

**City of Burlington  
Official Minutes  
Common Council  
Robert Miller, Mayor  
Beverly R. Gill, City Clerk  
May 3, 2011**

**1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**

Mayor Bob Miller called the meeting to order at 8:37 p.m. starting with roll call. Aldermen present: Bob Prailes, Ed Johnson, Peter Hintz, Jim Prailes, Tom Vos, Steve Rauch, Jeff Fischer, Katie Simenson

High school students present: David Martin, Lauren Nadolski

Also present: City Administrator Kevin Lahner, City Attorney John Bjelajac, Police Chief Peter Nimmer, Treasurer Steve DeQuaker, Public Works Director Connie Wilson, Library Director Gayle Falk, Fire Chief Dick Lodle, Fire Engineer Wesley Miner, Mr. Tom Foht of Kapur and Associates

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**3. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

None

**4. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT**

Representative from the Chamber of Commerce Ms. Barb Bakshis discussed the upcoming SMILES Program on May 12, 2011, Business after Hours on May 19<sup>th</sup>, the 2011 Chamber of Commerce Wage Survey and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation signs that are going to be placed on the bypass which will be advertisement for gas, food and lodging.

**5. APPROVAL OF COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES FOR APRIL 19, 2011**

A motion was made by Jim Prailes with a second by Vos to approve the Common Council Minutes of April 19, 2011. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**6. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**7. REPORTS BY ALDERMANIC REPRESENTATIVES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Vos questioned the status of the replacement of street signs that was going to be required by the state. The mayor answered that the state has backed off on that request for the changing of street signs due to the high cost.

Wilson reported on a check from FEMA for the February snowstorm that netted the city \$36,000.

Lahner reported on a sinkhole on Kendrick and Walnut that will be repaired next week.

**8. REPORTS 1-10**

A motion was made by Hintz with a second by Jim Prailes to approve Reports 1-10. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**9. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS**

A motion was made by Vos with a second by Hintz to approve pre-paid, vouchers and reimbursements in the amount of \$253,794.44 Simenson asked where the electric bill was for the parking structure. DeQuaker stated that this month's bill has not been received. Vos questioned if the amount owed on

the lawnmower included the trade-in. Wilson confirmed that it did include the trade-in. Simenson then questioned the utility bill for 824 Milwaukee Avenue in the amount of \$1,459.00. She asked if the city was still heating this building as well as the old water department building; she suggested draining the water pipes instead of continuing to heat a vacant building. The mayor said if the city still owns the building during the next cold weather season he will then address the issue.

Roll Call Ayes: Bob Prailes, Johnson, Jim Prailes, Hintz, Vos, Rauch, Fischer, Simenson Nays: None Motion carried 8-0.

**10. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

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

**11. APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS**

None

**12. PUBLIC HEARING**

**A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AMENDING SECTION 6-2A OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, "MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BOARD OF REVIEW"**

Mayor Miller opened the public hearing at 8:43 p.m. There were no comments. A motion was made by Simenson with a second by Vos to close the public hearing. With all in favor, the public hearing closed at 8:44 p.m.

**13. RESOLUTIONS**

**A. RESOLUTION 4477(2) "A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER DISSOLVING AND TERMINATING TIF DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO DISTRIBUTE EXCESS INCREMENT TO OVERLAYING TAXING DISTRICTS"**

A request for a second reading and a motion to approve was made by Fischer with a second by Rauch. Vos questioned if there would still be incentives available. The mayor said there would still be the involvement of RCEDC and the SBA as well as state grants. Rauch asked if land could still be sold for a dollar. Lahner replied that the city could still sell land for that price. The mayor further explained that the property now becomes city property rather than controlled by the CDA. Fischer asked if the council has a choice to terminate the TIF. Lahner replied that the entire debt obligation has been met but the city could continue to keep it open. The money would continue to go into the TIF Fund and would have those funds to use for incentives; the downside would be the loss of the additional 2.2% back on the general tax levy and the other taxing bodies would not get the additional funds. Vos said that another issue would be that the city had made the statement that this is what was going to be done and as a city should not go back on their word. Lahner said that with only three lots left in the BMOP, the city had accomplished what they set out to do. Simenson questioned if the money being brought in from TIF 4 could be used toward the debt in the other TIF. Lahner said he didn't think it would be necessary, as TIF 3 is also ahead of schedule. With all in favor, the motion carried 8-0.

**14. ORDINANCES**

None

**15. MOTIONS**

**A. MOTION 11-705 TO APPROVE A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION IN THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT FOR 500 NORTH PINE STREET**

**B. MOTION 11-706 TO APPROVE A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION AND SIGN PERMIT IN THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT FOR 573 NORTH PINE STREET**

**C. MOTION 11-707 TO APPROVE A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION AND SIGN PERMIT IN THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT FOR 588 NORTH PINE STREET**

**D. MOTION 11-708 TO APPROVE A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION IN THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT FOR 596 NORTH PINE STREET**

A motion was made by Bob Prailes with a second by Hintz to approve Motions 11-705,706,707,708. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**16. ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Vos with a second by Rauch to adjourn into closed session. With all in favor, The closed session began at 8:54 p.m.

**17. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

A motion to reconvene into open session was made by Bob Prailes with a second by Hintz. With all in favor, the open session began at 9:24 p.m.

There was no action from the closed session.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vos with a second by Hintz. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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