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**CITY OF BURLINGTON
Committee of the Whole Minutes
Robert Miller, Mayor
Beverly R. Gill, City Clerk
November 7, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Bob Miller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. starting with roll call. Aldermen present: Bob Prailes, Peter Hintz, Ruth Dawidziak, Tom Vos, Steve Rauch, Tom Preusker, Katie Simenson

Excused: Ed Johnson

Also present: City Attorney John Bjelajac, City Administrator Kevin Lahner, Fire Chief Richard Lodle, Police Chief Peter Nimmer, Treasurer Steve DeQuaker, Library Director Gayle Falk, Assistant to the Administrator Megan Watkins, Tom Foht of Kapur Engineering.

2. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 16, 2012

A motion was made by Hintz with a second by Vos to approve the minutes from October 16, 2012. With all in favor, the motion carried.

4. DISCUSSION OF ENCOURAGING THE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOCATE A FAIR SHARE OF ROAD USER FEES TO LOCAL ROADS

Mayor Miller introduced Mr. Ken Huck, a Wisconsin local government advocate who has worked with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities and other municipal groups to advocate for a constitutional amendment for a fairer share of road user fees for local roads. Huck stated that the current amount allocated is seventeen percent with his amendment requiring at least fifty percent. Mr. Huck gave a Power Point presentation regarding his argument for a constitutional amendment to change the current amount.

Hintz commented that in the recent edition of the League Magazine it was stated there would be a shortfall in the Department of Transportation and that shortfall would come out of local aids. Hintz was in favor of the constitutional amendment.

Preusker questioned why fifty percent was chosen and how would the formula work to determine what the city would receive. Huck replied that fifty percent was chosen as it would be an equitable split based on the formula that General Transportation Aids use.

Simenson asked if fifty percent would go to the state in addition to Federal Funds and if that would be enough to pay the debt and include future projects. Huck replied the projects would be the problem as they are placed on a list for the legislature and not all of them are a must. It was his opinion that more emphasis should be placed on the amount of revenue that is available.

Simenson suggested inviting state elected officials to attend a council meeting to hear their side of the issue.

The mayor questioned if the council would like to look into this further and the consensus among the aldermen was to bring it back to a future meeting.

5. DISCUSSION OF WEB STREAMING AND PAPERLESS AGENDA SYSTEM FOR COMMON COUNCIL MEETINGS

Mayor Miller introduced Mr. Paul Kessler a representative from Granicus. Kessler explained that his company provides video webcasting and government transparency software. Kessler then provided a sample demonstration of his products.

Simenson questioned if Time Warner would be able to broadcast the videos from the Granicus system. Kessler stated that it would be possible as they do partner with cable companies.

The mayor stated that broadcasting of the council meetings have been looked at in the past with Time Warner but it was expensive and not convenient to use. The city would have to provide the video of the meeting to Time Warner by delivering it to Kenosha. Time Warner suggested that for \$25,000 a base could be made available in Burlington and this price did not include any of the hardware.

Dawidziak commented that so many people no longer use Time Warner because of the satellite and the Internet; she did not perceive that to be a cost effective idea.

Lahner explained that because of current cable laws, a channel is provided to the city at no cost. The problem is the city has to purchase equipment to provide the broadcast to Time Warner.

Lahner said that in regard to the paper packets for council meetings, the paper costs are kept low because of a partnership with the school district and the printing costs are low because of a current contract. The time involved with creating the packets and the ability to expand the reach into community is the real consideration.

The mayor questioned council if they would be interested in further pursuing this issue. Rauch was not interested at this time due to more pressing budget items. Simenson wanted to see numbers as to how many people use the city's website. Preusker and Vos were interested in the hard numbers involved. Dawidziak asked if the city could just use the streaming of the meetings and not the portion with the iPads.

Kessler said that he could provide a report of the numbers and it would also be possible to just do the streaming without the iPad portion.

The mayor said more information would be brought back to council for a future meeting.

6. RESOLUTION 4580(31) "A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND SUB-GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY"

The mayor introduced Resolution 4580(31) to the council for discussion and commented that there is no local match required for this grant.

Mr. Tom Stelling, chairman of the Historic Preservation Committee was in attendance to discuss this resolution. He stated the city was designated a Certified Local Government in 2008 and it is the job of the HPC to identify additional areas within the city to receive the historical designation. He further explained that when the original survey had been done, it had identified an area on Kane Street with a significant number of single-family homes that could be nominated to become listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This grant money would allow LJM Architects who had done the original survey to be able to submit the paperwork to the federal government to begin the process to designate the area as the Kane Street Historic District.

Vos questioned Stelling on what happens to those properties on Kane Street that are not considered historic and what kind of issues they would have. Stelling replied that houses that were listed as "non-contributing" would have different standards than those that are listed as "contributing".

This resolution is scheduled for the November 7, 2012 Common Council meeting

7. **ORDINANCE 1958(12) “AN ORDINANCE TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP BY REZONING 6730 SOUTH PINE STREET FROM RS-1, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO B-1, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT”**

The mayor introduced Ordinance 1958(12) to the council. There was no discussion on this ordinance.

This ordinance is scheduled for the December 4, 2012 Common Council meeting.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Dawidziak with a second by Preusker to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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