1(e). Motion carried 8-0.

After Brockman expressed his desire that a park should be established in Sandmar Village in a timely manner, Miller moved and Luskey seconded a motion to approve item 1(e) from the consent calendar.

With these two motions, the Council approved the following items.

1. Reports from standing committees and staff
   a. Ripon Area Fire District minutes – April 6th
   b. Common Council minutes – April 13th, 20th, and 26th
   c. Plan Commission minutes – April 21st
   d. Community Development Authority minutes – April 26th
   e. Park & Recreation Committee minutes – April 28th
   f. Ripon Taxi – March
   g. Building Inspector’s report – April
h. Public Works report – April
i. EMS report – April
j. Police Department report – April
k. Senior Center report – April
l. City Administration reports
   1. Treasurer’s report – April
   2. Budget report – April
   3. Check register – April

Ordinance – Annexation of land at northeast corner of Highway 44/ Douglas Street
Luskey moved and Schueler seconded a motion a request from Ripon Medical Center to annex approximately 1.8 acres located at the northeast corner of Highway 44 and Douglas Street. Motion carried 8-0. (It was noted that RMC intends to attach this land to property they are seeking to buy from the City of Ripon in its new business park.)

Proposed 3% increase to water and sewer rates
After Schueler and others raised concerns about the necessity of a 3% increase in water and sewer rates effective July 1, 2010. Schraeder moved and Peabody seconded a motion to table this item to the May 24th Council meeting, and to direct staff to bring forth further information, including the 2010 water and sewer budgets, a comparison of our utility rates with neighboring cities, and a list of proposed capital projects. Motion carried 8-0.

Proposed covenants for the City’s new business park
Barg briefly highlighted the proposed covenants for the new business park at Highway 44 and Douglas Street, noting that the Plan Commission has recommended these for approval after spending more than a year on this project. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that Council members should contact Will or Barg prior to the June 8th Council meeting if they have any questions or concerns.

Establish date for first Board of Review meeting
Schraeder moved and Luskey seconded a motion to set Tuesday, June 8th at 6:45 p.m. (right before the Council meeting) for the first Board of Review meeting required by state law. Motion carried 8-0.

Announce dates and locations for public input meetings in council districts
Will advised that the first listening session will be held at Grace Lutheran Church on Sunday May 23rd at 6:30 p.m. (Council District #2). Additional listening sessions will be held on June 6th, June 13th and June 27th, with locations to be announced later.

Project updates and staff reports
Barg and Drake updated the Mayor and Council on the status of some ongoing projects and activities including the staffing study, the Newbury Street reconstruction, and the bulk waste collection. Schueler asked if the City can take steps to improve the appearance of the former Smuckers property along Silver Creek.

Mayor’s communications and appointments
Will advised that a military flyover and ceremony will occur on May 12th at Ingalls field, beginning with a program at 5:00 p.m. followed by the flyover at 6 p.m. He encouraged all residents to attend this event. It was also noted that while the City of Ripon is not conducting a “clean sweep” program this year, Fond du Lac County will have a date this month for collection of insecticides, pesticides etc., and staff was asked to post this on the City’s website.

Agenda items for future council meetings - none
With no further business before Council in open session, Brockman moved and Luskey seconded a motion to adjourn to closed session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) “Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session”

   RE: Possible financial assistance for future project in TIF District #7
   RE: Preliminary discussion of 2011-2013 collective bargaining contracts

Council will also review minutes from April 13, 2010 and April 26, 2010 closed sessions for accuracy.

Motion carried 8-0. Will declared the meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Barg, City Administrator