



**CITY OF BURLINGTON**  
**Committee of the Whole Minutes**  
**Robert Miller, Mayor**  
**Diahnn Halbach, City Clerk**  
**Tuesday, June 2, 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: John Ekes, Ed Johnson, Bob Grandi, Ruth Dawidziak, Tom Vos, Tom Preusker, Jon Schultz and Todd Bauman. Excused: None.

Student Representative Present: None. Excused: Hannah Cook.

Also present: City Administrator Carina Walters, City Attorney John Bjelajac, Fire Chief Perry Howard, Lt. Mark Anderson, Public Works Director Craig Workman, Treasurer Steve DeQuaker, Library Director Gayle Falk, Building Inspector Gregory Guidry and Tom Foht of Kapur Engineering.

**2. Citizens Comments and Questions**

There was none.

**3. Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2015**

A motion was made by Bauman with a second by Vos to approve the minutes from May 19, 2015. With all in favor, the motion carried to approve the minutes.

**4. Topic: Update by Racine County Executive Jonathan Delagrave to update Common Council on current county legislature.**

Mayor Miller introduced Racine County Executive Jonathan Delagrave. Delagrave presented an update to Council on current county legislature.

**5. Topic: Discussion regarding the Burlington Community Pool.**

Mayor explained the reason this topic was being discussed is because negotiations with Burbach had been terminated and as a result, there was no clear cut definition as to which direction Council wanted to take, or if they wanted to take any direction at all.

Alderman Grandi began the discussion by stating that when Burbach was originally hired, it was with the understanding that two specific phases would be completed in order to bring the pool topic to referendum and allow the residents to vote for what they wanted. Grandi stated that he feels the residents and service clubs are owed the opportunity to have a voice in the matter and it is Council's responsibility to obtain the information that was originally promised and get the referendum out to the people.

Dawidziak stated that she felt the City needed to move forward to bring the pool to referendum. She stated that of all the feedback she has received from people in the community, not a single comment has been negative and that the pool is an asset to the community and is very much needed.

Schultz felt that the original process happened way too fast and not enough information was brought to Council in the beginning. Schultz would like to see more information on what the City truly needs and feels spending \$3 million or more on a pool is a lot of money for something that people in the City are only able to use for a

small amount of time and may not even want. Schultz further stated he felt the expense of a new pool may even exclude an entire class of people who may not be able to afford the membership costs. Schultz also felt a need to look further into the recent discussions regarding a new library and a new city hall and stated Council needed to be cautious as to how the tax payer's dollars would be allocated. Schultz said he isn't opposed to a referendum, but more information is needed before that can happen.

Grandi stated that he feels the pool is reasonably priced and is a good opportunity for kids and families who aren't able to afford other community activities. Grandi further stated that if the pool goes away, the city would be eliminating an entire area of activity that many families still take advantage of.

Preusker stated that he is torn and that cost is an issue for him as well. Preusker stated that the current family membership is \$180, however in addition to the membership, there would also be the cost of the referendum and the increase in taxes, as well as ongoing costs of operations if the pool does move forward. Preusker stated that the pool was not put in the previous year's budgets and more information was needed before decisions could be made. Preusker then pointed out that a referendum to the community should ask which items should get priority and that a referendum simply asking if a new pool should be built or repaired, didn't answer the question. Preusker suggested finding a market survey firm that could create a focus group and get a firm grasp on what city residents want.

Ekes stated that prior to being elected, he had assumed Council had far more information regarding the pool and is surprised that's not the case. Ekes suggested more information be gathered and then share that information with the people and allow them to make an intelligent decision via referendum.

Scott Hoffman, service club member, stated that they are looking for someone to come in and tell them what should be done with the pool – looking for the expertise to draw the necessary numbers to make the pool something the community will be drawn to again – the nature and use of the pool isn't the same today as it was several years ago. Someone is needed to come in to do the feasibility study and recommend what is best.

After much back and forth discussion amongst the alderman, Council agreed that staff should contact some of the pool study companies that originally submitted RFP's and work with them to see what they could do in order to move forward and whether the city council should change the scope of its request for proposals from these companies. Attorney John Bjelajac said anything the council wants in a contract could likely be worked out.

- 6. Topic: Resolution 4729(3)** to consider approving an amendment to the Verizon Wireless Lease Agreement for equipment placement at 341 Origen Street.

Mayor Miller introduced Resolution 4729(3) and opened it up for discussion.

There was no discussion.

- 7. Topic: Motion 15-804** to consider approving the annual insurance renewal with Zarek Insurance.

Mayor Miller introduced Motion 15-804 and opened it up for discussion.

There was no discussion

- 8. Topic: Motion 15-805** to consider approving a Certificate of Appropriateness in the HPC Overlay District for 532 N. Pine Street.

Mayor Miller introduced Motion 15-804 and opened it up for discussion.

There was no discussion

**9. Adjourn**

A motion was made by Johnson with a second by Dawidziak to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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Diahnn C. Halbach  
Burlington City Clerk  
Racine & Walworth Counties