



CITY OF BURLINGTON
Minutes of the Common Council
Jeannie Hefty, Mayor
Diahnn C. Halbach, City Clerk
Tuesday, June 21, 2016

1. Call To Order – Roll Call

Mayor Jeannie Hefty called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. starting with roll call. Aldermen present: Ed Johnson, John Ekes, Bob Grandi, Ruth Dawidziak, Tom Vos, Jon Schultz, Tom Preusker and Todd Bauman. Excused: None.

Also present: City Administrator Carina Walters, Director of Administrative Services Megan Watkins, City Attorney John Bjelajac, DPW Director James Bergles, Building Inspector Gregory Guidry, Police Chief Mark Anderson, Rescue Squad Chief Brian Zwiebel, and Tom Foht of Kapur & Associates.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

*Due to the number of people that were present for the swearing in of Alan Babe for Fire Chief, Mayor Hefty changed the Order of Business and proceeded with Motion 16-843.

A. Motion 16-843 to consider appointing Alan Babe as the City of Burlington Fire Chief.

A motion was made by Johnson with a second by Dawidziak to approve Motion 16-843.

With all in favor, the motion carried.

Mayor Hefty then proceeded with the Official Oath and Alan Babe was sworn in and introduced as Fire Chief for the City of Burlington.

The room was cleared and the meeting continued as normal.

3. Citizen Comments

4. Chamber of Commerce Representative and Rescue Squad Representative

- Michelle Peterson, Chamber of Commerce Representative, gave an update on Chamber activities and stated that Discover Wisconsin would be filming for an upcoming motorcycle episode featuring the Harley Museum, Hartford, and Sauk Prairie. The episode will be filmed in summer and fall and aired in 2017 and will air three times over a two year period.
- There were no Rescue Squad updates.

5. Approval of the June 7, 2016 Common Council Minutes

A motion was made by Johnson with a second by Preusker to approve the Council Minutes from June 7, 2016. With all in favor, the motion to approve the minutes was carried.

6. Letters and Communications

There was none

7. Reports by Aldermanic Representatives and Department Heads

- Alderman Grandi reported that he was contacted by a city resident that was concerned about people removing their rummage sale signs from the right of way after the city wide yard sale.
- Alderman Preusker inquired about the status of the no left turn issue at the intersection of Milwaukee and Pine (by Fred's). Walters replied that Kapur is scheduled to discuss at the July 21, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting.
- Alderman Dawidziak announced that the Community Block Party has been scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2016 and encouraged for everyone to spread the word for volunteers.
- Bergles stated that the Department of Public Works would be getting a new stump grinder in the next couple of weeks, which will be much better than their current one and will allow them to complete more work.

8. Reports 1-5

A motion was made by Ekes with a second by Preusker approve Reports 1-5. With all in favor, the motion carried.

9. Payment of Vouchers

A motion was made by Dawidziak with a second by Bauman to approve vouchers, pre-paids and reimbursements in the amount of \$369,826.83.

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

10. Licenses and Permits

A motion was made by Grandi with a second by Johnson to approve all licenses and permits. With all in favor the motion carried.

11. Appointments and Nominations

There were none

12. Public Hearings

- A. At 8:26 p.m., Mayor Hefty declared a public hearing open to hear comments and concerns regarding a rezone request for property located at 340 Church Street.

Robert Musgrave, 372 Church Street, Burlington, WI, expressed his concerns about the number of already existing group homes in the area, which included busing, onstreet parking, garbage, and the additional number of people coming and going in a residential neighborhood.

Alderman Johnson confirmed that the proposed rezone is not for a group home, but for an educational program run by the school district.

Rich Carney, 389 Church Street, also expressed his concerns with existing group homes in the area, stating that the extra traffic, parking, institutional buses running back and forth, and the negative affect on property values is already becoming a problem and felt that the City needs to addresss the current issue before allowing any more homes of this type in the area.

Jim Gawloski, 380 Robins Run, also expressed his concerns about the effect group homes are having on the neighborhood and said that their standard and quality of living has greatly decreased since these homes have been allowed.

Peter Smet, Superintendent for the Burlington Area School District, reiterated that this is not a group home. The school district is proposing to use this property for the Project Active Citizen (PAC) educational program, which is an educational opportunity for developmentally disabled individuals that helps transition them into the real world. Smet stated that the current facility located at 348 Paul Street has never had any issues and doesn't anticipate having any issues at this location either. They just need a larger facility. Smet further stated that the program follows the school calendar and is only run during normal school hours.

Alderman Schultz asked Smet if he was aware of the existing group homes. Smet replied that he was aware of some of the homes, but that in no way is this project linked to any of them

Schultz stated that it sounded like this area might already be overburdened with this type of housing and asked if Grace Church or the Amanda House had been considered. Smet replied that there are accessibility issues with those places and needed a ranch style facility for easy accessibility.

Preusker stated that although he didn't have any issues with the school using this location for their program, he would like to know more about the existing group homes.

Vos said that he has not received any complaints but the city should address the concerns brought forth, but felt there weren't any issues with the school project.

Grandi inquired as to the locations of the other existing group homes besides the one located at 373 Church Street.

Dawidziak asked Smet who would maintain the property. Smet replied that the school district would be responsible for all maintenance and grounds keeping.

13. Resolutions

- A. Resolution 4791(10) to consider approving the 2015 CMAR Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) for the Burlington Wastewater Treatment Plant.

A motion was made by Schultz with a second by Ekes to approve Resolution 4791(10).

Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Ekes, Grandi, Dawidziak, Vos, Preusker, Schultz, and Bauman.
Nay: None. The motion was carried 8-0

14. Motions

- B. Motion 16-840 to consider approving an agreement with FiveStar Fireworks for the City of Burlington.

A motion was made by Preusker with a second by Ekes to approve Motion 16-840.

With all in favor, the motion carried.

- C. Motion 16-842 to consider allowing yard sale signs in the right-of-way during the City-wide yard sale, July 29-30, 2016.

A motion was made by Bauman with a second by Johnson to approve Motion 16-842.

With all in favor, the motion carried.

15. Adjourn

A motion was made by Ekes with a second by Preusker to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

Diahnn C. Halbach
City Clerk
City of Burlington