COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
May 24, 2010

Present: Brockman, Hansen, Luskey, Miller, Peabody, Schueler, Werch, Will
Absent: Schraeder
Others: City Administrator Barg, City Attorney Wurtz, Public Works Director Drake, Police Chief Lukoski, Utilities Manager Hoopman

Will called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Approval of Agenda
Brockman moved and Hansen seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion failed 4-3 with Brockman, Hansen and Werch voting in favor.

Brockman moved and Peabody seconded a motion to approve the agenda with item V (2) removed. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Communications and Comment
No members of the general public addressed the Council, but Council members raised issues regarding the listening sessions which are taking place. Luskey advised that Hillside Assembly is willing to host one of these sessions, if necessary. Miller raised concerns about using churches for these meetings and requested the Council receive a written summary of all the issues and concerns raised at these sessions, and that a report also be given on the issues raised during the Mayor’s office hours.

Consent Calendar
Brockman moved and Luskey seconded a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion carried 7-0. With this motion, the Council approved the following two items.

1. Request for street closures – 5K Road Race on June 19th (Ripon Noon Kiwanis)  
   (Staff note: As outlined in the attached letter from President Tonya Alling, Ripon Noon Kiwanis requests street closures for 2 road races this summer. At this time, staff recommends approval of the June 19th event, with a route similar to last year (map attached). Staff will work with Tonya on details for the second race, which will likely come back to you for approval at a future meeting.)

2. Ordinance – amend Chapter 2.56 (Council alternate on Plan Commission)  
   (Staff note: On April 20th, when Mayor Will appointed Council members to the various committees/boards, Council asked that the Ripon City Code be amended to allow appointing an alternate Council representative to the Plan Commission. The City Attorney prepared the attached ordinance to accomplish this objective.)

Proposed 3% increase to sewer and water rates
After some review and discussion of the additional information provided by staff since the May 11th meeting, Brockman moved and Schueler seconded a motion to approve a 3% increase for water and sewer rates, Effective July 1, 2010. Motion carried 7-0.

Proposals to conduct thorough review of the City’s human resources issues
Barg presented and highlighted the 2 proposals received from consulting firms to study the City’s staffing situation, including the organizational chart, job descriptions etc. Although it is more expensive, Barg advised that he and Assistant to the City Administrator Lori Rich favor the proposal from Public Administrative Associates at a price of $30,000, since this seems to be a more thorough proposal than the one received from RW Management Group, Inc. from Menasha at a cost of $17,550.00. After some
discussion, Council requested that both firms be asked to make brief presentations and answer questions at a special meeting on June 28th, with one company scheduled for 6:00 p.m. and the other at 6:30 p.m.

**Project updates and staff reports**
Barg and Drake provided updates on the audit presentation, the Council listening sessions, the Newbury Street reconstruction project, and the upcoming bulk waste pick-up dates.

**Mayor’s Communications and Appointments**
Based on the earlier approval of the ordinance allowing the Council to have an alternate representative to the Plan Commission, Will recommended and Miller moved and Schueler seconded a motion to select Peabody as the Council’s alternative to the Plan Commission. Motion carried 7-0.

**Agenda items for future Council meetings**
Barg advised that a proposal for granting a one-time credit on water and sewer in special circumstances will be on the agenda for June 8th, while the presentation of the 2009 audit by Mike Konecny of Schenck is scheduled for the June 28th Council meeting.

With no further business before the 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: Request for financial assistance for a project located within TIF District #9
- RE: Possible developer’s agreement for Phase 2 of Sandmar Village subdivision

Adjourn to closed session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(g) “Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written evidence concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved”

- RE: Performance concerns with certain 2008 public improvement projects

Motion carried 7-0. Will declared the meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Barg, City Administrator