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Committee of the Whole Minutes
Robert Miller, Mayor
Beverly R. Gill, City Clerk
May 15, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Bob Miller called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. starting with roll call. Aldermen present: Ed Johnson, Peter Hintz, Ruth Dawidziak, Tom Vos, Steve Rauch, Tom Preusker, Katie Simenson Absent: Bob Prailes

Student Representatives present: Paul Dhillon Absent: Dale Morrow

Also present: City Attorney John Bjelajac, City Administrator Kevin Lahner, Lt. Mark Anderson, Library Director Gayle Falk, Treasurer Steve DeQuaker, Public Works Director Connie Wilson, Fire Chief Dick Lodle, Tom Foht of Kapur Engineering, Mr. David Wagner of Ehlers and Associates

Alderman Prailes arrived at 6:53 p.m.

2. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 1, 2012

A motion was made by Simenson with a second by Vos to approve the minutes from May 1, 2012. With all in favor, the motion carried.

4. RESOLUTION 4555(6) "A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND ESTABLISHING PARAMETERS FOR THE SALE OF NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,465,000 TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS"

The mayor introduced Resolution 4555(6) to the council for discussion.

Mr. Dave Wagner explained Resolution 4555(6) is to authorize staff to proceed with refinancing several of the outstanding debts for the city with the purpose of achieving lower interest rates.

Simenson questioned what the interest rate would be to achieve the reported savings of \$11,677 per year. Wagner replied the rate would be 2.15 percent.

Vos then asked Lahner if the city is now currently funding at one-hundred percent all of the benefits for the city employees and where the city is at for the unfunded portion of the pension. Lahner explained the city is now funding the benefits at one-hundred percent and he wasn't that familiar with the unfunded benefits as it occurred prior to his arriving in Burlington. Wagner added the outstanding balance for the unfunded pension is \$510,000 which is scheduled to be paid off in 2023 but with this new borrowing it will be paid off in 2022.

Wagner explained that from the day the city joined the state retirement fund there was a percentage charged to the city above the contributions that were sent. The city had been charged eight per-cent interest on that extra amount but through borrowing the percentage was five percent. Wagner stated the pension is now computed differently through an increase in the percentage the city pays up front rather than an additional surcharge added as it was in the past.

Vos wanted to be sure this would never happen again with the city acquiring a huge debt of unfunded pension liability.

Rauch questioned where the savings are on the \$185,000 balance in the Equipment Replacement Fund which is scheduled to be paid off in 2014 but with the refinancing would not be paid off for another twelve years. Wagner replied that the proposed payment schedule is heavier in the first two years to allow for that payoff and it would not be stretched out for twelve years.

This resolution is scheduled for this evening's council meeting.

5. **PRESENTATION BY STEPHANIE SCHULTE OF RCEDC REGARDING THE 2012 QUARTERLY REPORT**

Ms. Stephanie Schulte gave a brief presentation to the council regarding the 2012 Quarterly Report from RCEDC.

Schulte reminded council members of the 29th Anniversary celebration of RCEDC which is scheduled for May 16th at the Veteran's Terrace in Burlington.

6. **DISCUSSION REGARDING ADDRESS CHANGES ON SOUTH PINE STREET AND GROVE STREET TO BECOME CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING NEIGHBORING CITY ADDRESSES**

The mayor opened the discussion regarding the address changes that are necessary to match the citywide grid of addresses. The mayor stated this is also a safety issue.

Lahner commented these properties at one time were in the Town of Burlington and were allowed to retain the town addresses when they were annexed. The properties affected are on South Pine Street from Dunford Drive to Liberty Drive; Grove Street from Milwaukee Avenue to Echo Lake Farm Produce.

Vos questioned how the city would differentiate between East and West Grove Street and if there even had to be an east and west designation. Lahner replied that it is in keeping with a natural division on the city's grid system. Preusker was in agreement with Vos that he did not see the necessity of this division for only a few addresses.

Lahner replied that currently there are also South Honey Lake addresses in use in that neighborhood with the numbers decreasing as they get further from the city rather than increasing toward the city which would match the address grid.

Lodle commented that from a public safety aspect, the current system is very confusing.

Simenson pointed out on the map there is a 116 East and a 116 West Grove Street which is very confusing and suggested one of the addresses be changed to 118. Lahner commented that he will work with staff to perhaps eliminate the East and West designation or some other idea to make it clear.

Lahner suggested implementation by January 1, 2013.

7. **RESOLUTION 4556(7) "A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN RACINE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF BURLINGTON FOR THE BURLINGTON SENIOR CENTER"**

The mayor introduced Resolution 4556(7) to the council for discussion. The mayor stated that neither the city nor the county realized that the contract had expired in 2009. Because of an additional agreement with Lincoln Lutheran who provides the "Meals on Wheels" there must be a kitchen available for this service to continue.

Vos said Racine County had made it very clear that they would like this building to disappear and he said that it really isn't a one-year lease it is actually a thirty day lease.

This resolution will move forward to the June 6, 2012 Common Council meeting.

8. **ORDINANCE 1952(6) "AN ORDINANCE TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP BY REZONING 824 MILWAUKEE AVENUE FROM M-1, LIGHT MANUFACTURING DISTRICT TO B-1, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT"**

The mayor introduced Ordinance 1952(6) to the council for discussion. There were no comments.

This ordinance will move forward to the June 6, 2012 Common Council meeting.

9. **MOTION 12-743 "A MOTION TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL INSURANCE RENEWAL WITH EMC INSURANCE"**

The mayor introduced Motion 12-743 to the council for discussion.

Mr. Paul Zarek of Zarek Insurance was present to answer questions.

Simenson questioned if other companies had been looked at for comparison. Lahner stated he had done that last year and EMC was very competitive, but that process had not been done this year.

Johnson asked for a definition of the "crime and line-backer" portion of the insurance policy. Zarek replied that by definition the crime portion is for employee theft and the line-backer portion is public official liability.

This motion is scheduled for this evening's Common Council meeting.

10. **MOTION 12-744 " A MOTION TO CONSIDER APPROVING AN AGRICULTURAL LEASE WITH DON BONNER FOR THREE YEARS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125.00 PER ACRE PER YEAR"**

The mayor introduced Motion 12-744 to the council for discussion.

This motion is scheduled for this evening's Common Council meeting.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Prailes with a second by Rauch to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Beverly R. Gill
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Racine and Walworth Counties