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CITY OF BURLINGTON
Committee of the Whole Minutes
Robert Miller, Mayor
Beverly R. Gill, City Clerk
August 17, 2010

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Council President Tom Vos called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. starting with roll call. Aldermen present: Bob Prailes, Peter Hintz, Jim Prailes, Jeff Fischer, Katie Simenson Excused: Mayor Miller, Aldermen Ed Johnson and Steve Rauch

Also present: City Attorney John Bjelajac, Assistant to the Administrator Megan Johnson, Utility Director Connie Wilson, Department of Public Works Supervisor Dick Pieters, Treasurer Steve DeQuaker, Library Director Gayle Falk, Lt. Mark Anderson

Council President Tom Vos announced that he would be retaining his right to vote during this meeting.

2. **CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

None

3. **MINUTES FROM AUGUST 3, 2010**

A motion was made by Hintz with a second by Bob Prailes to approve the August 3, 2010 Committee of the Whole Minutes. With all in favor, the motion carried.

4. **RESOLUTION 4431(15) "A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER APPROVING A LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT WITH JOHN MAYER TO PREPARE A WATER REVIEW FOR SUBMISSION TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION"**

Council President Tom Vos introduced Resolution 4431(15). Utility Director Connie Wilson provided information on the proposed resolution. Wilson explained that no borrowed money was used in the 2.3 million dollar construction of Well #11 but, this had also depleted the utility fund.

Wilson has proposed that a letter of engagement be sent to Mr. John Mayer, Utility Rate Consultant to begin the process of a full review of the present water rates. Wilson estimated a timeline of three months which would include the study, a public hearing and then approval from the Public Service Commission. Simenson questioned that if a rate study had been done as recently as 2005, why it was being done again. Wilson explained that for a full water rate increase a study must be done as vs. a simplified rate case which does not require a study. As part of the cost of the study, Mr. Mayer would be willing to attend one council meeting to answer any questions.

Vos stated that in retrospect, the city should not have paid cash for the new well in 2008. He also questioned whether it was possible to reverse that decision and spread the cost to future years.

Fischer added that the revenues from water have decreased since 2006 when council decided not to borrow the funds.

Simenson added that she voted against the Integrated Department of Public Works Building because she didn't think the money should be spent and now there is an increase in water rates proposed which will be an additional cost to the residents.

This resolution will move forward to the September 7, 2010 Common Council meeting.

5. **ORDINANCE 1907(10) "AN ORDINANCE TO CONSIDER APPROVING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO SECTION 315-27B TO ALLOW MUNICIPAL OWNED PARKING STRUCTURES, GARAGES AND PARKING LOTS AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE B-2 DISTRICT"**

Council President Vos introduced Ordinance 1907(10) to council for discussion. It had been pointed out by City Planner Mr. Patrick Meehan that parking structures, garages and parking lots are not allowed as a "permitted use" in the B-2, Central Business District. With the adoption of this ordinance municipal owned parking structures, garages and lots would be allowed.

This ordinance is scheduled for the September 7, 2010 Common Council meeting.

6. **ORDINANCE 1908(11) "AN ORDINANCE TO CONSIDER APPROVING A REZONE REQUEST FOR 115 SOUTH TEUT ROAD TO REZONE THE PROPERTY FROM I-1, INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICT TO B-1, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT"**

Council President Vos introduced Ordinance 1908(11) to the council for discussion. There was no further discussion.

This ordinance is scheduled for the September 7, 2010 council meeting.

7. **MOTION 10-690 "A MOTION TO APPROVE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AND THE BURLINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 508 SHELDON STREET"**

Council President Vos introduced Motion 10-690 to council for discussion. Alderman Jim Prailes questioned whether there would be any access issues to this property. Vos stated that a neighboring property owned by NEL had given permission for the Burlington Historical Society to use their property for access.

This motion is scheduled for the September 7, 2010 council meeting.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Simenson with a second by Hintz to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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Racine and Walworth Counties