

**CITY OF RIPON  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
Tuesday, March 12, 2013  
7:00 p.m.**

- I. Call to order/roll call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation – Pastor Tom McAlpine
- III. Approval of agenda
- IV. Public communications and comment
- V. Presentation – Historic Preservationist of the Year plaques
  1. Residential – Grant & Betsy Stanfield
  2. Commercial – Scott Kearney and Mary Flanagan
- VI. 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.)
  1. Reports from standing committees and staff
    - a. Ripon area Fire District minutes – January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, February 18<sup>th</sup> & March 5<sup>th</sup>
    - b. Historic Preservation minutes – February 5<sup>th</sup>
    - c. Common Council minutes – February 12<sup>th</sup>
    - d. Plan Commission minutes – February 20<sup>th</sup>
    - e. Park & Recreation minutes – February 27<sup>th</sup>
    - f. Ripon Public Library minutes – February 26<sup>th</sup>
    - g. Police Commission minutes – March 5<sup>th</sup>
    - h. Ripon Taxi – February
    - i. Building Inspector report - February
    - j. EMS report – February
    - k. Fire District report – February
    - l. Police Department report – February
    - m. Public Works report – February
    - n. Senior Center report – February
    - o. City Administration reports
      - Treasurer’s report – February
      - Budget report – February
      - Check register – February
- VII. Discussion Item
  1. Review water utility’s debt and proposed refinancing  
(Staff note: The City’s financial advisor, Ehlers, periodically reviews the City’s debt issues for potential refunding opportunities. The City’s Water Revenue Bonds issued to purchase the system from Alliant Energy could be refunded for a savings. Ehlers’ preliminary numbers show a savings of approximately \$15,000 per year after all expenses. Phil Cosson will provide more detailed information at tonight’s meeting.)

2. Vending machines in parks  
(Staff note: At the last council meeting Klein requested a report on the vending machines that were installed in the parks this past summer. Attached is a report of the revenues and the estimated electric costs to the City. The Park & Rec Committee recommends keeping the vending machines in the parks for another year.)
3. Consider revised “Friends of the Parks” insert for water/sewer bills  
(Staff note: At its February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Park & Recreation Committee approved a revised insert for water/sewer bills, which invites citizens to become a “Friend of the Parks”. The Park & Rec Committee seeks your approval.)

#### VIII. Action Items

1. Ordinances – Update Residency Requirements  
(Staff note: The attached ordinances update the City’s residency ordinance to conform with actual practice and labor contracts. Staff recommends approval.)
  - a. Ordinance – Amend Subsection 2.80.120 Residence Requirements
  - b. Ordinance – Repeal Subsection 2.80.130 Residency Requirements for Safety Department Employees
2. Consider bid – Ransom Rebuild  
(Staff note: As noted on the attached document from the Public Works Director, the City received 11 bids for the final portion of the Ransom Rebuild. The low bid was from RLAM of Ripon at a price of \$338,893. This is below the amount budgeted for this work. Staff recommends approval of the bid from RLAM as presented.)
3. Consider bid – Concrete joint repair  
(Staff note: The low bid for concrete joint repair was from Vinton Construction of Manitowoc at a price of \$31,750. This is within the amount budgeted for this work. Staff recommends approval of the bid as presented.)
4. Resolution – Authorizing submittal of grant application  
(Staff note: The attached resolution is required of all applicants submitting an application to the DNR for Wisconsin Plant Recovery Initiative Assessment Money (WAM) Contract Services Award. The DNR has indicated the former Smuckers site on Jefferson appears to be eligible for a possible award. Staff seeks Council authorization to submit the grant application.)
5. Ordinances – Amend landscape conflict in code  
(Staff note: At the February 20<sup>th</sup> Plan Commission meeting the Building Inspector noted that each zoning district still has a “Screening and Landscaping” section that conflicts with the new landscaping ordinance. The attached ordinances amend the language in each zoning district to refer to the landscaping chapter. Staff recommends approval.)
  - a. Amend Subsection 20.25.040(B)(3) Off-Street Parking (IN)
  - b. Amend Subsection 20.28.050(A)(3) Off-Street Parking (B-1)
  - c. Amend Subsection 20.32.050(B)(3) Off-Street Parking (B-2)
  - d. Amend Subsection 20.34.040(B)(3) Off-Street Parking (B-3)
  - e. Amend Subsection 20.38.040(D) Site Coverage (I-2)

- IX. Project updates & staff reports
- X. Mayor's communications and appointments
- XI. Agenda items for future Council meetings
- XII. Adjourn