Present: Brockman, Luskey, Miller, Pape, Peabody, Schraeder, Schueler, Stoeberl
Absent: None
Others: City Administrator Barg, City Attorney Wurtz, Public Works Drake, Police Chief Lukoski

Miller called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

**Public communications and comment**
Jan Cope-Kasten of 1052 Newbury Street asked that later in this meeting that the Council look favorably on adopting a policy to grant credits to water customers for very high bills due to special circumstances.

Jerry Davidson of 515 Scott Street expressed concern about creating the city clerk position, stating that any increase in staffing levels or salaries during the present bad economy should not be approved.

**Resolutions – Recognizing/Commending Gib Stoeberl and Deano Pape for their service**
Brockman moved and Luskey seconded a motion to approve 2 resolutions honoring and recognizing Gib Stoeberl and Deano Pape for their years for of council service. Motion carried unanimously.

Miller presented plaques to both individuals and declared a 10-minute break at 7:14 p.m. for visiting and refreshments.

Miller reconvened the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m.

**Report of the Board of Canvassers**
Schueler moved and Stoeberl seconded a motion to approve the report from the Board of Canvassers summarizing the results of the April 6th municipal election. Motion carried 8-0.

**Consent calendar**
Schraeder moved and Peabody seconded a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented, except for the March 29th Council minutes. Motion carried 8-0.

Pape asked that the phrase “With the proposed language” be inserted to clarify the city attorney’s reference to Town of Ripon concerns about the ordinance to create a fire board of commissioners, and to clarify the vote was actually 6-0, with Peabody abstaining. With this one change, the March 29th Council minutes were approved unanimously.

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

1. Reports from standing committees and staff
   a. Historic Preservation Commission minutes – March 1st
   b. Ripon Area Fire District minutes – March 2nd
   c. Cable TV Advisory Committee minutes – March 8th
   d. Common Council minutes – March 9th & March 29th
   e. Plan Commission minutes – March 17th
   f. Park & Recreation Committee minutes – March 24th
g. Ripon Taxi – February
h. Building Inspector’s report – March
i. Public Works report – March
j. EMS report – March
k. Police Department report – March
l. Senior Center report – March
m. City Administration reports
   1. Treasurer’s report – March
   2. Budget report – March
   3. Check register – March

2. Resolution – writing off certain uncollectible sewer and water accounts
3. Resolution – writing off certain uncollectible ambulance accounts
4. Policy – local employment and contracting (required for CDBG housing grant)
5. Petition – allowing 4 dogs at 347 Stanton Street (Jon & Sandy Briskie)

Request for street closures – Ripon College (Bike race on June 12-13)
Following a brief presentation by Rick Damm of Ripon College, Schraeder moved and Luskey seconded a motion to approve the request for street closures for a bicycle race on the west side of the downtown area on June 12th (4-8 p.m.) and June 13th (1-5 p.m.). Motion carried 8-0.

City policy – Customer request for credits to water/sewer accounts
Barg noted that city staff periodically receives requests for credits to water/sewer accounts due to special circumstances (leaky toilet, etc.), but at the present time, credit is only given when the problem is on the City’s end (meter reading error, faulty meter, etc.). After discussion, Brockman moved and Schraeder seconded a motion requesting that city staff bring forward a proposal for consideration to provide a one-time credit in certain situations, and that no additional interest be charged on the delinquencies that have been contested so far in 2010. Motion carried 8-0.

Ordinance – Prohibit warehousing in B-1 and B-2 zoning districts
Following Plan Commission’s recommendation from March 17th, Pape moved and Schraeder seconded a motion to adopt an ordinance prohibiting warehousing in B-1 and B-2 districts. Motion carried 8-0.

Ordinance – amend Chapter 2.12 & adopt Chapter 2.13 (City Clerk position)
Schraeder moved and Brockman seconded a motion to approve an ordinance creating the position of “City Clerk” and amending the city administrator’s job description to reflect the transfer of statutory clerk duties to the city clerk. Motion carried 8-0.

Project updates and staff reports
Barg provided a brief update on the status of certain ongoing project and activities.

Mayor’s communications and appointments – None

Agenda items for future council meetings
Barg reminded everyone that the Council reorganization meeting, required after each municipal election, is set for Tuesday, April 20th at 6:30 p.m.

With no further business before Council in open session, Pape 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 purchase of properties located within TIF District #6

Council will also review minutes from the January 12, 2010 and March 29, 2010 closed sessions for accuracy.
Motion carried 8-0. Miller declared the meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Barg, City Administrator