

CITY OF SHULLSBURG
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2008
6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held at 6:30 p.m. February 20, 2008 in the Community Room of the Shullsburg Community Townsend Center, 190 N. Judgement Street, Shullsburg, Wisconsin. Mayor Lance McNaughton called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Notice of the meeting was posted and given to the official newspaper. Roll Call- Josh Jerry, Bob Edge, Carol Korn, Cheryl Fink.- Present. Others present: Wayne Gehrt, Harry Lee Blackbourn, Rob Curran, Jason Weiskircher, George Hill, Steve Leitzinger, Tom Curran, D. MacNaughton, Robert Foley, Darrell Morrissey, Donald Ahlstrom, Dan Morrissey, Sonja Walton, Tim Burgess, Jeff Russell, and Fred Blackbourn.

Motion by Fink second by Korn to approve the minutes of the January 16, January 25-26 and January 30 meetings. All aye, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Ald Fink reported that the following items were discussed at the police committee meeting: 1. Police Uniforms 2. Request from Methodist Church for parking space. Fink also reported a leave request for Chief Strause.

Ald Jerry reported that the following items were addressed at a street committee meeting: 1. Uniforms 2. Equipment Logs.

Ald Edge reported purchase order 739 for the Sewer Department. Edge also reported leave requests for Pat Byrne, Steve Staver and Verne Jackson.

Motion by Jerry second by Fink to approve purchase order 739 and accept the committee reports. All aye, motion carried.

At the January 16, 2008 meeting, an ordinance repealing and recreating Subsection 12.03(6) (a-b) of the municipal code was adopted. This ordinance changed the license non-use period from 90 days to 30 days and took effect on the publication date of January 24, 2008. Motion by Korn second by Jerry to reconsider the ordinance adopting the 90 day non-use period. It was the consensus of the council, that the decision to change the non-use period was made to hastily and that the ordinance should be repealed and recreated so the non-use period is 30 days.

John Bredeson arrived.

A discussion was held regarding outdoor wood burning devices. Information regarding wood burning devices was given to the council prior to the meeting. Mayor McNaughton stated that if the city requires the device be located not less than 100 feet from another structure, most properties in the city would not conform to that requirement. Josh Jerry is not in favor of banning the devices. Mayor McNaughton will have the city attorney draft an ordinance it will be addressed at a meeting in March.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the purchase of a tractor. At the December 19, 2007 meeting, a bid from Sloan Implement, Cuba City, for a John Deere tractor was accepted in the amount of \$49,400. Several residents, including Robert Foley who presented a petition to the council, voiced their concerns regarding the approval to purchase street equipment from an outside business when there is a local business where the equipment could be purchased. Mayor McNaughton stated that there isn't anyone at

this table that wouldn't give preference to Blackburns and who wouldn't want to continue a good business relation with them, but the council accepted the low bid. Mayor McNaughton also stated that the city is facing an entirely different budget than two months prior.

Motion by Jerry second by Korn to put off the purchase the tractor until the 2009 budget year. Roll Call- Jerry- Yes, Korn- No, Fink-No, Edge- No, motion failed.

Motion by Edge second by Fink to reconsider the purchase of a tractor at the second meeting in April. All aye, motion carried. After the motion was passed, Tim Burgess, Sloan Implement, stated that he felt it was unfair that the council was pressured into changing their decision regarding the purchase of the tractor because they are not a local business. Burgess stated that he has been a local resident all his life. Burgess also stated that he understands the city reason to reconsider the purchase due to budget issues.

Motion by Korn second by Jerry to approve a wage increase of \$.50 per hour for the part-time city/utility office employee, Karen Kittoe. All aye, motion carried.

No one representing ShullsburgLife.com was present. Therefore, no discussion nor action was taken. It will be addressed at the next meeting.

Motion by Fink second by Edge to approve the union contract as amended. All aye, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding procedures and guidelines for posting agendas for council and committee meetings. It was agreed that the regular council meeting should be posted on the Monday before the meeting and not changed after that time. The clerk stated that the auditors are requiring that the city have a policy and procedures manual. The clerk stated that she will be creating this manual and the the procedures for agendas will be included in the manual. It will be addressed at one of the meetings in March.

An application for a Class "B" Beer Only and a Class "C" Wine license has been submitted by HR 202 Pub, LLC, 202 W. Water Street, Agent- Gary Weiskircher. The clerk stated that the application has been on file the required 15 days and has been published as required. The clerk also stated that the current license for the establishment will be surrendered before this license is issued. Motion by Edge second by Jerry to approve a Class "B" Beer Only and a Class "C" Wine license for HR 202 Pub, LLC, 202 W. Water Street, Agent- Gary Weiskircher. All aye, motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the City of Shullsburg Disaster Management Plan. Steve Leitzinger stated that John Reichling has reviewed the plan. Mayor McNaughton and the council thanked Leitzinger and the committee for creating this plan. Motion by Edge second by Korn to approve the City of Shullsburg Disaster Management Plan. All aye, motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the Shullsburg visitor guides. Motion by Fink second by Edge to approve the purchase of 15,000 copies of the Shullsburg visitor guides at a cost of \$2,675.97 for a one year guide, anticipating the printing of new guides in 2009. Roll Call-Jerry-yes, Korn- yes, Fink-yes, Edge-yes. All aye, motion carried.

During the public comment session of the meeting, D. MacNaughton thanked the Street Department for the snow removal. Dan Morrissey thanked the city for checking into the ownership of the parking lot by the Nite Owl. Donald Ahlstrom inquired about whether the Railroad was coming to the area.

The clerk reported that the auditors would be here for the 2007 audit on February 25 and 26.

At 7:32 p.m. a motion was made by Jerry second by Fink to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of contract negotiations with Chief Strause and pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(f) for the purpose of responding to an employee grievance. Roll Call- McNaughton, Fink, Korn, Edge, Jerry. All aye, motion carried. In the absence of the clerk the minutes were taken by Mayor McNaughton.

At 7:59 p.m. a motion was made by Fink second by Korn to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Marsha Einsweiler
City Clerk/Treasurer