

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
March 25, 2013

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

Absent: Peabody, Pape

Others: City Administrator Rich, Public Works Director Drake, Utility Manager Liveris, City Clerk Schommer

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

Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation – Pastor Gary Miller

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Brockman, second by Hansen to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public Communications and Comment

Christine Glover, 202 E Oshkosh Street, Ripon addressed the council regarding having the right to own chickens and have them reside on her property. Ms. Glover was advised to gather petition of residents wanting the right to house chickens and bring back to council.

Action Items

Consider bid – Final surface paving for Gateway Drive

Motion made by Brockman, second by Hansen to approve low bid from MCC, Inc of Appleton at a price of 30,934.50. Motion carried.

Consider borrowing \$150,000 to relocate Water Department

Rich explained for the benefit of council and those residents watching or attending the meeting that the city's Financial Advisor, Phil Cossan spoke to council at their last meeting stating that the city can save money by refinancing Water Revenue Bonds. Rich explained by borrowing the \$150,000 for the relocation of the Water Department with the refinancing of the Water Revenue Bonds the city will be saving \$28,568. Many council members inquired if all options for housing the Water Department have been explored. Drake stated yes and that building a new building to house the Water Department by the current Waste Water Treatment Plant was the best option. Motion made by Hansen, second by Brockman to include \$150,000 for the relocation of the Water Department in with the upcoming Water Revenue Bond refinancing. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

Cost of large recycling bins for citizens

Klein requested that Drake look into cost of larger recycling bins for the city. Brockman inquired if a larger recycling tote would increase recycling within the city. Drake stated he wasn't sure. Schraeder inquired cost breakdown. Brockman and Werch stated support for including a survey flyer in with the water bills asking residents if they supported the city getting larger recycling totes and supporting the cost. Schraeder stated this was an item to look at budget time.

Hall Street parking

Klein stated that citizens have contacted her regarding parking between 2:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on Hall Street causing problems for residents living in the area. The residents have no parking available for company to park their vehicles. Will asked Klein if she or the residents have contacted the Police Department. Klein stated no. Will asked other council members if they have been contacted regarding parking problems on Hall Street, all replied no. Schraeder did state that he was told that there was a positive improvement after signage went up restricting parking on one side of the street. Judy Robbert, 517 Hall Street, Ripon, spoke before council and stated that traffic was better, but there is still a problem with 2nd shift workers from Alliance Laundry parking on the street between 2:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. and

requested 4 hour restricted parking on street. Robbert also requested that the corner pavement be painted so that cars are not parking too close to the corner. Klein also inquired about the No Parking signs that are stuck in the snow banks on Hall Street and Spaulding Ave. Drake stated he didn't know anything about them. Rich will check with Police Department. Werch directed the City Administrator to meet with Drake and Police Chief Lukoski to discuss limiting parking on Hall Street.

Project Updates & Staff Reports

None presented to council.

Mayor's communications and appointments

No Mayor communications or appointments at this time.

Agenda items for future Council meetings

Klein requested chicken issue be put on the next council agenda. Werch inquired when Spring Cleanup will happen. Drake stated he did not know at this time. Compost site will be open again on Tuesday's beginning on Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

Motion made by Brockman, second by Klein to adjourn.

With no further business, Will declared meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Ann Schommer, City Clerk