

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
November 25, 2013

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

Absent:

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

Will called meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public communications and comment

None

Action items

Proposed 5-year agreement for assessing services – Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc.

Troy Zacharias current City Assessor from Action Appraisers & Consultants addressed council. He stated his concern with bid sheet Rich had sent him showing 2 different bids. Rich stated she called Associated Appraisals and their bid is \$127,600. Different figure appeared in attached paperwork not in proposed bid. Klein asked if changing assessors would be detrimental to the city and questioned confidence in Associated Appraisal. Rich stated she didn't think it will be detrimental to the city changing assessors and again stated she had contacted Associated Appraisal and confirmed proposed bid amount. Much discussion ensued. Motion made by Brockman, second by Pape to accept bid from Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. at a cost of \$127,600 for 5 year term for assessing services. Voice vote: Schraeder-yes; Peabody-no; Werch-yes; Brockman-yes; Hansen-yes; Klein-no; Miller-yes; Pape-yes. Motion passed 6-2 (Peabody, Klein) Werch thanked Zacharias for his service for the past 5 years.

Loan Review Board minutes – November 20th – request to modify loan terms for Ripon Hotel Group, LLC

Motion made by Brockman, second by Hansen to approve request made from Ripon Hotel Group, LLC to modify loan terms to 7 years at 4%. Motion carried.

Insurance services – Property/Liability/Workers' Compensation

Klein inquired if bids could be split. Rich stated no. Motion made by Pape, second by Brockman to accept Diedrich Agency, Inc. bid of \$141,028 for Property/Liability/Worker's Compensation insurance services. Motion carried.

Resolution – initiating proposed discontinuance of public right-of-way

Werch inquired if this was to begin process, set hearings and notify public. Rich and Will stated yes. Will explained this resolution would begin process of closing off a section of Lyon and Hall Street and that Alliance Laundry Systems will be maintaining this section of the street. Motion made by Schraeder, second by Peabody to approve Resolution 2013-20 A Resolution Initiating the Proposed Discontinuance of Public Right-Of-Way. Motion carried.

Resolution – special assessments for Thomas Street

This resolution begins process for special assessments for Thomas Street. Motion made by Klein, second by Brockman to approve Resolution Number 2013-21, A Preliminary Resolution

Declaring Intent to Levy Special Assessments Under Municipal Police Powers Pursuant to State Statutes 66.701, Street Improvements Thomas (Grace to Howard), Howard (Thomas to Lincoln). Motion carried.

Discussion Items

Consider amendment to composting ordinance

Schraeder requested background on reasoning to current change composting ordinance. Rich, Will and Wurtz explained Ripon College student had requested change so college can begin to compost. The changes the current composting ordinance is allowing composting in residential and institutional zoned properties and also adds egg shells, coffee grounds to list of materials that may be placed in a compost area. Motion made by Klein, second by Pape to approve Ordinance Number 1436 An Ordinance to Amend Subsection 10.22.055(A) Permitted Private Composting Areas of the Municipal Code of the City of Ripon, WI. Motion carried.

Project updates & staff reports

Drake stated public works was finished collecting leaves and are now switching the trucks for snow and ice removal. Drake reminded the public with the holidays coming up, garbage pickup will be changing for those days. On holidays if your garbage is normally collected on a Thursday, it will be picked up Wednesday, and if on Friday, it will be picked up on following Monday. If unsure, check the website. Compost site will be open Tuesday and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. until sufficient snowfall is on the ground then it will only be open on Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. City will pick up brush one more time weather permitting.

Mayor's communications and appointments

No Mayoral appointments at this time. Will reminded everyone with winter weather conditions to drive carefully, shovel the walkways and hydrants out. Will also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travel.

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 Memorandum of Understanding (Agnesian HealthCare Inc.)

RE: Consider amendment to TID 10 Development Agreement (Agnesian)

Council will also review minutes from the closed session on 11/12/2013 for accuracy.

Motion made by Pape, second by Hansen to adjourn and go into closed session. Motion carried.

With no further business in open session, Will declared meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Ann Schommer, City Clerk