



CITY OF BURLINGTON
Committee of the Whole Minutes
Robert Miller, Mayor
Diahnn Halbach, City Clerk
Tuesday, February 3, 2015

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Robert Miller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. starting with roll call. Aldermen present: Bob Prailes, Peter Hintz, Ruth Dawidziak, Tom Vos, Jon Schultz, Tom Preusker and Todd Bauman. Excused: Ed Johnson. Absent: None.

Student Representative Present: Hannah Cook. Excused: None.

Also present: City Attorney John Bjelajac, Police Chief Peter Nimmer, Fire Chief Perry Howard, Public Works Director Craig Workman, Director of Administrative Services Megan Watkins, Treasurer Steve DeQuaker, Library Director Gayle Faulk, and Tom Foht of Kapur & Associates.

2. Citizens Comments and Questions

There were none.

3. Approval of Minutes from January 6, 2015

A motion was made by Schultz with a second by Johnson to approve the minutes from January 6, 2015. With all in favor, the motion carried to approve the minutes.

4. Topic: Resolution 4710(44) to consider approving the purchase of accounting software upgrade and SQL server license upgrade for the not-to-exceed amount of \$60,000.

Mayor Miller introduced Resolution 4710(44) and explained that the current financial software that runs the City's cash receipting, water/sewer billing, budgeting and all accounting functions is 15 years old and will no longer be supported by its developers. Mayor further stated that upgrade had been discussed during the 2015 budget discussions and has been budgeted for. Mayor then opened it up for discussion.

Schultz inquired how SQL Licensing upgrade compares to the existing Access-Database-based functions. Steve DeQuaker responded that the SQL Licensing upgrade is a huge improvement and would enhance water meter reading and streamline overall operations. Schultz then stated that the SQL requires its own backup software and inquired if that would be included as well. DeQuaker responded that the SQL backup software is included with the program.

5. Topic: Presentations by SAA Design Group and Burbach Aquatics, Inc. regarding the Burlington Community Pool Project.

Mayor explained to Council that the City received seven proposals which were reviewed by staff, alderman, and community pool board members. The top two consulting firms chosen were Burbach Aquatics, Inc. and SAA Design Group. They were then given the opportunity to make an abbreviated version of their presentation to the Council. First to present was Dave Burbach of Burbach Aquatics, Inc.

Burbach explained that their process contains 6 phases and that phases 1 and 2 must be completed before a referendum can be determined (phase 3); once referendum is passed then phases 4-6 would begin. The total dollar amount that this project could potentially cost is approximately \$3 million; however a site assessment

and feasibility study must be done first in order to better determine what the community wants and is willing to help fund via taxes. Burbach further explained that their firm would work with the community and will ultimately recommend what is best for the community whether that be a renovation or a replacement.

Scott Hoffman, Pool Board Member, stated that the board is currently just looking for suggestions and options and not looking for anything in particular at this moment. Hoffman is also seeking input from the community.

Schultz inquired if certain elements that would be included in the pool could be switched out every 5-6 years to keep kids interested and not bored. Burbach replied that once built, certain attractions could be added and taken away as necessary. Schultz asked if the contract would require the City to utilize Burbach for those changes. Burbach replied that other companies could provide add-ons and there is no obligation to use Burbach for future changes.

Hintz inquired as to how this the pool would attract to senior citizens. Burbach responded that the senior citizen community could benefit greatly from the pool because of certain elements that could be included, including a lazy river and resistance walking which requires individuals to walk against the current. Burbach further stated that this type of low impact exercise is beneficial for those with bone, muscle, or joint troubles, and the warmth, buoyancy, and resistance of the water eases the strain on problematic area; benefits can include a decrease in pain, improved daily function, and improved perceived quality of life. Burbach used the Hartland Community Pool as an example where 82% of the senior community voted yes in the referendum.

Mayor called a 15 minute recess.

SAA Design Group presented next. Blake Theisen, SAA project manager, along with representatives from Iconica (architecture and engineering firm), and Carrico (operation management) explained their philosophy and the roles each of their companies would play in the process and development of the pool project.

Schultz asked how many successful pool referendums SAA has achieved. Theisen responded that they haven't had any for pool referendums but have been successful with other referendums.

Jeff Erickson, pool board member, inquired as to how their costs were determined. Theisen responded their costs are based on the number of man-hours anticipated in putting into the phases.

Erickson commented that SAA's upfront costs were significantly more substantial than the other firm's upfront costs and wanted to know if any of those costs could be reduced. Theisen said they could look into it through their experience these are the upfront costs associated with the necessary phases.

SAA completed their presentation at 8:20 p.m.

Preusker stated that he has additional questions and so far was not comfortable with the process and needs to have some idea of what the community wants. Dawidziak replied that the feasibility study would determine that.

Vos stated that this is just a starting point and the feasibility study will allow us to know if the intent from the community is to keep a community pool and if so, if the pool can be saved through renovations or would it be better to rebuild.

Hintz stated that he feels major renovations would attract more people to the community.

Vos stated that the pool isn't about bringing profitability to the community, it's about the added quality of life it would bring to the community.

Preusker said that he would like more input from the service clubs. Hoffman responded that the goal is to keep the pool open and that the service clubs continue to donate money every year in order to be sure that happens. Mayor also added that the service clubs are still on board and would still operate an annual basis. Mayor said that the goal is to fund this operation at no cost to the City; however, the City is worthy of contributing money if needed though.

Mayor stated that if the pool project goes to referendum for the full amount of \$3.5 million, it would cost a homeowner of a \$175,000 home, \$48 a year in property taxes.

Hannah Cook, student representative, suggested the idea of a party room at the pool for birthdays and other special occasions that would attract even more people to use the pool.

6. Adjourn

A motion was made by Bauman with a second by Schultz to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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Burlington City Clerk
Racine & Walworth Counties