

CITY OF SHULLSBURG  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 4, 2009  
6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held at 6:30 p.m. March 4, 2009 in the Community Room of the Shullsburg Community Townsend Center, 190 N. Judgement Street, Shullsburg, Wisconsin. Mayor Tom Curran attended the meeting by phone and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Notice of the meeting was posted and given to the official newspaper. Roll Call- Cheryl Fink, Carol Korn, Josh Jerry-Present. Woodworth- Absent. Others present: Bill Graham, Irene Graham, Tony Anderson, Diane Anderson, Dan Morrissey, Susan Morrissey, Melanie Andrews, Tim Andrews, Wayne Gehrt, Nancy Gehrt, Steve Curran, Darrell Morrissey, Donna Shepherd, Don White, Dan Spillane, Dave Leahy, Roxanne Leahy, Tim Burgess, Rick Moyer, Bob Edge, Rich Wotnoske, Jason Weiskircher, Dan Christopher, Sharon Teutschmann, Tom Lethlean, Becky Troy, John Troy and Carl Ballard.

Motion by Fink second by Jerry to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2009 meeting as amended. All aye, motion carried.

Harry Blackburn arrived.

Committee Reports:

Ald Korn reported leave requests for Verne Jackson, Rick Moyer and Steve Staver. Motion by Jerry second by Fink to approve the leave requests. All aye, motion carried.

Bill Gile arrived.

Motion by Jerry second by Korn to approve the bills for the general, water, sewer, electric, pool and library fund. Roll Call Fink, Jerry, Korn. All aye, motion carried.

Jeff Russell, Steve Leitzinger, Brad Wiegel and Stan Woodworth arrived.

A discussion was held regarding the preparation of the mine for seasonal operation. Fink reported that EMC insurance company is recommending that the city have the air quality tested, inspect the pathways for debris, inspect the stairs and hand rails. Fink researched the inspection of the mine and discovered the following: 1. UW Platteville no longer has a mining engineer. 2. Ralph Barrett, inspected the Badger Mine several years ago. 3. Rollo Jamieson mine has been flooded before and they have someone inspect it and reopen. Tom Lethlean informed the council that gentleman that inspected the mine some time ago lives in Texas and will be returning to the area in March. The council will wait until the gentleman from Texas is here and speak to him about inspecting the mine.

Charles Gensler arrived.

A discussion was held regarding the city contributing towards the cost of the Shullsburg Visitor's Guide. Ald Fink stated that she received three quotes: Precision Graphics -\$3,954.54, Morrissey Printing- \$9,976, Shopping News-\$2,375. Fink further explained that ads are sold by the printing company. The difference in the sales revenue and the cost to print the guide is what the city has contributed in the past. However, Morrissey Printing apparently did not understand this. Therefore their quote is not offset by the sales revenue. Motion by Fink second by Woodworth to approve \$2,375 towards

the cost of the Shullsburg Visitors Guide for 10,000 copies. Roll Call- Jerry-yes, Fink-yes, Korn-yes, Woodworth-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Korn second by Jerry to approve a ½ page ad in the Shullsburg Visitor Guide at a cost of \$135. Roll Call- Korn-yes, Woodworth-yes, Fink-yes, Jerry-yes. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding city employees watering the flowers. Fink stated that funding for the flowers will come from other sources, \$500-SCDC, \$500- Farmers & Merchants Group and the remainder from miscellaneous individuals. Fink wants to make sure the flowers will be watered. Jerry feels that the city employees can water the flowers just as they did the previous year. Bill Gile inquired about the businesses watering the flowers. Dan Morrissey stated that the light poles are owned by the Shullsburg Utility and most business owners already put flowers on the street. Morrissey suggested the city set up a flower Fund. Morrissey voiced his opinion regarding the mayor attending the meeting by phone and stated that on an important meeting night as tonight that if he were mayor he would be present at the meeting. Woodworth stated that there is a liability issue with business owners watering the flowers and feels that the city employees should water the flowers. Motion by Jerry second by Woodworth to accept the donation of the flowers and have the city employees water the flowers. Roll Call- Korn-yes, Fink-yes, Woodworth-yes, Jerry-yes. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding a fire works permit for the Platte River Fireworks Company and the Fourth of July Committee. Ald Jerry stated that he had asked Marsha to contact the City Attorney on this issue, but first contact Mayor Curran. Einsweiler stated that she had contacted Mayor Curran. Curran did not want to contact the city attorney. Curran feels that the city attorney has given the city bad advice in the past and does not want to contact him for that reason. Ald Fink feels that the city needs legal advice on the issue whether or not it comes from Dan Bartholf. Ald Jerry also feels that the city should seek legal advice before making a decision on the matter. Tim Burgess, Treasurer of the Fourth of July Committee, stated that they have contracts and commitments and would like to move forward. Burgess stated that the committee was not aware that they needed a permit until this year. Burgess also stated that according to the state requirements a Class B fireworks show can be held legally in Badger Park. Bill Graham disagrees that there is enough space to legally launch fireworks from Badger Park. Ald Jerry stated that the Fourth of July Committee should get the specific shell size and distance requirements to the city so the city can get a legal opinion. Mayor Curran stated that we need the information by next week so we can get the opinion before the next meeting.

A brief discussion was held regarding an application submitted by Steve & Gina Curran to extend the premises for Geeve's Tap. Steve Curran stated that a benefit will be held March 21<sup>st</sup> for Al Harker and he would like to fence off an area where the current parking area is for this event only. Motion by Jerry second by Korn to approve the application for an extension of premises to include the area of the parking lot from March 21, 2009 to 2:30 a.m. March 22, 2009 contingent that the all the rules and regulations of the city are followed. All aye, motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the Park Rental Agreement with the Shullsburg School District. Einsweiler stated that the only changes to the agreement are the dates. It is a three year contract. Motion by Fink second by Jerry to approve the Park Rental

Agreement between the City of Shullsburg and the Shullsburg School District as drafted. Roll Call- Korn-yes, Woodworth-yes, Fink-yes, Jerry-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Woodworth second by Jerry to approve Todd Lux as the agent for GSR Ventures, Inc. DBA Wheel In. All aye, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding a contract with Lafayette Development Corporation for Economic Development. Mayor Curran stated that when the 2009 budget was approved, it was decided that the funds would be kept in the city and the city would not participate in the Lafayette Development Corporation. The council is in agreement that the city will not participate in the Lafayette Development Corporation.

There were no public comments.

Future agenda items: Fireworks permit.

The clerk reported the following: 1. Dale Schultz will be here Monday, March 9 to present John Strause with a service award. 2. Steve Hilgenberg will also be here on Monday, March 9 for a listening session. 3. Paperwork for the Pledge Agreement with Clare Bank has been signed and Steve Malone is working on the Pledge Agreement for the Shullsburg Community Bank.

At 7:25 p.m. a motion was made by Jerry second by Korn to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Marsha Einsweiler  
City Clerk/Treasurer