



CITY OF BURLINGTON
Official Minutes of the Common Council
Robert Miller, Mayor
Diahnn C. Halbach, City Clerk
November 19, 2013

1. Call To Order – Roll Call

Mayor Robert Miller called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. starting with roll call. Aldermen present: Bob Prailes, Ed Johnson, Ruth Dawidziak, Tom Vos, Tom Preusker, Jon Schultz, and Todd Bauman. Excused: Peter Hintz. Student representatives present: Sam Joski. Student representatives absent: Joe Nguyen.

Also present: City Administrator Kevin Lahner, City Attorney John Bjelajac, Fire Chief Perry Howard, Public Works Director Craig Workman, Treasurer Steve DeQuaker, and Library Director Gayle Faulk.

2. Citizen Comments

There were none.

3. Chamber of Commerce

There were no Chamber representatives.

4. Approval of the City Council Minutes for November 5, 2013

A motion was made by Johnson with a second by Bauman to approve the Council Minutes from November 5, 2013. With all in favor, the motion carried.

5. Letters and Communications

A motion was made by Dawidziak with a second by Preusker to approve Letters and Communications. With all in favor, the motion carried.

6. Reports by Aldermanic Representatives and Department Heads

There were no reports.

7. Reports 1-3

A motion to approve Reports 1-8 was made by Vos with a second by Preusker. With all in favor the motion carried.

8. Payment of Vouchers

A motion was made by Schultz with a second by Vos to approve vouchers, pre-pays and reimbursements in the amount of \$452,006.58.

Roll Call Aye: Prailes, Johnson, Dawidziak, Vos, Schultz, Preusker, and Bauman. Nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

9. Licenses and Permits

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

10. Appointments and Nominations

There were none.

11. Public Hearings

A Public Hearing was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Mayor Miller to hear comments and concerns regarding the proposed 2014 Annual Budget for the City of Burlington.

There were no public comments.

Preusker asked if there would be a review of the topics discussed at the last budget workshop before being required to vote on, such as the sewage rate increase. Lahner replied that the document would be finalized prior to the next meeting based on the feedback received. Preusker stated that he had thought there would be additional discussion as to seeking different alternatives to offset the rate increase due to the shortfall—not just increasing both the fixed and variable rates by 10%. Mayor Miller stated that it was determined at the last budget workshop without any objections to go with the 10% increase, which is why this topic is on the agenda for the Public Hearing.

Attorney Bjelajac explained that the revision of Chapter 259 “Sewers” is basically an updating of the sanitary sewer chapter, a key part which indicates that the sewer rates being charged are those contained in a rate study report approved and adopted by the Common Council. Bjelajac further stated that by adopting the revisions, it sets the stage for a future meeting when Council can either approve the report as presented or choose to do something different. The Ordinance is set up to cover that contingency if Council chooses to do something different other than what’s in the report.

No further comments were made. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Bauman and a second by Vos. With all in favor, the motion carried. Mayor Miller declared the closing of the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

12. Resolutions

Resolution 4638(28): to consider approving a Lease Agreement with U.S. Bankcorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. with Honeywell Energy Services improvement project.

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

Roll Call Aye: Prailes, Johnson, Dawidziak, Vos, Schultz, Preusker, and Bauman. Nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

13. Ordinances

Ordinance 1973(7) to consider approving an amendment to Chapter 259 of the Municipal Code entitled, “Sewers”.

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, Dawidziak, Vos, Schultz, Preusker, and Bauman. Nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

14. Motions

There were none.

15. Adjourn

A motion was made by Dawidziak with a second by Vos to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

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