



## CITY OF BURLINGTON

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**City of Burlington  
Official Minutes  
Common Council  
Robert Miller, Mayor  
Diahn Halbach, City Clerk  
February 5, 2013**

**1. Call to Order - Roll Call**

Acting Chairman Alderman Robert Prailes called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. starting with his announcement to retain his right to vote. Roll call proceeded. Aldermen present: Aldermen present: Bob Prailes, Peter Hintz, Ruth Dawidziak, Katie Simenson, and Tom Preusker. Aldermen excused: Ed Johnson, Tom Vos, and Steve Rauch. Students present: Cullen Vos and Alexa Aguirre.

Also present: City Attorney John Bjelajac, City Administrator Kevin Lahner, Director of Administrative Services Megan Watkins, Fire Chief Richard Lodle, Police Chief Peter Nimmer, Public Works Director Craig Workman, Public Works Supervisor Dan Jensen, Treasurer Steve DeQuaker, and Tom Foht of Kapur Engineering.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Alderman Prailes led the council, staff and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Citizen's Comments**

None

**4. Chamber of Commerce Report**

None

**5. Approval of Common Council Minutes for January 15, 2013**

A motion was made by Simenson with a second by Preusker to approve the Common Council minutes of January 15, 2013. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**6. Letters and Communications**

Alderman Simenson moved to accept the Letters and Communications as presented. Dawidziak second the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**7. Reports by Aldermanic Representatives and Department Heads**

Simenson stated that because she isn't going to be on the Common Council much longer and due to her work schedule, she will not be going to the Chocolate Fest meetings and asked if Prailes could go in representation of her. Prailes said he would attend the meeting.

Prailes gave an update on the Park Board and stated that the board approved to have Burlington Little League put a T-ball field where the tennis courts used to be at Sunset/Brannen Park. Burlington Little League will be paying for all costs and there will be no cost to Park Board. Prailes further stated that Park Board is going to look to pay for a playset to be installed at the

Sunset/Brannen Park. Prailes gave an update regarding Chocolate Fest. Prailes stated that plans have been made to make changes to two of the entrance locations in order to allow the little leagues to use the fields for their tournaments during that weekend. Chocolate Fest will be shrinking the length of its beer tent and add a beer garden and eating area near the back side of the tent. Prailes further stated Chocolate Fest will also add one more point of beer sales near the Wanasek stage and will allow for people to walk around the grounds with their beer so long as they're wearing the wristband. Prailes added that the Park Board also approved two grant applications from Schreiber Anderson Associates (SAA) for Sunset park renovation and parking lot (\$1500) and shoreline restoration for Wehmhoff-Yunker and Benson parks.

Fire Chief Dick Lodle gave an update on the Echo Lake Foods fire. Lodle stated the initial alarm went off at 6:04 p.m. on Wednesday evening, January 30, 2013. When the first engine arrived, fire on the south side of the building was visible and fire was detected on roof when aerial devices arrived; from that point additional units were called in. Lodle stated that a total of 90+ units were activated at no charge to us. Lodle emphasized that part of the duty of the fire department is to aid other communities when necessary at no cost. Lodle further stated that the Racine County Hazmat unit was called in to monitor air quality as an effort to be proactive vs. reactive. Lodle said a total of fifty people were evacuated from their homes as a matter of precaution; however it was determined that there never was a release of chemicals and residents returned to their homes the following day.

