

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 11, 2007

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Mayor Gerald Bauer
Roll Call: Present – Council Member Schofield, Council Member Lieffring, Council Member Weissinger, Council Member Polzer, Council Member Gould and Council Member Schoonover. Administrator Gurney was also in attendance.

Due and proper notice of meeting given by the administrative staff

Chief Goethel requested that Agenda Item 7.E *Public Safety* be moved up on the agenda. Motion by Council Member Schoonover, seconded by Council Member Polzer to adopt the amended agenda with item 7.E following item 6. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment – Cheryl Brantner was present and thanked the Council for all of the City's recent promotional and economic development efforts. In addition, she asked that the City consider sending another letter out to certain properties who have excessive trash and weeds.

Herb Schneider was also present and indicated that Four the Kids would like to donate some trees to be planted in Memorial Park. He felt as they grow larger, they could provide additional shade in the park, which would be beneficial to Funfest as well as other park users. The matter was referred to the Public Welfare Committee.

Scheduled Appearances: None.

Administrator's Report:

Public Safety-

Police – Chief Goethel was present to update the Council on the results of the background checks for the police officer position. Recommendation by the Public Safety Committee is to offer the position to Charles Pollock. Motion by Council Member Schoonover, seconded by Council Member Schofield to offer the position to Charles Pollock with a standard 18 month probationary period. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion regarding advertising for a new eligibility list versus a local advertisement for future law enforcement vacancies.

Fire and Ambulance – A report prepared by Chief Plumer was distributed. Discussion regarding recent search for additional EMT's.

Administration-

No action was taken on the transfer of a Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License to Herb Schneider for Alex's Pizza. The matter will be on the August agenda following the required publication requirements. A temporary license will be issued until the Council takes the matter up in August.

A list of Operator's Licenses and Dance Permits was presented to Council for action in accordance with state and local laws. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Lieffring to approve the permits and licenses as presented. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Development-

Administrator Gurney reported that he had attended the DIG meeting and promoted the use of several of the City's programs including the Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund, Main Street TIF and CDBG Housing. In addition, he also discussed a proposed program, which would

provide matching grants up to \$1,000 for awnings and signage. Finally, the Visitor's Center model was also presented and received positive feedback.

Administrator Gurney also updated the Council on the Acker development project. Mr. Acker has closed on the LaPorte property and will begin site work next week. A few additional items still need to be cleared up with the property, but the project is moving forward.

Wendy Sander of Cedar Corporation provided an update on the TID #3 creation and potential amendment to increase the size of the TID to include additional properties.

Finance-

Four amendments to the 2007 Budget were discussed. The proposed amendments would transfer funds from the undesignated General Fund Balance to the 2007 operational budget in the amount of \$8,459.67 as follows: \$1,000 to update the City's website, \$3,150 to contract with the City's Assessor in 2007 to begin a market update for the tax roll in 2008, \$1,000 to pay for a CSM prepared by Cedar Corporation to resolve a boundary dispute, and finally, \$3,309.67 to pay for a claim settlement. Motion by Council Member Lieftring, seconded by Council Member Weissinger to approve the budget amendments as presented. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

The Finance Committee will meet on July 25th.

Park Board-

Discussion relating to the installation of water services to the 10 RV sites in Tarrant Park. The Council also discussed the possibility of installing a season-long shower facility for park users. Currently, park users are able to use the swimming pool facility for a fee during hours of operation. The Public Welfare Committee and Park Board recommended approval of the water services for the camp sites. Motion by Council Member Polzer, seconded by Council Member Weissinger to approve the water service installations either this fall or next spring dependent upon available funding in the 2007 budget. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

The Public Welfare Committee/Park Board recommended establishing the daily rate for 2008 at \$20.00 for the RV sites with a weekly rate of pay for 6 get 1 free to begin immediately. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Gould to approve the rates as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The Public Welfare Committee/Park Board also recommended that the proposed concept of a Visitor's Center be included in the design of the Chippewa River Project. This will allow the City to move forth to request the land from the WisDOT in addition to allowing several civic organizations to begin fund raising efforts for the new facility. Motion by Council Member Polzer, seconded by Council Member Weissinger to include the proposed Visitor's Center into the Chippewa River Project Plan. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Gould gave a brief Park Board report including pool maintenance issues. The Council also discussed a few Chippewa View Park issues including pets and signage.

Public Utilities-

The Utility Department is working to comply with the audit directives provided by the DNR. A dehumidifier will need to be operated in the pump house.

Public Works-

Discussion regarding the access road along Hwy 10 serving the Coop relating to ownership and maintenance.

Zoning-

The building inspectors report was read to the Council. Since April, 12 permits have been issued with a value of over \$500,000.

Engineer's Report:

Bids for the Hwy 10 Turn Lane Project were reviewed. Due to a misquote, the low bidder (Pember out of Menomonie) is requesting to have their bid withdrawn. After a brief discussion, motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Gould to honor Pember's request and accept the bid of Mattison Contractors in the amount of \$55,459.00. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 naves. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Bauer co-signed a letter with the new Miss Durand to the victims of an egging incident during the Funfest Parade. Mayor Bauer also requested authorization to attend the Chief Executives Conference at Elkhart Lake in August. Motion to approve the Mayor's attendance by Council Member Lieftring, seconded by Council Member Gould. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Previous Minutes:

Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Weissinger to approve the Council minutes from June 13, 2007 and June 28, 2007. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Vouchers:

Motion by Council Member Weissinger, seconded by Council Member Lieftring to approve the vouchers as presented. Roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 naves. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business:

A question was raised as to what happened to the contract to locate repeaters on the water tower. Administrator Gurney will look into the matter.

The VFW Post has offered to donate their canon to the City for display at Memorial Park. The Council thought it was a good idea and referred the matter to the Public Welfare Committee.

A question was raised as to the status of installing a fence along the storm sewer channel.

Administrator Gurney indicated that Vicki Asher has contacted him regarding the possibility of having a Farmer's Market in Chippewa View Park on Wednesday's to go along with the Lion's Club Farmer's Market at the school parking lot on Saturday's. The Council felt like it was a good idea. Administrator Gurney will issue a temporary license to Ms. Asher until the Council can take the matter up formally at the next Council Meeting.

Council Member Schoonover felt that the City should be focusing some of the economic development efforts towards a motel development in the City. The Council agreed with this position and directed Administrator Gurney to contact 3D Strategies to relay the position.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Schoonover, seconded by Council Member Lieftring at 8:29 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Lance Gurney
Administrator/Clerk