

Common Council Minutes
Monday, August 26, 2013

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

Absent: Schraeder

Late: Werch (arrived at 7:30 p.m.)

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

Will called meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation – Mayor Will

Approval of agenda

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

Public communications and comment

None

Actions items

Resolution – authorizing limited bow hunting within the City limits

Hansen asked if the hunt would be in the same areas as previous years and if the parks were still off limits. Will stated yes to both questions, although if residents have a deer problem, contact Kraig Bauman. Hansen asked if anyone could join Team Ripon. Chief Lukoski stated it was a private group that had its own liability insurance coverage, but to contact Kraig Bauman if interested in joining Team Ripon. Motion made by Brockman, second by Peabody to approve Resolution 2013-14, Authorizing Limited Bow Hunting with the City Limits. Motion carried.

Discussion items

Consider Pacific Street storm water issue

Corey Schram of AFK Corp. contacted the city because flooding has been occurring on Pacific Street and AFK's property. AFK feels this storm water issue should be addressed. AFK is requesting the City to consider taking on this project. Drake stated AFK does have flooding issues with water run-off, but this is not a new problem. Drake gave council a report that was created in 2002 regarding this issue. Council has discussed this issue numerous times in 2002, 2004, 2008 and now. Drake stated problem is that one end of Pacific Street is very steep and when it rains, water runs down to the lowest section and can cause flooding. Peabody inquired what some resolutions to the problem are. Drake stated in the 2002 report it states moving AFK to the Industrial Park, rerouting drainage or putting in a relief line. Peabody stated risks of surge of water hitting molten metal at the foundry causing an explosion. Wurtz was asked what city's liability would be if city does nothing. Wurtz stated AFK knows the risks, knows they are in a flood plain and that they are a private industry with their own liability insurance carrier. The city can help engineer a solution. Many council members want Drake to meet with AFK to come up with a solution. Motion made by Brockman, second by Klein to direct staff to work with AFK principle owners to find resolution and to include relocation possibility in the discussion. Pape proposed friendly amendment to motion to include

having either Mayor, Wurtz, Rich or council member included in the discussion between Drake and AFK. Friendly amendment accepted. New motion to read, motion made by Brockman, second by Klein to direct staff to work with AFK principle owners to find resolution. Discussion with AFK to include City Engineer and either the Mayor, Wurtz, Rich or councilmember. Motion carried.

Review and discuss staff's proposed 5-year capital improvements plan

Klein inquired why total general fund category for 2014 was so high compared to following years. Brockman replied new Fire Truck for Ripon Area Fire District. Brockman, Werch and Hansen explained the aerial truck is out of service because it failed state inspection. Right now the estimate to repair the truck is at \$10,000 but that figure could increase because test was stopped after first failure. RAFD has decided for the immediate future to rely on mutual aid, but have also decided this is not the best scenario. RAFD is looking at many options, purchase out right, lease to own, etc. After RAFD had more information, Brockman, Werch and Hansen will bring report to council for further discussion. Werch asked Drake if 1992 Plow Truck for \$40,000 was still needed in 2014. Drake replied yes, amount would go into operational expense. Pape inquired if the city still budgeted for anticipated capital items, etc, police department put in their budget dollars toward purchase of new squad car and EMS put dollars in budget toward new ambulance. Lukoski and Rich answered yes. Pape stated he would like to see more of this done for capital items. Werch agreed with Pape stating this would help with sticker shock on bigger items. Klein asked Drake what \$50,000 for city hall improvements was for. Drake stated he was not sure yet, many projects need to be done. For example, replacement of single pane windows in council chambers, air handler on mezzanine, etc. Klein asked if \$15,000 for Sandmar Park creation was needed at this time because of lack of building in that area. Hansen and Brockman both stated yes. Believe if park is developed, people will build. Klein asked if capital budget would be coming back to council. Rich stated yes, when budget meetings are held. Will encouraged council to contact Rich if they had any more questions, or would like to see items added/removed from 5-year capital plan.

Project updates & staff reports

Peabody told council a constituent had contacted him and inquired why we were not accepting waste oil at compost center. Drake stated the barrel was full and the hauler will not take it because of PCB traces in the oil. Drake is trying to find someone to take waste oil because of PCB's it has become hazardous waste. Peabody asked how PCB's got into the waste oil. Drake stated it can come from cleaning up older equipment.

Klein asked Drake about "Clean Sweep" program. Drake stated they have not applied, last year denied because of no money in program. Klein would like city to apply for grant again.

Klein informed council the Community Garden was going well. Three plots were being used and are very productive. Next year hopefully more spaces will be used.

Mayor's communications and appointments

Appoint member of Plan Commission

Motion made by Werch, second by Hansen to approve appointment of Bill Hoch to a 3-year term ending 4/30/2015 on the Plan Commission. Motion carried.

Will wished everyone a safe holiday weekend. Will also invited anyone interested in serving on the Cable TV advisory committee to contact him. They are in need of two members.

Agenda items for future Council meetings

None.

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 (933 Newbury)

Council will also review minutes from the closed session on 8/13/2013 for accuracy.

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

With no further business in open session, Will declared meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Ann Schommer, City Clerk