

CITY OF BURLINGTON
Committee of the Whole Minutes
Robert Miller, Mayor
Beverly R. Gill, City Clerk
June 7, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Bob Miller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. starting with roll call. Aldermen present: Bob Prailles, Ed Johnson, Peter Hintz, Jim Prailles, Tom Vos, Steve Rauch, Katie Simenson Excused: Jeff Fischer

Also present: City Administrator Kevin Lahner, City Attorney John Bjelajac, Police Chief Peter Nimmer, Treasurer Steve DeQuaker, Fire Chief Dick Lodle, Assistant to the Administrator Megan Johnson, Department of Public Work's Mechanic Chris Keefer, Department of Public Work's Director Connie Wilson, Library Director Gayle Falk, Mr. Tom Foht of Kapur Engineering

Alderman Fischer arrived at 6:35 p.m.

2. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 17, 2011

A motion was made by Vos with a second by Jim Prailles to approve the minutes from May 17, 2011. With all in favor, the motion carried.

4. PRESENTATION BY KEVIN DUFFY OF "WAY TO SAVE" REGARDING A HOME ENERGY MAKEOVER CONTEST AND TO UPDATE THE COUNCIL OF THE STATUS OF THE PROGRAM

Kevin Duffy of "Way to Save" provided an update to the council regarding a home energy makeover contest and the status of the program. He commented that involvement included commercial, industrial and residential. He listed Lavelle Industries, Nestles, Miller Motors, Circle Inc. and St. Charles as a few of those involved in the energy savings program.

He stated that program participation in the "Way to Save" for the City of Burlington is higher than the control communities of Ft. Atkinson and Watertown.

He explained the "Energy Makeover Contest" with the grand prize winner eligible for up to \$5,000.00 in home energy efficiency improvements.

Wilson reminded council members of the "Focus on Energy" award the Wastewater Treatment Plant received in the amount of \$155,000 for utilizing methane gas to offset the use of natural gas. She stated the annual energy savings amount is about \$60,000.

Rauch questioned if the library, city hall and police department are being considered for any energy saving projects. Duffy replied that assessments have been done and the difficulty is in finding what project makes sense in terms of return of investment.

Duffy encouraged council members to spread the word and encourage citizens to participate in the "Way to Save" program and to enter the "Energy Makeover Contest".

5. PRESENTATION BY RACINE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO UPDATE THE COUNCIL OF CURRENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

RCEDC was not in attendance to present an update.

6. **RESOLUTION 4480(5) "A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER APPROVING THE 2010 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMPLIANCE MAINTENANCE ANNUAL REPORT"**

Mayor Miller introduced Resolution 4480(5) to the council for discussion. He commended Wilson and her crew on a job well done. Wilson replied that this is a report card on how well the treatment plant is run.

This resolution will move forward to the June 21, 2011 common council meeting.

7. **RESOLUTION 4481(6) "A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A MOUNTED VACUUM LEAF COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$118,500"**

Mayor Miller introduced Resolution 4481(6) to the council for discussion. The mayor stated this is a similar solution as the City of Oshkosh is using; the DPW would utilize an existing truck and not purchase another chassis.

The mayor felt this new system would present a learning curve for the public as it would no longer be necessary to place the leaves in the gutter but rather the leaves would be picked up on the parkway. The leaves would then remain drier and it would not be necessary for the street sweeper to follow behind to complete the cleaning of the gutters. It was the mayor's recommendation to adopt this resolution.

The mechanic from the DPW, Chris Keefer described the 1991 Mack Truck as being a good piece of equipment that is used for snowplowing and hauling. He stated the box on this truck is longer than the boxes on any of the Peterbilts and is better suited for the leaf unit.

Vos said that he thought it was a reasonable price and questioned if the leaf unit could also be adapted to fit on other trucks once the 1991 Mack is no longer useable. Keefer replied that it could be modified.

Simenson questioned if the truck were to go down after a year, would there be another truck that could take its' place. Keefer replied there will be repairs made on the Mack at this time but if it were to break down in the future, it could again be repaired.

Simenson then questioned if the amount of money for repair is included in the \$118,500. Keefer responded that the repair work is included in the grand total.

Simenson also questioned the savings on overtime that was estimated to be \$2,000 per year. The mayor thought there should be a savings on overtime but there is no guarantee because of the variables that are involved.

Vos said another issue with the current system is the damage done by the front-end loaders to the curbing while loading leaves.

Keefer added that the present system uses the garbage truck for hauling leaves and if it is broke down then the dump trucks have to be used which means many pieces of equipment are then tied up in leaf collection.

Vos asked if we would be selling the garbage truck in the near future. Lahner stated that may happen as the only use for the garbage truck is in the fall for leaf clean up.

The mayor also advised council that this new system is a chipper as well as a vacuum which means that the leaves can go directly into the compost pile.

This resolution will move forward to this evening's common council meeting.

8. **MOTION 11-712** "A MOTION TO CONSIDER A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION IN THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT FOR 166 EAST JEFFERSON STREET"
Mayor Miller introduced Motion 11-712 to the council for discussion. There were no comments.
This motion will move forward to this evening's common council meeting.
9. **MOTION 11-713** "A MOTION TO CONSIDER A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION IN THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT FOR 404 NORTH PINE STREET"
Mayor Miller introduced Motion 11-713 to the council for discussion. There were no comments.
This motion will move forward to this evening's common council meeting.
10. **ADJOURNMENT**
A motion was made by Rauch with a second by Simenson to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Racine and Walworth Counties