

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Moede with the following roll call:

Members Present: Ald. Toellner, Ald. Sertich, Ald. Schaefer, Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Redeker

Members Absent: Ald. Schmidt

Others Present: Mayor Moede, Deanna Boldrey, Kathie Wild, Chris MacNeill, Ryan Vossekuil, Mike Kurutz, Ron Wellner, Jean Natrop, Donna Kamrath, Mike Shewey, Linda Turk, Katie Leb, Megan Sheridan, Don Neitzel, Gregory Justman

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Mayor requested a moment of silence for First Lt. David Johnson.

Citizen Comments.

Citizen Comment rules were read by the Clerk.

Mike Shewey came to the podium. He is the owner of the Audubon Inn at 45 North Main Street. He spoke of the concern of the overnight parking ordinance. He and his wife have owned the Audubon Inn for almost four years and have not had a problem with the overnight parking. Their overnight guests have parked in the lot by Williams Street, and they have given guests the re-usable parking permits to display in their vehicle windshield and then the guests returned the permits in the morning. Mike continued that the City did not charge for this, or use of the parking lot. Mike reported that last October the new Police Chief came to their Inn and stated that they were in violation of the City Parking Ordinance. At that time Stacy contacted the Mayor and he said he would take care of it. In the meantime, five of their guests got tickets for parking in the City lot. One of the ticketed guests was the owner and CEO of TAB Products, and another was an executive of John Deere. Mike noted that their solution was to use continue to use parking permits like they had been for the past three years, reproducing them at their cost. The City did not like this idea and proposed that they pay \$100 fee; and the City would supply unlimited parking passes to be used in 2012. Mike continued that he and Stacy knew this would be costly to the City and expressed their concerns. By January they had used all of the parking passes and Mike sent an e:mail to the Mayor asking for more passes to get thru February. An additional 120 or so was needed. He was told at that time that the disposable passes were not working for the City because it was costing the City too much money. Mike Shewey continued that at that time they were told they would have to pay \$25 per stall, per month fee for 16 room hotel that equates to \$1,600 per year; and that the City said this is needed to maintain the parking lots. Mike continued that he disagreed with this because he does not see how overnight parking causes anymore wear and tear than day time parking does. Day time parking does not pay a fee. Mike continued that his annual tax bill is over \$19,000. Over \$6,000 goes directly to the City of Mayville. Mike noted that the City told them they could raise their rates to compensate for the parking. Mike continued that is not how it works in the hospitality business. He reported that they have to remain competitive and have long-term contracts.

Mike reported that statistics show that for every \$1 spent in their hotel and restaurant an additional 40 cents is spent in the community. He noted that they want to attract people to come to Mayville, and they mention the other places in Mayville. He noted that this has left guests stumped as to where to park. He is asking the City Council to add the parking item to next week's Finance Agenda to exclude the Audubon Inn from the parking fee requirement.

Donna Guddex Kamrath of 51 North German Street came to the podium. She commented that the Audubon Inn should not be required to pay to parking fees. She reported that they are one of the three that have supported the polka dance advertising. The Audubon Inn, the Mayville Inn, and the Country Ice Cream Shop have supported the polka dance advertising. Donna continued that in the down turn economy we should be able to find a buyer for the Mayville Products to give 130 people jobs. Donna continued that there should be fines for those that walk their dogs and leave the dog messes behind.

Linda Turk of 707 River Drive came to the podium. She noted that she is representing the Chamber of Commerce of 48 North Street. Linda read a prepared statement from Susan Perry who is President of the Chamber. The statement was in support of the Audubon Inn as an asset to the Mayville Community. She noted that the Audubon Inn guests should not be placed in the same category as Mayville residents for parking permits. She continued that the City Council, Finance Committee, and Mike and Stacy Shewey work together to come up with a solution that is acceptable for all involved.

Kathy Sertich of 275 High Street went to the podium. Also noted as Chair of the Finance Committee. She commented that it is interesting to hear the spin that has taken on this parking issue. A lot of background work was done before it reached the Finance Committee. At the January 16, 2012, Finance Committee the issue was opened up to the Committee of the Whole and five out of the seven spoke on the issue. She continued that the Finance Committee does not make the final decision, the Common Council does. Kathy noted that it is very upsetting to her that the Finance Committee is being targeted. She noted that on February 20, 2012, there will be a discussion on the topic at the Finance Committee Meeting which will allow different ideas from other areas, and then the item will be postponed and brought back for a special meeting if needed to get the item rectified. She noted that a lot of leg has been done on looking at other areas and other towns and how this is handled. She noted for the record the correct amounts for the parking permit fees are: \$10 for one month and \$25 for three months. The City has never asked for \$1,600. She continued that it is very unfortunate that when we have a factory in town with 132 people losing their jobs, a parking lot situation brings up this level of disconnect. She noted to look at what the Finance Committee has done in the past two years to help the City out and the City is in better shape than two years ago.

Consent Agenda.

Approve the Minutes of January 9, 2012. Motion by Ald. Redeker, second by Ald. Sertich to Approve the Minutes of January 9, 2012, meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Mayor-Monthly Report.

Polka Dance Updates for Fireworks Fundraisers.

Mayor Moede reported that he and his wife attended the recent polka dance. A lot of people from far away came. People had a good time and will be back. He noted that there were not a lot of people from Mayville there. Out of 150 some people 12 were from Mayville. The next dance is on the 31st of March.

