



**City of Burlington
Official Minutes
Common Council
Robert Miller, Mayor
Diahnn C. Halbach, City Clerk
April 16, 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, and Tom Preusker. Excused: Katie Simenson

Student Representative present: Cullen Vos and Alexa Aguirre

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

2. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MARCH 19, 2013

A motion was made by Rauch with a second by Vos to approve the council minutes from March 19, 2013. With all in favor, the motion carried.

3. ELECTION REPORT FROM APRIL 2, 2013 SPRING ELECTION

Mayor Miller presented the April 2, 2013 Spring Election Report to the Council for their review.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

A. A Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Miller at 6:35 p.m. to discuss amending the Racine County Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for property located at 32435 Yahnke Road and property along South Pine Street from Medium and High Density Residential, Secondary Environmental Corridor and Recreational to Extractive/Industrial, Commercial and Primary Environmental Corridor.

Dawidziak asked for clarification of the difference between Extractive/Industrial and Quarry/Industrial. Mayor Miller responded that it's basically the same thing just a different description except that there wouldn't be any digging or making of a quarry; they would just be extracting off the top to make it level.

There was no further discussion. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Prailes and seconded by Vos. With all in favor, the motion carried. Mayor Miller declared the closing of the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m.

5. ORDINANCES

A. **Ordinance 1964(18) to annex territory located on S. Pine Street with permanent zoning of B-1, Neighborhood Business District to the City of Burlington.**

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

Roll Call – Aye: Prailes, Johnson, Hintz, Dawidziak, Vos, Preusker, and Rauch. Motion carried 7-0.

B. **Ordinance 1965(19) to consider amending the Racine County Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for property located at 32435 Yahnke Road and property along South Pine Street from Medium and High Density Residential, Secondary Environmental Corridor and Recreational to Extractive/Industrial, Commercial and Primary Environmental Corridor.**

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

Roll Call – Aye: Prailes, Johnson, Hintz, Dawidziak, Vos, Preusker, and Rauch. Motion carried 7-0.

C. **Ordinance 1965(20) to consider amending the Official Zoning Map by rezoning property located at 32435 Yahnke Road and along S. Pine Street from Rs-1 and Rs-2, Single-Family Residential District; Rm-2, Multi-Family Residential District; P-1, Park District; and C-1, Conservancy District to Q-1, Quarrying District; B-1, Neighborhood Business District; and C-1, Conservancy District.**

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

Roll Call – Aye: Prailes, Johnson, Hintz, Dawidziak, Vos, Preusker, and Rauch. Motion carried 7-0.

6. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS BY HONORABLE MARVIN V. DANIEL, JUDGE

Prior to administering the Oath of Office, Mayor Miller presented Alderman Steve Rauch with a plaque and thanked him for his six years of service. Rauch, in turn thanked his fellow aldermen, city staff, Mayor Miller and all the people he has worked with over the years.

The following were given the oath of office by Judge Marvin V. Daniel:

- Alderman First District Robert Prailes
- Alderman Second District Peter Hintz
- Alderman Third District Jon Schultz, II
- Alderman Fourth District Todd Bauman

7. ROLL CALL OF NEW COUNCIL

Aldermen present: Bob Prailes, Ed Johnson, Peter Hintz, Ruth Dawidziak, Tom Vos, Jon Schultz, Tom Preusker, and Todd Bauman.

8. APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

The mayor appointed Megan Watkins and Attorney John Bjelajac as tellers.

9. ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Prailes nominated Vos for council president with a second from Dawidziak. A motion was made by Hintz to close the nominations with a second by Johnson. Being no other nominations, Vos was elected council president.

9. ELECTION OF ALDERMANIC REPRESENTATIVES TO CITY PLAN COMMISSION

A motion was made by Vos with a second by Hintz to nominate Prailes to the Plan Commission. A motion was made by Prailes with a second by Bauman to nominate Vos to the Plan Commission. A motion was made by Hintz with a second by Johnson to close the nominations. Being no other nominations, Vos and Prailes were elected to the Plan Commission.

10. ELECTION OF ALDERMANIC REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A motion was made by Prailes with a second by Vos to nominate Hintz to the Board of Public Works. A motion was made by Johnson with a second by Dawidziak to close the nominations. Being no other nominations, Hintz was elected to the Board of Public Works.

11. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

A motion was made by Hintz with a second by Vos to approve the pre-pays, vouchers and reimbursements in the amount of \$2,178,882.54. Roll Call Aye: Prailes, Johnson, Hintz, Dawidziak, Vos, Schultz, Preusker, and Bauman. Nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

12. LICENSES AND PERMITS

A motion was made by Vos with a second by Prailes to approve the licenses as presented. With all in favor the licenses were approved.

13. STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

The mayor presented the following "State of the City" address to the council members, department heads and visitors:

Good evening and welcome. I'd like to extend a welcome to newly-elected City Aldermen John Schultz in District 3 and Todd Bauman in District 4. Congratulations should also go to those City Aldermen who were re-elected to office: Bob Prailes and Peter Hintz. I extend my sincere thanks to our outgoing aldermen, Steve Rauch and Katie Simenson for their years of service to the City. Both of them have shown their desire to serve and do what is right for the City and its citizens.

This past year the City again worked through the traffic problems of road construction. Milwaukee Avenue was rebuilt, as well as several local streets. The saying of "You can't get there from here" was heard throughout the City. I would like to thank the citizens and companies that were affected for their patience while these improvements were made.

In January of this year the Echo Lake Foods suffered a major fire that destroyed the production area of the plant. The fire affected the jobs of 300 employees of the plant, and required over 90 fire departments to respond. I probably should not be surprised any more by what the people of Burlington can and will do, but the amount of support for the firemen and the employees of Echo Lake Food is outstanding. The donating of food and money to assist in this disaster has been nothing short of phenomenal.

As in 2012, 2013 will again see improvements to the city. We will be rebuilding many city streets and making infrastructure improvements. I again ask our citizens for patience during the construction season.

Our city is still growing even in this tough economy. This year, O'Reilly auto parts will start construction, Air Liquide will under go a major expansion, Verallia plant will also see the installation of a new glass furnace. A new apartment building on the corner of Bridge Street and State Street will begin this year. We have also received several inquiries from new companies that are looking to Burlington as a possible city to relocate or expand their operations.

Over the next year many important issues will come before this Council for review and action. We must work closely together to serve the people of Burlington and their interests. This past year has been a difficult time for many families, businesses and organizations. We cannot lose sight of this reality. Yet, while there are challenges to face, our community has the durability, vitality, vision and resources to meet them along with the optimism and goodwill needed to build better lives and a better City.

Every day I am reminded that one of the City's greatest resources is our workforce. This administration has worked hard to make municipal operations more effective, efficient and transparent. The new Performance Dashboard program that is up and running on our website allows anyone to look at how the city is operating. It allows our citizens to clearly see how the City is spending their tax dollars year by year, as well as showing what work has been done throughout the city. I was recently told that the Wisconsin League of Municipalities has been advising other cities in the state to look at our budgeting process and how it is put together as a great model to follow. I commend our staff on their dedication and efforts in this achievement.

The City is in sound financial shape. Standard & Poor's has raised our Bond Rating which places the City as one of the highest rated cities in the state. Our budget for 2013 was set in December and provides for the funding of all City services, as well as preserving a 25+% reserve fund. However, this Council will have some very challenging problems. These problems will not only be challenging to the budget, long term health care for our city and our railroad crossing and quiet zones will also need to be decided.

This year the City will continue to work with companies and business that are looking to relocate or expand. As in the past we will carefully analyze the project and the costs involved to insure that the project is a good fit and that it does not exceed the City's capacity to provide the incentive.

In closing, I would like to thank the out going Council, as well as City Staff for the past accomplishments and the hard work that has kept this city moving forward. To the new Council, I challenge you to keep the city a great place to live, work and play, and to keep our great city moving forward.

Thank-you

Mayor Robert Miller

14. APPOINTED ALDERMANIC REPRESENTATIVES

Committee/Board	Current Appointment	New Appointment
Airport Committee	Tom Preusker	Ruth Dawidziak
ChocolateFest Committee	Katie Simenson	Ed Johnson
Community Development Authority	Peter Hintz	Todd Bauman
Historic Preservation Committee	Ed Johnson	Tom Preusker
Library Board	Steve Rauch	Peter Hintz
Park Board	Robert Prailes	Robert Prailes
Western Racine County Health Dept.	Ruth Dawidziak	Jon Schultz

15. OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Current Appointment	New Appointment	Board/Commission/Authority	Term Expires
Bob Hartwick	Bob Hartwick	Board of Review	05/01/2018
Robert Musgrave	Robert Musgrave	Board of Review	05/01/2018
Charles Stublely	Charles Stublely	Burlington Housing Authority	05/01/2018
Penny Torhorst	Penny Torhorst	Library Board	05/01/2016
Scott Johnson	Scott Johnson	Library Board	05/01/2016
Clay Brandt	Clay Brandt	Park Board	05/01/2016
John Lynch, Jr.	John Lynch, Jr.	Plan Commission	05/01/2018
Jon Schultz	Lori Hintz	Police & Fire Commission	05/01/2015
Cheryl Mazmanian	Cheryl Mazmanian	Health Officer	05/01/2014

16. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vos with a second by Schultz to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

Diahnn C. Halbach
 City Clerk
 City of Burlington
 Racine and Walworth Counties