Lodle continued to say that the fire was under control by mid-morning Thursday and hot spots continued to be monitored. The fire was declared officially out at 2:48 p.m. on February 5, 2013. Total water consumption was still being determined, but could be in excess of 3-4 million gallons, which included the use of water drawn from Echo Lake. Lodle emphasized that the citizens of Burlington were never in danger of not having fire or emergency service if needed. Lodle commended every person, team, unit, department involved and stated it was a cooperative effort. Lodle also stated that the fire was still under investigation, however criminal negligence was ruled out. Lodle further stated that 60% of the building had been saved with no fire damage. Prailes asked if anybody had been sent to the hospital. Lodle replied that there were possibly 1-2 minor injuries sustained by firefighters and they were still waiting to hear the reports in regards to those injuries. Dawidziak, Preusker, Vos, and Prailes all stated how thankful they were for the fire departments and all the additional personnel's services and were all very proud of that service. Prailes also thanked the outpouring of support from the community. Lodle gave special thanks to the Assembly of God church for opening their doors to all of the responders and the outpouring of food donated by so many people as well as the MAVIS units who brought food and drink to all personnel. Lodle further stated that much of those donations were given to Love Inc. Attorney Bjelajac asked if it was possible to compile a list of all the names of people involved. Lodle said they would do the best they could to acknowledge each and every person that helped, but that it would be nearly impossible as many of the donations were from random citizens who didn't leave their names. Kevin Lahner reported that Talmer Bank was setting up a fund for the ELF employees that would be applied toward food and rent. Donations could be made at Talmer Bank. Lahner also said that Racine County was hosting an event for the employees on February 6, 2013 at the Veterans Terrace to help them with resources for unemployment and crisis situations. Lahner further stated that the Racine County Workforce Development would be hosting a job fair the following Wednesday for those employees and anyone else interested in finding a job around the Burlington area. Lahner also stated that Echo Lake Foods did announce that they will be staying in Burlington and plan to rebuild and are already moving forward with those plans.

## **8. Reports 1-4**

A motion to approve Reports 1-4 was made by Preusker with a second by Simenson. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**9. Payment of Vouchers**

A motion was made by Hintz with a second by Simenson to approve vouchers, pre-paids and reimbursements in the amount of \$4,809,088.22. Roll Call Aye: Prailes, Hintz, Dawidziak, Simenson and Preusker. Nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**10. Licenses and Permits**

A motion was made by Simenson with a second by Dawidziak to approve the licenses as presented. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**11. Appointments and Nominations**

None

**12. Public Hearings**

None

**13. Resolutions**

**Resolution 4593(44) “A resolution to authorize fee assessments for Weights and Measures license holders for July1, 2011 through June 30, 2012”.**

A request for a second reading and a motion to approve was made by Dawidziak with a second by Simenson. Roll Call - Aye: Prailes, Hintz, Dawidziak, Simenson and Preusker. Nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**Resolution 4594(45) “A resolution to Contract Change Order #1 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades and Improvements in the amount of \$0”.**

A request for a second reading and a motion to approve was made by Hintz with a second by Dawidziak.

Simenson asked for clarification of the \$0 amount and why it needed to be voted on. Lahner responded that we received clean water fund loans for the construction of the water treatment plant. The money is drawn from a contingency that is required to receive money from the loan but under those requirements the change order has to be passed.

Roll Call - Aye: Prailes, Hintz, Dawidziak, Simenson and Preusker. Nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**Resolution 4595(46) “A resolution to consider a market revaluation in 2013 for \$34,000 and a four year valuation maintenance agreement with Accurate Appraisal in the amount of \$44,500 per year”.**

A request for a second reading and a motion to approve was made by Simenson with a second by Hintz. Roll Call - Aye: Prailes, Hintz, Dawidziak, Simenson and Preusker. Nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **14. Ordinances**

**Ordinance 1960(14)** “An ordinance to amend the Racine County Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for 200 Bridge Street from Commercial to High-Density Residential zoning.

A request for a second reading and a motion to approve was made by Simenson with a second by Preusker. Roll Call - Aye: Prailes, Hintz, Dawidziak, Simenson and Preusker. Nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **15. Motions**

None

#### **16. Adjourn into Closed Session**

**Wis. Stats 19.85(1)(c), considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.**

A motion was made by Preusker with a second by Simenson to adjourn into closed session at 7:37 p.m. Roll Call - Aye: Prailes, Hintz, Dawidziak, Simenson and Preusker. Nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **17. Reconvene Into Open Session**

A motion was made by Dawidziak with a second by Hintz to reconvene into open session. With all in favor the motion carried.

#### **18. Recommendation from Closed Session**

A motion was made by Preusker with a second by Simenson to approve the 2013-2014 LAW bargaining agreement. Roll Call Aye: Prailes, Johnson, Hintz, Dawidziak, Vos, Rauch, Preusker and Simenson. Nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

#### **19. Adjourn**

A motion was made by Preusker with a second by Hintz to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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Recording Secretary  
Diahn Halbach  
Burlington City Clerk