COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
September 13, 2010

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

Mayor Will called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

**Approval of Agenda**
Schraeder moved and Miller seconded a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**Public Communications and Comment**
The following individuals spoke during the public comment period

- Michele Perr of 321 Thorne Street – Ms. Perr addressed the resolution governing public comment along with concerns regarding open meeting issues, former council member Pape’s continuing involvement in city government and concerns pertaining to the Boca Grande project.
- Jim Jenks of U.S. Postal Service – Mr. Jenks addressed concerns regarding the proposed transfer of mail processing operations from Oshkosh to Green Bay, noting that this shift would greatly reduce postal service to the Ripon area. He asked that the council consider adopting a resolution in opposition of this proposal as several other communities in this area have already done.
- Craig Tebon of Ripon Main Street – Mr. Tebon advised that the Ripon Main Street Board of Directors is supportive of the enlarged skating rink plans and they are willing to work with the city on this project if the council gives its approval.
- Jerry Davidson of 515 Scott Street – Mr. Davidson expressed several concerns regarding the downtown redevelopment projects and the city’s agreement with Boca Grande.

**Presentation – Introduction of possible curfew ordinance**
Chief Lukoski presented and briefly highlighted a proposed curfew ordinance which is being offered in response to increasing incidents of underage persons being out during the late night hours and a rising volume of vandalism and other related activities. Barg was directed to schedule this ordinance for public hearing at the October 12th council meeting.

**Presentation – Single-stream recycling program**
Dave Tellock of Veolia, the city’s recycling contractor, presented and discussed the basics of a single-stream recycling program while acknowledging that there is a significant upfront cost for these containers Mr. Tellock indicated that communities in this area who have switched to single stream recycling have gained great increases in the amount of recyclable materials collected there by providing significant cost savings for the community.

**Consent Calendar**
Schraeder moved and Peabody seconded a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented with the exception of the item 1H. Motion carried 6-0.

Schueler advised that she pulled item 1H for clarification on the current status of the aerial truck, Brockman noted that testing has been scheduled and that he will provide the results as soon as he hears more. Schraeder moved and Schueler seconded the motion to approve item 1H. Motion carried 6-0.
With these motions, the Council approved the following items.

1. Reports from standing committees and staff
   a. Historic Preservation Commission minutes – August 2nd
   b. Ripon Area Fire District minutes – August 3rd
   c. Common Council minutes – August 10th & August 23rd
   d. Community Development Authority minutes – August 23rd
   e. Plan Commission minutes – August 28th
   f. Ripon Library Board minutes – August 31st
   g. Ripon Taxi – July
   h. Ripon Area Fire District - August
   i. Building Inspector’s report – August
   j. EMS report – August
   k. Police Department report – August
   l. Public Works report – August
   m. Senior Center report – August
   n. City Administration reports
      1. Treasurer’s report – August
      2. Budget report – August
      3. Check register – August

2. Request to allow planting of trees beyond the centerfield fence at Barlow Park baseball field (donated funds – see Park & Recreation Committee minutes)

**Resolution – Authorizing limited bow hunting within the city limits**
Schraeder moved and Brockman seconded a motion to approve a resolution authorizing limited bow hunting by team Ripon for the upcoming hunting season. Motion carried 6-0.

**Request to expand skating rink and purchase additional lighting**
Schraeder moved and Brockman seconded a motion to approve extending the skating area onto the village green and creating a separate hockey rink on the college land (provided the required details can be worked out both of those property owners) and to use $1,200 funding to purchase additional lights for these skating areas. Motion carried 6-0.

**Reconsideration of tabled business park covenants**
Will reminded that the proposed business park covenants have been tabled since June 8th and he suggested that an effort should be made to move these forward so that the city has some basic guidelines and standards in place for possible business park tenants. Brockman moved and Miller seconded the motion to take this item off the table for further discussion. Motion carried 3-3 (Hansen, Brockman, Miller in favor Peabody, Schraeder, Schueler opposed) with Will breaking the tie in favor. Will explained the plan commission’s desire that some direction be given on this subject. After discussion Peabody moved and Schueler seconded a motion to again table this item. Motion carried 5-1 with Brockman opposed.

**Results of revised RFP & staff’s recommendation regarding staffing study**
Barg provided an update on the staffing study project pointing council members to a memo from Lori Rich explaining the reasons why several qualified firms chose not to bid on this project, he also reviewed the modified scope of services and the revised proposals from the 2 interested companies, now reduced to $15,750 and $20,000 respectively. Schraeder moved and Hansen seconded a motion directing staff to include this item in the 2011 budget with plans to “fast track” this project during the first quarter of 2011. Motion carried 6-0.

**Project updates & staff report**

- Responding to a question by Schueler, Public Works Director Drake advised that he has not yet received the second opinion on potential dam repairs as yet.
In response to a question from Schraeder Drake noted that garbage audits are still being done periodically with very good results.

Drake advised that the concrete and asphalt work will soon be going forward which includes concrete joint repair, sidewalk replacement, and 2 asphalt resurfacing projects.

**Mayor’s communications and appointments - None**

**Agenda items for future Council meetings - None**

II. With no further business before the council in open session Schraeder moved and Brockman seconded a motion to adjourn to closed session under WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) “Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.”

   RE: Possible developer’s agreement for Phase 2 of Sandmar Village project
   RE: Possible disposition of the Russell Manor facility after November 2011

Council will also review minutes from August 10, 2010 and August 23, 2010 closed sessions for accuracy.

Motion carried 6-0.

Adjourn to close session at: 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Barg
City Administrator