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**CITY OF BURLINGTON  
Common Council Minutes  
Jeannie Hefty, Mayor  
Diahnn Halbach, City Clerk  
Tuesday, August 20, 2019**

1. **Call to Order / Roll Call**

Council President Jon Schultz called the Common Council meeting to order at 6:51 p.m. Roll Call - Present: Alderman Susan Kott, Alderman Theresa Meyer, Alderman Bob Grandi, Alderman Ryan Heft, Alderman Steve Rauch, Alderman Jon Schultz, Alderman Tom Preusker, Alderman Todd Bauman. Excused: Mayor Jeannie Hefty

Student Representatives - Present: Jack Schoepke (BHS). Excused: None.

Staff present: City Attorney John Bjelajac, City Administrator Carina Walters, Assistant City Administrator/Zoning Administrator Megan Watkins, Finance Director Steven DeQuaker, Police Chief Mark Anderson, Public Works Director Peter Riggs, Human Resource Director Jason Corbin, and Library Director Joe Davies.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Citizen Comments**

Alderman Susan Kott spoke on behalf of Patrick Sullivan regarding the Tall Tales Festival and said they have big plans for 2020 and intends to attend the October 1, 2019 Council meeting to present those plans.

4. **Chamber of Commerce Representative and Rescue Squad Representative** - There were none.

5. **Approval of Minutes** - To approve the Common Council Minutes for August 6, 2019.  
Motion: Alderman Bauman. Second: Alderman Kott. With all in favor, the motion carried.

6. **Letters and Communications** - None

7. **Reports by Aldermanic Representatives and Department Heads**

Alderman Meyer provided an update from the Board of Health, stating there have been three cases of hospitalizations of minors due to vaping in Central Racine County, and at least eight others in the surrounding counties. Meyer said it is being recommended by the health officer to review smoking policies and that vaping policies should mirror the current smoking policies. Meyer then reported that an award for exemplary compliance with the public health statutes will be given to three establishments which are Burlington High School, Cooper School and Dairy Queen.

Alderman Schultz asked if there is a municipal ordinance on smoking policies. Chief Anderson stated that the City of Burlington ordinance includes tobacco product vaping devices, so a juvenile in possession of a vaping device would be in violation of possession of tobacco products. Alderman

Meyer inquired if any policy existed for the adult use of vaping devices that reflect the same policy as smoking in public. Walters further clarified the question asking Chief Anderson whether it is permissible to vape in areas that smoking is not allowed. Chief Anderson stated he would review the policy. Walters stated that staff will review the statutes. Alderman Schultz stated that vaping among kids is a very big problem and if you want to see this problem first hand to drive by Karcher when school is letting out, the vaping among 7th and 8th graders is pathetic. Meyer also stated that Margaret Gessner, Racine County Health Officer, will be attending an upcoming Council meeting to address this issue further.

Alderman Grandi reported that the Burlington Aquatic Center will remain open through Labor Day from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. and concessions will be available on a limited basis. Grandi further reported that they have sold a lot of memberships that span across five different zip codes. Grandi said the 2019 memberships totaled 809 versus last year's of 696.

Director DeQuaker reported that the 2018 Audit will be presented at the next meeting and asked if anybody wanted a printed copy of the Budget versus a pdf. Alderman Bauman requested a printed copy.

Director Riggs reported that the Public Works Rodeo was a huge success and thanked all who participated.

Alderman Heft asked to schedule a future discussion regarding Karcher and vaping issues.

8. **Reports** - To approve Reports 1-2 as submitted.  
Motion: Alderman Kott. Second: Alderman Meyer. With all in favor, the motion carried.
9. **Payment of Prepaids and Vouchers** - To approve the Prepaid and Voucher list for bills accrued through August 20, 2019.  
Motion: Alderman Meyer. Second: Alderman Kott. Roll Call: Aye - 8. Nay - 0. The motion carried.
10. **Licenses**
  - A. To approve Operator License Applications as presented.  
Motion: Alderman Grandi. Second: Alderman Preusker. With all in favor, the motion carried.
  - B. To approve the Denial of an Operator's License.  
This motion was tabled until the September 3, 2019 due the incorrect name printed in the motion.
11. **Special Events** - None
12. **Appointments and Nominations**  
To approve the appointment of Jeff Milne to the Airport Committee to replace Rob Bach, term expires 12/1/2021.  
Motion: Alderman Rauch. Second: Alderman Bauman. With all in favor, the motion carried.
13. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**  
At 7:12 p.m. Council President Jon Schultz called to order a Public Hearing to hear comments from the public regarding a text amendment to Ch. 315-74 of the Municipal Code regarding signs in the Historic Preservation District.  
  
There were no comments.  
  
Motion to close the public hearing: Alderman Bauman. Second: Alderman Grandi. With all in favor, the public hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m.

14. **RESOLUTIONS:** NONE

15. **ORDINANCES:** NONE

16. **MOTIONS:**

- A. **Motion 19-937** - To approve the 2020-2023 Union agreement between the City of Burlington and International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, CIC on Behalf of Racine Firefighters, Local 321.

Motion: Alderman Preusker. Second: Alderman Kott. Roll Call Vote: Aye - 8. Nay - 0. The motion carried.

17. **ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION**

**Wis. Stats 19.85(1)(e)** Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

- A discussion regarding the Burlington Rescue Squad Service Agreement with the City of Burlington for providing Ambulatory Services.

Motion: Alderman Bauman. Second: Alderman Grandi. Roll Call Vote: Aye - 8. Nay - 0. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned into Closed Session at 7:15 p.m.

18. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

Motion: Alderman Kott. Second: Alderman Meyer. With all in favor, the motion carried and the meeting reconvened into open session at 8:33 p.m.

19. **ACT ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION IF NECESSARY**

No action was taken.

20. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Alderman Meyer. Second: Alderman Grandi. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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