Resolution 4563-2012 – Action on Appointments to the Park and Recreation Commission.

Motion by Ald. Pasbrig, second by Ald. Toellner to approve Resolution 4562-2012 – Action on Appointments to the Park and Recreation Commission. Motion carried 5-0.

City Clerk - Monthly Report.

2012 Election Update.

The Clerk reported that all incumbents are running unopposed in the City of Mayville. Jerry Moede for Mayor; Kathy Sertich for 2nd ward alderperson and Bob Redeker for 4th and 7th ward alderperson; Dave Pasbrig for 6th ward alderperson.

The Spring Election will be on April 3, 2012, and the Organizational Meeting will be on April 17, 2012.

The April 3, 2012, Spring Election will be the first election in the City of Mayville since the election laws have changed. Because of the election laws that have changed, absentee ballots can be received up to the Friday after the election if postmarked on election day; ID for the provisional ballots can be received up to the Friday after the election. Keep this in mind when looking at the results of the election on election night.

In order to receive a ballot, voters will need to show photo id. Voters are also required to sign the poll book.

Absentee voting has also changed in that absentee voting in the clerk's office is now restricted to the two weeks prior to an election and ends the Friday before the election, so for the Spring election Absentee voting in the Clerk's Office begins on March 19 and ends on March 30 at 5 p.m. Also, the new law prohibits absentee voting and voter registration the Monday before the election. As always voters can register at the polls.

Voters will need to allow extra time at the polls for signing of the poll book and the photo id.

Discuss/Approve the following Operator's Licenses.

Motion by Ald. Redeker, second by Ald. Pasbrig to approve the following operator's licenses. Motion carried 5-0.

Kelly Toennes, Mayville	William Schulz, Hartford	Amanda Palmer, Mayville
Sara Norton, Mayville	Edward Augustus, Mayville	

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:

Library Board:

Date and Time of Next Meeting Thursday, March 8, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.

Personnel Committee:

Date and Time of Next Meeting is Monday, Monday, February 20, 2012, immediately following Finance.

Finance Committee:

Payment of Bills. (\$2,799,702.86)

Motion by Ald. Schaefer, second by Ald. Redeker to approve the payment of the bills. Ald. Redeker questioned an invoice for a laser and gun site. He questioned if it was required. Chief MacNeill noted that his predecessor had approved this in the past and it was allowed in the past. Ald. Sertich commented that this was approved prior. Ald. Redeker questioned if this will change in the future. Chief noted that it would. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 4564-2012 – Action on Fireworks Contract for Spectrum Pyrotechnics, Inc.

Motion by Ald. Pasbrig, second by Ald. Toellner to approve Resolution 4564-2012 – Action on Fireworks Contract for Spectrum Pyrotechnics, Inc. Ald. Sertich noted that the Fireworks date is July 3, 2012. Ald. Redeker questioned the balance of the fireworks account. The balance was stated at approximately \$2,500. Ald. Sertich noted that they are about \$1,500 short but have dances coming up and other activities. Mayor commented that if we fail maybe we will not have fireworks in Mayville in future years. The fireworks could come to an end. Jean reported that she would be going to the businesses that have committed to give. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 4565-2012 – Action on Assignment of Fund Balances Pursuant to GASB 54 Definitions.

Motion by Ald. Redeker, second by Ald. Sertich to approve Resolution 4565-2012 – Action on Assignment of Fund Balances Pursuant to GASB 54 Definitions. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to Authorize Ehlers to Proceed with the Refunding of Existing Debt Obligations of the City.

The item was introduced by Ald. Sertich. Ald. Sertich noted that she and Kathie Wild have been watching for opportunity for refinancing. Kathie Wild explained the report from Ehlers. She noted the savings of \$32,788 from 2013-2016. This is after expenses. The item may be able to qualify under a small issue and there would be less paperwork. This does not extend the loan. Motion by Ald. Pasbrig, second by Ald. Schaefer to Authorize Ehlers to Proceed with the Refunding of Existing Debt Obligations of the City. Motion carried 5-0.

Date and Time of Next Meeting is Monday, February 20, 2012, immediately following Public Safety.

Public Safety Committee:

Date and Time of Next Meeting is Monday, February 20, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.

Public Works Committee:

Date and Time of Next Meeting is Monday, February 20, 2012, immediately following Personnel.

Planning Commission:

Date and Time of Next Meeting Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at 5:30 p.m.

Water/Wastewater Commission:**Resolution 4566-2012 – Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Up to \$263,146 Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2012, and Providing for Other Details and Covenants with Respect Thereto.**

Ron Wellner gave an introduction for the resolution. He noted that the project costs \$412,849. 8% is non-refundable because we did not meet the minority business enterprise qualifications which is \$25,848. After that because of priority score the City is being forgiven \$123,855 of the \$387,001, which comes to \$263,146 at 2.4%. This is a clean water fund loan. Motion by Ald. Toellner, second by Ald. Redeker to approve Resolution 4566-2012 – Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Up to \$263,146 Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2012, and Providing for Other Details and Covenants with Respect Thereto. Motion carried 5-0.

Date and Time of Next Meeting Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

Park Board:

Date and Time of Next Meeting Wednesday, April 4, 2012, at 4:30 p.m.

Senior Center Board:

Date and Time of Next Meeting, Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.

Golf Course Advisory Commission:

Date and Time of Next Meeting Tuesday, February 14, 2012, at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Ald. Sertich, second by Ald. Schaefer to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Deanna Boldrey, City Clerk