COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
September 27, 2010

Present: Hansen, Schueler, Schraeder, Miller, Brockman, Luskey, Werch, Peabody, Will
Absent: None
Others: City Administrator Barg, City Attorney Wurtz, City Clerk Schommer

Will called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Schraeder moved and Luskey seconded motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed 8-0.

Public communications and comment
- Jim Jenks, 2917 Shadow Lane, Oshkosh – representing the Oshkosh Mail Processing Center talked about the consolidation of the Oshkosh Post Office mail processing to Green Bay. He asked council to approve a resolution condemning the consolidation as a sign of unity. Miller told the council about an article in the Sunday edition of the Fond du Lac Reporter and urged her fellow council members to read the article and the hardship the closing of the Oshkosh Mail Processing Center would be to the community.
- Mindy McNab, 2175 Schneider Ave, Oshkosh – also representing the Oshkosh Mail Processing Center urged the council to act on a resolution condemning the closing of the center.
- Jerry Davidson, 515 Scott St, Ripon – spoke regarding the major problems the entire postal system has. He read highlights from an editorial that appeared in the Wall Street Journal.

Presentation – Lisa Schwandt (Drug Free Communities Task Force)
Lisa Schwandt and her team presented statistics regarding a survey conducted with 6th through 12th graders from the Ripon School District who took the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, and compared the results with the statewide averages. The survey shows that Ripon does have an underage drinking problem. She invited the council to elect a representative to attend monthly meetings held at the Ripon High School to come up with programs and solutions to the underage drinking problem.

Report from Councilmember Schueler – visit to Untergruppenbach, Germany
Seven Ripon residents, including Schueler and former council member Gib Stoeberl, visited our sister city Untergruppenbach, Germany. Three host families and 7 other families contributed to a wonderful trip and experience. Untergruppenbach is located in the wine region of Germany. They group visited a factory, medieval town, shops, etc. Untergruppenbach believes in a partnership club, connection between 2 cities, a friendship, so a relationship is established. Barg noted that Gib Stoeberl wanted to thank the council for providing funds to give gifts to the host city, and that he has a lot of pictures he is willing to share from the trip.

Consent calendar
Schraeder moved and Brockman seconded a motion to approve consent calendar as presented. Motion passed 8-0. With this motion, the following items were approved.

1. Request for street closure – Ripon Public Schools – St. Wenceslaus just north of Belleville Street for remaining home football games due to safety issues.
2. Request for street closure – Ripon Main Street – close the east side of the 100 block of Watson Street on Thursday, October 21st from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. as part of a celebration of the 75-year anniversary of Marcus Theatre.
3. Request for street closure – Ripon College – close the 100 block on Thurs, Oct 28th from 3:30-8:00 p.m. for a Halloween event called “Tiny Terror on the Square”.
4. Amended bylaws – Community Development Authority.
**Discussion items**

**Amended bylaws – Ripon Area Fire District**
Barg apologized for not having full bylaws in the agenda packet, but that he had the full version on the council’s desks. Brockman stated that the main reason to amend bylaws was to clean them up, and to streamline the process so the new policy book will compliment the bylaws. Amended specifically were the Attachment and Detachment section, which protect the current district members and any future district members; Hiring and Firing policies. Schraeder wants to commend the Ripon Area Fire District Board for working so hard on amending the bylaws, especially the Attachment and Detachment section. Brockman wants all council members to thoroughly read the bylaws and get back to him with questions. The Town of Nepeuskum has already passed the amended bylaws and the Town of Ripon is considering them. Barg will put the bylaws on the October 12, 2010 council agenda as a consent agenda item.

**Project updates & staff reports**
Barg stated that resurfacing is beginning on Ardmore and Oshkosh Streets. Open Book will be conducted week of October 4, 2010 with our assessing firm Action Appraisers & Consultants. He urged residents to ignore a postcard that was sent with Notice of Assessment Change, since it lists a 2010 mil rate that is incorrect. Board of Review will be conducted on October 25, 2010, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Werch stated that he called Action Appraisers and that they are many calls and urged residents to be patient that they will get their calls returned and an appointment scheduled.

**Mayor’s communications and appointments**
None at this time.

**Agenda items for future Council meetings**
Schueler requested the resolution regarding closing of the Oshkosh Mail Processing Center be brought forward as an action item. Luskey requested the ordinance regarding rental property cleanup be brought to council that would include a warrant type system that would include provisions in the code to speed up the cleaning up of a property. Barg will have the 2011 budget to the council by the end of the day Wednesday, September 29, 2010. First budget meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 7, 2010, but due to quorum issues, Barg will send out email to council members with alternate dates and times.

Motion by Werch seconded by Schraeder to adjourn. Motion passed 8-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Ann Schommer
City Clerk