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Committee of the Whole Minutes
Robert Miller, Mayor
Diahnn Halbach, City Clerk
February 20, 2013

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Bob Miller called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. starting with roll call. Aldermen present: Bob Prailes, Ed Johnson, Peter Hintz, Ruth Dawidziak, Tom Vos, Steve Rauch, Tom Preusker, and Katie Simenson. Students present: Cullen Vos and Alexa Aguirre.

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

2. Citizens Comments and Questions

None

3. Approval of Minutes from February 5, 2013

A motion was made by Hintz with a second by Vos to approve the minutes from February 5, 2013. With all in favor, the motion carried to approve the minutes.

4. Resolution 4603(54) to consider approving a Certified Survey Map from the City of Burlington for property located at 165 and 181 W. Washington Street.

Mayor Miller introduced Resolution 4603(54) to the Council for discussion.

Preusker asked for clarification of whether this was for the lot adjacent to the fire station. Mayor Miller replied that was correct.

There was no further discussion. This item is scheduled for the March 5, 2013 Common Council meeting for consideration.

5. Resolution 1962(16) to consider rezoning property located at 181 W. Washington Street from B-2, Central Business District to I-1, Institutional District.

Mayor Miller introduced Resolution 1962(16) to the Council for discussion.

There was no discussion. This item is scheduled for the March 5, 2013 Common Council meeting for consideration.

6. Ordinance 1963(17) to consider amending the Racine County Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for property located at 165 and 181 W. Washington Street from Commercial to Governmental and Institutional.

Mayor Miller introduced Ordinance 1963(17) to the Council for discussion.

Resident Mike Smith of 180 W Jefferson Street, who is the neighbor in back of the proposed property, asked for the City to be “good neighbor” and put up a 6 foot privacy fence from his property extending to Dennis’s Garage, to avoid people cutting through and also to cut down on the wind. Smith further requested that the fence be of high quality that would last and not be an eye sore. Fire Chief Dick Lodle responded that the City has already planned for a high quality; low maintenance fence to be installed in the area described and ensured there will be cut-through.

There was no further discussion. This item is scheduled for the March 5, 2013 Common Council meeting for consideration.

7. Resolution 4604(55) to consider approving the purchase of two 2013 marked police vehicles from Miller Motors in the amount of \$26,300 per vehicle.

Mayor Miller introduced Resolution 4604(55) to the Council for discussion.

Prailes asked if we would be trading in any of our vehicles to put towards this purchase. Mayor Miller replied that yes we would be trading in two vehicles. Johnson asked if the trade-in values were already reflected in the totals or if the cost still needs to come off of the amount. Chief Nimmer responded the trade-in value will come off the written cost when we know what that amount will be. Preusker asked if we typically trade-in the vehicles to put towards the purchase of new vehicles. Mayor Miller responded that yes, typically we do trade them in except for on rare occasions where we might choose to keep a vehicle for city use such as our Building Inspector.

There was no further discussion. This item is scheduled for the March 5, 2013 Common Council meeting for consideration.

8. Resolution 4605(56) to consider approving Certified Survey Map from J.W. Burrus for property located at 2709 Browns Lake Drive.

Mayor Miller introduced Resolution 4605(56) to the Council for discussion.

Preusker asked if there was any indication as to why this was being done. Mayor Miller responded that the intent is to sell the lot that is north of the motel. Preusker asked if this was Lot #3. Mayor Miller confirmed that the property being referred to is Lot #3. Vos commented that there has been a “for sale” sign on the lot for the past year. Mayor Miller responded that it’s possible there could be an interested buyer.

There was no discussion. This item is scheduled for the March 5, 2013 Common Council meeting for consideration.

9. Resolution 4506(57) to consider accepting a Unanimous Petition for Direct Annexation from Chris Reesman of RFD II, LLC for property located on S. Pine Street in the Town of Burlington, Racine County, Wisconsin.

Mayor Miller introduced Resolution 4506(57) to the Council for discussion.

Vos asked if the property is the Schaeffer property. Mayor Miller replied that it was not; that this is property that was purchased and is to be added into the Schaeffer property and is looking at the possibilities of a retail development.

There was no further discussion. This item is scheduled for the March 5, 2013 Common Council meeting for consideration.

10. Resolution 4607(58) to consider appointing Craig Workman as the Authorized Representative to file applications for the Safe Drinking Water Loan. .

Mayor Miller introduced Resolution 4607(58) to the Council for discussion.

There was no discussion. Due to the timeliness of the item, it has been placed on the Common Council agenda the same night, February 20, 2013, for consideration.

11. Discussion regarding installation of a “Home of Tony Romo” sign at the entrances of the city

Mayor Miller introduced the discussion of the Tony Romo sign to the Council.

Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce were present to discuss the proposal. Preusker asked if there had been consideration to recognize other people from the city as well, stating that he liked the idea but had concern that other individuals might feel slighted if they didn't receive the same recognition. Mayor Miller responded that it's possible others have been discussed but was not aware if any discussions reached Chamber level. Simenson asked if the Chamber would be paying for the sign. Chamber president, Jan Ludtke, replied that an anonymous donor has offered to pay for the cost of the signage and that a cost estimate from Burli Signs had been submitted. Ludtke further stated that the sign would be of very high quality and would not require maintenance. Prailes inquired as to whether there was a time limit for the sign to be posted in case Tony Romo was to retire or no longer play football and questioned the removal procedures and if it would be the Council's decision or someone else's to take it down. Mayor Miller responded that it would be a Council decision to determine whether or not the sign would be a permanent fixture. Vos stated that these kinds of things typically take care of themselves. Johnson felt the sign should stay indefinitely stating that Tony Romo is always going to be from Burlington. Hintz stated that he is fine with the sign going up and jokingly said that most of the current Council would no longer be around to worry about it when that day came.

There was no further discussion. This item is scheduled for the March 5, 2013 Committee of the Whole and Common Council meeting for consideration.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Dawidziak with a second by Simenson to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Diahnn Halbach
Burlington City Clerk
Racine & Walworth Counties