



CITY OF BURLINGTON
Official Minutes of the Common Council
Robert Miller, Mayor
Diahnn C. Halbach, City Clerk
May 21, 2013

Call To Order – Roll Call

Mayor Bob Miller called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. starting with roll call. Aldermen present: Bob Prailes, Ed Johnson, Peter Hintz, Ruth Dawidziak, Tom Vos, Jon Schultz, Tom Preusker, and Todd Bauman.

Also Present: City Administrator Kevin Lahner, City Attorney John Bjelajac, Fire Chief Dick Lodle, 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.

Citizen Comments

None

Chamber of Commerce

Kevin Duffy, Representative from the Chamber of Commerce, let everybody know that the television show “Discover Wisconsin” would be airing a show called “America’s Bicycleland” on June 1-2, 2013 and is featuring Burlington as part of the show. Also, the Plaza Theatre will be having their Premier Event on May 30th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. of which the Chamber has purchased a six minute segment to be played along with other activities.

Approval of the City Council Minutes for May 7, 2013

A motion was made by Prailes with a second by Preusker to approve the council minutes from May 7, 2013. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Letters and Communications

None

Reports by Aldermanic Representatives and Department Heads

Vos asked about the situation on Milwaukee Avenue and why a section of the road was dug up and if it was part of the newly constructed road. Mayor Miller responded that it was a water main break and that it was not part of the new construction, that it was a part of the old section. Vos also inquired if the City received a response about the old water building. Kevin Lahner responded that we have and are working on a contract to purchase with a company called Paratech and will come to Council at the June 4, 2013 meeting. Vos then asked if we had heard anything from Mr. Steve Mills because somebody had asked him what was happening with the old mill. Lahner responded that they are working on their site plan with engineers right now and that they were hoping to meet the June Plan Commission meeting, however it will more than likely end up being in July. Preusker said he had received a few phone calls about sign

ordinance violations and would like to revisit the sign ordinance in a near future Council Meeting in order to make it more business friendly. Mayor Miller responded that the City Staff is currently looking at the ordinance and working to make it more accommodating and is working to rewrite the ordinance and bring it back to Council for approval. Preusker then inquired about the permit process and wanted to understand it better. Mayor Miller responded that the Sign Ordinance is a very cumbersome Ordinance to try to control because every business owner thinks he needs more signs than the next guy. Mayor Miller stated that the City has just started to reinforce the existing sign ordinance to a certain extent because it has been getting out of control again. Mayor Miller further stated that some businesses have complained because they want more signage than what they're being allowed. Mayor Miller said that the City is looking to rework the ordinance again and try to find a more amicable solution for everybody involved with the sign ordinance. Preusker spoke of the highly restrictive sign ordinance of Lake Forest. Mayor Miller said that ordinance is overly strict and is not something the City is looking to do; the City just needs to find a happy medium that is acceptable to everybody involved.

Reports 1-4

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

Payment of Vouchers

A motion was made by Hintz with a second by Vos to approve vouchers, pre-pays and reimbursements in the amount of \$1,866,466.61.

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

Licenses and Permits

A motion was made by Dawidziak with a second by Preusker to approve the submitted requests for licenses and permits as presented. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Appointments and Nominations

None

Mayor Miller asked the Council for their help. Two individuals were needed to be appointed to the Park Board and two individuals were also needed to be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mayor asked Council to notify him if they knew anybody that would be interested. Preusker asked what the basic requirements were and when do they meet. Mayor Miller replied they need to be breathing; Park Board meets on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The Zoning Board of Appeals is an on-call committee and have met once in the two past years, which meets in the evenings as well.

Public Hearings

None

Resolutions

Resolution 4612(2) to consider approving Change Order Number One with Stark Asphalt, Inc. for the 2012 Burlington Streets Project in the amount of \$116,073.25.

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

Hintz stated that some of the restoration from last year's project needs to be looked at because some settling has occurred and should be fixed. Schultz asked what the original budget was for this project. Both Mayor Miller and Kevin Lahner responded that the City is significantly under the original budget for this project.

There was no further discussion. Roll Call: Aye – Johnson, Hintz, Dawidziak, Vos, Schultz, Preusker, Bauman, Prailes. Motion carried 8-0.

Ordinances

None

Motions

Motion 13-757 to consider authorizing the July 4, 2013 fireworks display Bartolotta Fireworks Company, Inc. in the amount of \$10,000.

Preusker motioned to approve Motion 13-757 with a second by Johnson.

Roll Call: Aye – Johnson, Hintz, Dawidziak, Vos, Schultz, Preusker, Bauman, Prailes. Motion carried 8-0

Motion 13-758 to consider the annual insurance renewal with Zarek Insurance.

Prailes motioned to approve Motion 13-758 with a second by Hintz.

Roll Call: Aye – Johnson, Hintz, Dawidziak, Vos, Schultz, Preusker, Bauman, Prailes. Motion carried 8-0

Adjournment

A motion was made by Johnson with a second by Schultz to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

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