

**City of Burlington
Official Minutes
Common Council
Robert Miller, Mayor
Beverly R. Gill, City Clerk
February 2, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m. starting with roll call. Aldermen present: Robert Prailes, Ed Johnson, Peter Hintz, Jim Prailes, Tom Vos, Jeff Fischer, Steve Rauch, Katie Simenson, Student Member Tony Wang Excused: Student Member Bonit Gill

Staff present: City Attorney John Bjelajac, City Administrator Kevin Lahner, Acting Police Chief Mark Anderson, Director of Public Works Connie Wilson, Department of Public Works Supervisor Dick Pieters, Fire Chief Dick Lodle, Treasurer Bridget Souffrant, Library Director Gayle Falk, Tom Foht of Kapur Engineering Also present: Tina Chitwood of Racine County Economic Development, Linda Fellenz of LF Green

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Miller led the council, staff and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

4. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVE

Representative from the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Jerry Koch attended the meeting. He reported on the annual dinner and auction that had been held with 328 in attendance and a local paper "Treasures". This newspaper insert has information relating to the City of Burlington which prompted Simenson to question the expense of the city's newsletter. Lahner explained that the city's newsletter was targeting a different audience.

5. APPROVAL OF COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

A motion was made by Simenson with a second by Vos to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2009 Common Council Meeting. With all in favor, the motion carried.

6. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

7. REPORTS BY ALDERMANIC REPRESENTATIVES & DEPARTMENT HEADS

Rauch, a member of the Library Board, reported the 2009 library usage was up five percent over 2008.

Vos questioned the timeline on the Department of Public Works Building on Milwaukee Avenue. He felt that now that the city has made the decision to move forward with new construction that the building on the current site should be sold. The mayor said that the building will be sold "as is". Lahner will be sending out a "Request for Proposal" and then evaluate the responses.

Vos also questioned whether the city will sell the transfer station along with the DPW or retain ownership. The mayor stated that a decision has not been made on the transfer station.

Rauch questioned whether all of the recycling bins have been delivered. Lahner stated that Veolia had made all of the deliveries.

Simenson stated that those on Dorothy Court would prefer the smaller containers. Lahner explained that Veolia had been given a list of names of those who requested the smaller recycling bins. The smaller bins were to be offered to those who would have difficulty managing the larger containers.

Wilson reminded council of the opening of the bids for the 2010 Street and Sidewalk Program that will take place in the council chambers on Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. She also invited council members to a Radium Workshop on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

8. REPORTS 1-5

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

9. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

A motion was made by Bob Prailes with a second by Johnson to approve Prepays (\$4,456,406.57), Vouchers (\$92,153.37), and Reimbursements (\$1,037.65) for a grand total of \$4,549,597.59. Simenson questioned the large amount of property tax refund checks that had been issued this year. Souffrant replied that the change was made from an immediate cash refund to checks to decrease errors and it was less time consuming; she also felt it was a quicker method. Simenson then questioned the cost of issuing checks for each refund. Souffrant replied the cost would be for postage and she did not know the cost per check. Simenson also questioned the Wanasek bill for snowplowing at the airport. Lahner explained that because of the specialized equipment there is no one at the airport qualified to run it. Roll Call Ayes: Bob Prailes, Johnson, Hintz, Jim Prailes, Vos, Rauch, Fischer, Simenson Nays: None. Motion carried 8-0.

10. LICENSES AND PERMITS

A motion was made by Johnson with a second by Simenson to approve the licenses as presented. With all in favor, the motion carried.

11. APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

A motion was made by Jim Prailes with a second by Hintz to approve the appointment as presented. With all in favor the motion carried.

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

13. RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

A. RESOLUTION 4386(62) "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO EXERCISE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT POWERS UNDER WISCONSIN STATE STATUTES FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS"

A request for a second reading and motion to adopt was made by Hintz with a second by Jim Prailes. With all in favor, the motion carried.

B. RESOLUTION 4387(63) "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO TASK ORDER SEVENTY WITH KAPUR AND ASSOCIATES FOR THE KANE STREET RESURFACING PROJECT"

A request for a second reading and motion to adopt was made by Vos with a second by Simenson. Roll call Ayes: Bob Prailes, Johnson, Hintz, Jim Prailes, Vos, Rauch, Fischer, Simenson Nays: None Motion carried 8-0

C. RESOLUTION 4388(64) "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO TASK ORDER SEVENTY-TWO WITH KAPUR AND ASSOCIATES FOR THE ARRA URBAN PAVEMENT RESURFACING PROJECT"

A request for a second reading and motion to adopt was made by Rauch with a second by Simenson. Roll call Ayes: Bob Prailes, Johnson, Hintz, Jim Prailes, Vos, Rauch, Fischer, Simenson Nays: None Motion carried 8-0

D. RESOLUTION 4389(65) "A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FEE ASSESSMENT FOR WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LICENSE HOLDERS FOR JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009"

A request for a second reading and motion to adopt was made by Simenson and a second by Hintz. Roll call Ayes: Bob Prailes, Johnson, Hintz, Jim Prailes, Vos, Rauch, Fischer, Simenson Nays: None Motion carried 8-0

E. RESOLUTION 4391(67) "A RESOLUTION TO AWARD THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT BUILDING DEMOLITION AND UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REMOVAL BID FROM EARTH CONSTRUCTION FOR THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$124,453"

A request for a second reading and motion to adopt was made by Fischer with a second by Johnson. Roll Call Ayes: Bob Prailes, Johnson, Hintz, Jim Prailes, Vos, Rauch, Fischer, Simenson Nays: None Motion carried 8-0

F. RESOLUTION 4393(69) "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO NEW SUBMERSIBLE MIXERS AND CONTROLS FROM CRANE ENGINEERING FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FOR THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$78,690"

A request for a second reading and motion to adopt was made by Bob Prailes with a second by Simenson. Roll Call Ayes: Bob Prailes, Johnson, Hintz, Jim Prailes, Vos, Rauch, Fischer, Simenson Nays: None Motion carried 8-0

14. ORDINANCES ADOPTED

None

15. MOTIONS ADOPTED

A. MOTION 10-677 "A MOTION TO CONSIDER A SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION IN THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT FOR 615 NORTH PINE STREET, SUITE 102"

B. MOTION 10-678 "A MOTION TO CONSIDER A SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION IN THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISTRICT FOR 140 WEST CHESTNUT STREET FOR GRATER TATER"

C. MOTION 10-679 "A MOTION TO CONSIDER A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS, SIGN PERMIT AND FAÇADE GRANT APPLICATIONS IN THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT FOR 489 MILWAUKEE AVENUE"

D. MOTION 10-680 "A MOTION TO CONSIDER A SIGN PERMIT AND FAÇADE GRANT APPLICATIONS IN THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT FOR 400 NORTH PINE STREET"

A motion was made by Johnson with a second by Hintz to adopt Motions 10-677, 678, 679 and 680. With all in favor the motions carried.

16. OTHER MATTERS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

Simenson questioned the relocation payment to Ms. Janie Horneman. Lahner explained this was one of the properties under the threat of condemnation on East Chestnut Street.

Vos questioned the timeline for the Police Chief. The mayor replied that the city was in contract negotiations at this time and was hopeful to have the new chief sworn in at the March 2, 2010 Council Meeting.

Rauch stated that he would not seek or accept a position on the Planning Commission which will be appointed in April 2010.

Vos discussed the swale issue in the industrial park as he was concerned over who was to maintain it. Lahner stated that it was up to the property owner.

17. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Rauch with a second by Fischer to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Racine and Walworth Counties