

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
March 12, 2013

Present: Schraeder, Peabody, Werch, Brockman, Hansen, Klein, Miller, Pape, Will

Absent:

Others: City Administrator Rich, City Attorney Wurtz, Public Works Director Drake, Police Chief Lukoski, Utility Manager Liveris, City Clerk Schommer

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

Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation – Pastor Tom McAlpine

Approval of agenda

Motion made by Klein, second by Miller to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public communications and comment

No one from the public came forward to address council. Brockman introduced new RAFD Chief Tim Saul to council. Fire Chief Saul addressed council and extended an open policy to council and to the public to talk to him anytime.

Presentation – Historic Preservationist of the Year plaques

Mayor Will introduced Steve Riemer, Chair of the Historic Preservation Committee to present plaques to the recipients of the Historic Preservationist of the Year. Residential Historic Preservationist of the Year was presented to Grant & Betsy Stanfield, 533 Watson Street. Mrs. Stanfield and her children accepted the plaque from Mayor Will and Mr. Riemer. Commercial Historic Preservationist of the Year was presented to Scott Kearney and Mary Flanagan, 204, 206 and 208 Watson Street. Both Mr. Kearney and Ms. Flanagan accepted the plaque from Mayor Will and Mr. Riemer and thanked Craig Tebon, Ripon Main Street Director for all of his guidance and support.

Consent calendar

Klein pulled Item E.-Park & Recreation minutes.

(Unless the Mayor, Council, or staff asks that one or more of the items listed below be pulled, this list may be approved with a single vote.) Motion made by Brockman, second by Werch to approve remainder of the consent calendar as presented. Motion carried. With this motion the following items were approved.

Reports from standing committees and staff

Ripon area Fire District minutes – January 3rd, 22nd, February 18th & March 5th

Historic Preservation minutes – February 5th

Common Council minutes – February 12th

Plan Commission minutes – February 20th

Ripon Public Library minutes – February 26th

Police Commission minutes – March 5th

Ripon Taxi – February

Building Inspector report - February

EMS report – February

Fire District report – February

Police Department report – February

Public Works report – February

Senior Center report – February

City Administration reports

- Treasurer's report – February
- Budget report – February
- Check register – February

Item E-Park & Recreation Minutes-Klein stated she had spoken with Rich regarding the vending machines and believes the minutes from the Park & Recreation Committee do not reflect the cities true cost of running the vending machines. Klein asks that very accurate records be kept when the machines are turned back on and off. Hansen questioned if the vending machines could be removed during the winter months. Peabody questioned who was responsible if vending machines were vandalized. Rich replied the vendor is responsible.

Discussion Item

Review water utility's debt and proposed refinancing

Phil Cosson from Ehlers explained to council preliminary planning schedules if water utility debt is refinanced. Cosson explained two cost saving scenarios, one without adding \$150,000 for potential new project to the refinancing and the second with potential \$150,000 project included in the refinancing. The first scenario showed a potential cost savings of approximately \$13,000 per year and second scenario showed lower potential cost savings. Klein and Schraeder expressed concern in lack of information on potential \$150,000 project and did not feel they could move forward with adding the funds without more information on the project. Schraeder did not want to hold back opportunity to save money. Motion made by Schraeder, second by Werch to instruct Cosson to move forward with refinancing bond issuance based on current water utility debt and to bring information back to council at its April 9, 2013 council meeting. More discussion ensued. Motion carried.

Vending machines in parks

Discussion had taken place under consent calendar. No action by council.

Consider revised "Friends of the Parks" insert for water/sewer bills

Motion made by Brockman to approve revised "Friends of the Parks" insert and to have insert included in the water/sewer bills, second by Pape. Motion carried.

Action Items

Ordinances – Update Residency Requirements

Wurtz explained both ordinances were to clean up language in our current ordinances to conform to actual practice and labor contracts. Motion made by Peabody to approve Ordinance 1421– Amend Subsection 2.80.120 Residence Requirements and Ordinance 1422 – Repeal Subsection 2.80.130 Residency Requirements for Safety Department Employees, second by Hansen. Motion carried.

Consider bid – Ransom Rebuild

Motion made by Brockman, second by Klein to accept low bid from RLAM of Ripon for the Ransom Rebuild at a price of \$338,893. Motion carried.

Consider bid – Concrete joint repair

Motion made by Pape, second by Werch to accept low bid for concrete joint repair from Vinton Construction of Manitowoc at a price of \$31,750. Motion carried.

Resolution – Authorizing submittal of grant application

Motion made by Brockman, second by Hansen to approve Resolution Number 2013-03- A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of an Application to the DNR for the Wisconsin Plant Recovery Initiative Assessment Money (WAM) Contractor Services Award. Motion carried.

Ordinances – Amend landscape conflict in code

Wurtz explained the ordinances were to clean up language in our current ordinances. Plan Commission has already approved the changes and submitted changes for council approval.

Motion made by Peabody, second by Klein to approve Ordinance 1423-To Amend Subsection 20.25.040(B)(3) Off-Street Parking Regulations of the Municipal Code of the City of Ripon, WI; Ordinance 1424- To Amend Subsection 20.28.050(A)(3) Off-Street Parking Regulations of the Municipal Code of the City of Ripon, WI; Ordinance 1425- To Amend Subsection 20.32.050(B)(3) Off-Street Parking Requirements of the Municipal Code of the City of Ripon, WI; Ordinance 1426- To Amend Subsection 20.34.040(B)(3) Off-Street Parking Requirements of the Municipal Code of the City of Ripon, WI; and Ordinance 1427- To Amend Subsection 20.38.040(D) Site Coverage of the Municipal Code of the City of Ripon, WI. Motion carried.

Project updates & staff reports

No project updates communicated to council.

Mayor's communications and appointments

No appointments at this time, but Will thanked Fire Chief Saul and Utility Manager Liveris for attending the meeting.

Agenda items for future Council meetings

Klein requested cost on acquiring large recycling bins for citizens be put on future agenda. Drake will look into cost and bring back to council. Klein also recognized the following city employees who have anniversaries in the month of March, Troy Damsteegt with the Ripon Police Department and Mark Weiske with the Public Works Department.

Motion made by Brockman, second by Schraeder to adjourn.

With no further business, Will declared meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Ann Schommer, City Clerk