

Common Council Minutes
Monday, June 24, 2013

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

Absent: Schraeder

Late: Hansen (arrived at 7:43 p.m.)

Others: City Administrator Rich, City Attorney Wurtz, Public Works Director Drake,
City Clerk Schommer

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

Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation – Mayor Will

Approval of agenda

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

Public communications and comment

None

Presentation – 2012 financial audit report (Mike Konecny - Schenck)

Mike Konecny from Schenck Business Solutions reported on 2012 city audit. Konecny informed council audit went well and he believes the city is in good condition. Motion made by Brockman, second by Miller to approve 2012 financial audit report from Schenck Business Solutions. Motion carried.

Consent calendar (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 Peabody, second by Brockman to approve consent calendar as presented. Motion carried. With this motion the following items were approved.

Nancy E Wszalek, 717 Lincoln St, Ripon, WI 54971, (trade name) Downhill Coffee, 3 Harris St, Ripon, WI 54971 has applied for Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage and “Class C” Wine License for the 2013-2014 licensing year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

Change of Agent for PH Hospitality Group LLC, (trade name) Pizza Hut, 728 W Fond du Lac St, Corey Walker, 333 Washington Street, Ripon, WI 54971, Agent.

Change of Agent for Kwik Trip, Inc., (trade name) Kwik Trip #770, 545 W Fond du Lac St, Ripon, WI 54971, Emma Laurine Hultman, 566 Lyon St, Ripon, WI 54971, Agent.

Victor O’Campo, Watson Street Sub Shop, 314 Watson Street, Ripon, WI 54971 has submitted a Sidewalk Cafe (non-alcoholic) application requesting permission to place 2 dining tables/4 chairs on city sidewalks.

Request from Carson & Barnes Circus to hold one-day event in Ripon on Thursday, July 25, 2013 in the city’s business park.

Discussion items

Allowing City Administrator to approve requests to allow more than 2 dogs and/or 3 cats

Klein asked why have ordinance at all with limit on number of dogs/cats if citizens can petition to have more. Wurtz stated council can do away with ordinance completely or change it to reflect their will. Motion made by Pape, second by Peabody to bring forward amendment to current ordinance to allow City Administrator authority to approve requests to allow more than 2 dogs and/or 3 cats. Motion carried.

Consider increasing the \$100,000 insurance liability requirement for pit bulls

Klein stated a concerned citizen approached her stating he believed the \$100,000 insurance liability requirement was not high enough and that landlords should also be held responsible in case of dog attack/bite. Klein approached Police Chief Lukoski and he had no problem with raising insurance liability requirement to \$250,000. Discussion ensued. Motion made by Klein to change required insurance liability requirement for pit bulls to \$250,000, second by Peabody. More discussion ensued. Klein stated she was willing to withdraw her motion so that more research could be done and to have item brought back to council, Peabody agreed to rescind his second. Motion made by Klein to table item until July 22, 2013 so that more research on restrictions/insurance liability could be done, second by Peabody. Motion carried.

Reconsideration of action on dam spillway alternatives

Pape who voted for this motion, is asking item be brought back before council for reconsideration. He stated he felt at prior council meeting more discussion was needed before city went with Ogee Spillway dam type, and also Councilmember Peabody was absent from prior meeting so his input was not heard. Motion made by Pape, second by Werch to reconsider prior action/(motion) on dam spillway alternatives. Voice vote taken. Schraeder-absent; Peabody-yes; Werch-yes; Brockman-no; Klein-no; Hansen-yes; Miller-yes; Pape-yes. Motion passed 5-2 (Brockman, Klein). Discussion ensued on dangers of ogee spillway dam vs other dam types. Motion made by Klein to go with recommendation of 50 ft Ogee Spillway design, second by Brockman. Voice vote taken. Schraeder-absent; Peabody-no; Werch-yes; Brockman-yes; Hansen-no; Klein-yes; Miller-yes; Pape-no. Motion passed 4-3 (Peabody, Hansen, Pape)

Project updates & staff reports

Drake informed council curb/gutter/driveways/sidewalk work complete on Ransom Street. Paving on Ransom Street will begin July 2, 2013. Wondra started working on Douglas Street and should take approximately 4-6 weeks.

Mayor's communications and appointments

Mayor has no appointments at this time. He will not hold office hours on Wednesday, July 3rd and wished everyone safe holiday travel and that fireworks will be held on July 4th at Murray Park.

Agenda items for future Council meetings

Klein stated there are 4 spaces still available at the Community Garden and is in need of 55 gal drums. Peabody stated Riesterer & Schnell has 55 gal drums they will give away for free.

Adjourn to closed session 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: Consider offer to purchase city-owned property (123 Jefferson)

Council will also review minutes from the closed session on 6/11/2013 for accuracy.

Motion made by Brockman, second by Klein to adjourn to closed session. Motion carried.

With no further business in open session, Will declared meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Ann Schommer, City Clerk