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CITY OF BURLINGTON
Committee of the Whole Minutes
Jeannie Hefty, Mayor
Diahnn Halbach, City Clerk
Tuesday, August 15, 2017

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call**

Mayor Jeannie Hefty called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. starting with roll call. Aldermen present: Susan Kott, Ed Johnson, Bob Grandi, Ruth Dawidziak, Jon Schultz, Tom Preusker, and Todd Bauman. Excused: Tom Vos.

Also present: City Administrator Carina Walters, City Attorney John Bjelajac, Finance Director Steve DeQuaker, Lt Brian Zmudzinski, Fire Chief Alan Babe, Building Inspector Gregory Guidry.

2. **Citizen Comments**

Kim Lunderskov, 377 Travellers Run, voiced his concerns about moving dispatch to the County and encouraged Council to keep City dispatch in Burlington.

Nancy Foster, 377 Travellers Run, stated that she had read in the Standard Press that costs to replace the dispatch equipment could cost the City \$250,000 and wanted to know if that was before or after insurance was paid. Foster also voiced her concerns regarding the County program costs that would be determined through negotiations and other factors. Foster also stated that the City should keep dispatch in Burlington because having a police presence in the community creates a safer environment for residents.

Dan Rueter, 700 Oak Street, stated he has been a Burlington resident for 28 years and is a former City of Burlington Firefighter, but now works in Racine and has had good experiences with both City and County dispatch. Rueter stated that he also had the opportunity to assist with the command vehicle during the flood emergency. Rueter said that his primary concern is that if the City does decide to keep dispatch in Burlington, to have a better plan for where to put the equipment, as well as an additional backup Command Center in the event another disaster were to occur.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

- A. A motion was made by Alderman Grandi with a second by Alderman Bauman to approve the August 1, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes. With all in favor, the motion carried.

4. **PRESENTATIONS:**

There were none.

5. **DISCUSSIONS:**

A. Burlington Flood Update

Walters announced that she had just received the news that the City did not qualify for FEMA; however, Governor Walker has requested the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) declare Kenosha, Racine, and Walworth counties a disaster area due to the flood damage, which, if qualified, would provide low-interest loans to eligible individuals and businesses affected by the floods. Walters further stated that she and others recently attended a meeting with the Tri-County Recovery Program that consisted of Racine, Walworth and Kenosha Counties, in which she learned recovery time for a community can be determined by the length of time the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is open. The City's EOC was in operation for two weeks, which calculates to a potential 2-3 years process before the City is back to normal. Walters also stated that Echo Lake Dam assessment has been completed and was found to be structurally sound, however, she is still waiting for the final report.

Mayor Hefty added that she and Walters have had discussions with Kapur & Associates regarding the dredging of Echo Lake stating that by dredging it, the lake bed could be cleaned up and made deeper for other activities. Alderman Schultz then inquired about the possibility of removing the dam in its entirety since it no longer serves the purpose that it was originally intended for.

B. Discussion regarding the playground equipment at Devor Park

Walters stated that the playground equipment at Devor will need to be removed for the construction of the new pool and that Grace Church has contacted City staff to ask if they would donate the equipment to their church and that they would take care of the removal if agreed upon. Walters asked Council their thoughts on whether or not to put this through the process of reaching out to other churches to see if anybody else would be interested in the equipment, adding that the equipment needs to be removed by September 5, 2017. Alderman Dawidziak suggested the equipment should just be given to Grace Church rather than go through the process, since they took the time to reach out and ask. All were in agreement.

6. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. **Resolution 4861(19)** - to consider approval of a Certified Survey Map for property located at 2100 Milwaukee Avenue.

Gregory Guidry stated this resolution was originally presented at the July 18, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting, however, was discovered that the CSM wasn't correct and needed to be revised. Guidry further stated that the CSM seeks to create three lots within the Lynch Dealership and Menards properties and proposes to subdivide Lynch automotive dealership into Lot 1 with 12.0304 acres, Lot 2 would be 22.4213 acres and contain the Menards building, and Lot 3 would consist of 2.8244 acres and contain the storm water facility. Guidry stated that the revised CSM has been reviewed and recommended for approval by Kapur & Associates.

7. **ORDINANCES:**

There were none.

8. **MOTIONS:**

There were none.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Alderman Dawidziak with a second by Alderman Preusker to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Diahnn C. Halbach
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