



**CITY OF BURLINGTON**  
**Common Council Official Minutes**  
**Robert Miller, Mayor**  
**Diahnn Halbach, City Clerk**  
**March 5, 2013**

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

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. 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 Administrator Kevin Lahner, 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, and Director of Administrative Services Megan Watkins; Tom Foht, Mike Timmers, Brad Jors, Ryan Cardinal, and Greg Govenatori of Kapur Engineering; Greg Reeseman of Reesman Excavating; and John Wanasek of Wanasek Corporation.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Miller led the Council, staff, and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Citizen's Comments**

None

**4. Chamber of Commerce Representative**

Chamber of Commerce representative, Jim Webley, encouraged attendance at this years Home Expo and Chocolate Extravaganza to be held on Saturday, March 16, 2013 from 9 am to 3 pm at Burlington High School. Mayor Miller announced he will be entering the cupcake contest again.

**5. Approval of Common Council Minutes for February 5, 2013**

A motion was made by Preusker with a second by Simenson to approve the Common Council minutes of February 20, 2013. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**6. Letters and Communications**

None

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

Dawidziak asked a question regarding downtown snow removal and how the timing of that is determined at weekend nights because of how it affects area businesses and their patrons. Dan Jensen responded that snow removal during the week is optimal, however if it snows on a weekend night, their objective is to get the snow removed as quickly as possible as to avoid further problems with potential freezing rain, as was the case with the most recent weekend snowfall we encountered.

**8. Reports 1-2**

A motion to approve Reports 1-2 was made by Prailes with a second by Hintz. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**9. Payment of Vouchers**

A motion was made by Johnson with a second by Dawidziak to approve vouchers, pre-pays and reimbursements in the amount of \$3,971,144.91.

Preusker asked what the \$2.4 million cost was. Lahner responded that it is the tax settlement that we collect and then pay to the county and school district.

Roll Call Aye: Prailes, Johnson, Hintz, Dawidziak, Vos, Rauch, Preusker, and Simenson. Nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**10. Licenses and Permits**

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

**11. Appointments and Nominations**

A motion was made by Hintz with a second by Dawidziak to approve the reappointments of Maria Veronico-Ventura and Jeff Erickson to the Historic Preservation Commission with terms to expire 01/04/2016. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**12. Public Hearings**

Mayor Miller called the Public Hearing to order at 7:25 p.m. to hear comments and concerns from the public regarding the amendment to the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for property located at 181 W. Washington Street.

No comments were made. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Vos and a second by Preusker. With all in favor, the motion carried. Mayor Miller declared the closing of the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m.

**13. RESOLUTIONS:**

**A. 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.**

A request for a second reading and a motion to approve was made by Rauch with a second by Vos.

Rauch stated that he voted against purchasing this parcel and feels it is not a good use of money. Rauch further stated that Washington Street is a main thoroughfare and also questioned the timing of the joint venture between the Town and the City and the fire and rescue squad, as well as a search for a full-time Fire Chief. Preusker asked to clarify that the plans to close Washington Street hasn't yet been brought to Council. Mayor Miller responded that it has not yet been brought to Council because options and alternatives are still being determined. Lahner added that three different alternative plans are being put together to be presented at the next Plan Commission meeting. Vos clarified that what they were asked to vote on was the approval of the rezone of the property and has nothing to do

with the street project. Mayor Miller agreed with Vos and reiterated this resolution is specifically to join the two parcels and nothing else.

Roll Call – Aye: Prailes, Johnson, Hintz, Dawidziak, Vos, and Preusker. Nay: Rauch, Simenson. Motion carried 6-2.

**B. Resolution 4604(55) to consider approving the award of two 2013 marked police vehicles in the amount of \$26,300 per vehicle.**

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

Roll Call – Aye: Prailes, Johnson, Hintz, Dawidziak, Vos, Rauch, Preusker, and Simenson. Nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

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

A request for a second reading and a motion to approve was made by Preusker with a second by Vos.

Vos asked if this resolution needed to go to the County for their approval as well because of where the property is located. Both Miller Mayor and Lahner confirmed that this resolution did not need County approval.

Roll Call – Aye: Dawidziak, Vos, Rauch, Preusker, Simenson, Prailes, Johnson, Hintz. Nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**D. Resolution 4506(57) to accept a Unanimous Petition for Direct Annexation from Chris Reesman of property located on S. Pine Street, in the Town of Burlington, Racine County, Wisconsin.**

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

Roll Call – Aye: Vos, Rauch, Preusker, Simenson, Prailes, Johnson, Hintz, Dawidziak. Nay: none. Motion carried 8-0.

## **14. ORDINANCES**

**A. Ordinance 1962(16) to rezone property located at 181 W. Washington Street from B-2, Central Business District to I-1, Institutional District.**

A request for a second reading and a motion to approve was made by Johnson with a second by Vos.

Roll Call – Aye: Prailes, Johnson, Hintz, Dawidziak, Vos, and Preusker. Nay: Rauch, Simenson. Motion carried 6-2.

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

A request for a second reading and a motion to approve was made by Hintz with a second by Vos. Roll Call – Aye: Prailes, Johnson, Hintz, Dawidziak, Vos, and Preusker. Nay: Rauch, Simenson. Motion carried 6-2.

## **15. MOTIONS**

- A. Motion 13-754 to authorize the installation of “Home of Tony Romo” signs at the entrances of the City. This item was discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting on the same night.**

Before motion was accepted, Mayor Miller asked if Council wanted to decide on sign colors or if they wanted to leave it up to the Chamber and Burli Signs. Vos strongly suggested that the colors chosen be black and orange or brown and white as discussed at the same night Committee of the Whole meeting. Mayor asked if Vos wanted to make it part of his motion or just a strong suggestion. Vos replied that he would make it a strong suggestion.

Vos motioned to approve Motion 13-754, seconded by Alderman Hintz. All voted aye, motion carried.

Simenson asked if anybody had asked Tony Romo if he wanted the signs. Chamber representatives responded they had permission.

With all in favor, the motion carried.

## **16. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Rauch with a second by Preusker to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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Diahnn Halbach  
Burlington City Clerk  
Racine & Walworth Counties