

CITY OF SHULLSBURG
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2011
6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held at 6:30 p.m. March 16, 2011 in the Community Room of the Shullsburg Community Townsend Center, 190 N. Judgement Street, Shullsburg, Wisconsin. Mayor Tom Lethlean called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Notice of the meeting was posted and given to the official newspaper. Roll Call- Darrell Morrissey, Carl Ballard, Jim Paquette, Dan Spillane. All present. Others present: Deb Lethlean and Marsha Einsweiler.

Motion by Ballard second by Paquette to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2011 meeting. All aye, motion carried.

Committee Reports: Ald Darrell Morrissey reported that applications for summer employees were reviewed. Ald Jim Paquette reported the following items were discussed regarding the Utility Committee: 1. Water shut offs for non- payment. 2. Purchase of street lights for new industrial park. 3. Repairs regarding recent power outage. 4. Friendship Street Electric project update- Service will be installed overhead. 5. Installing the new gear reducer at the WWTP. 6. Replacing bearing in a pump at WWTP. 7. Purchase of software for WWTP. 8. Beginning the Inflow & Infiltration process. Ald Dan Spillane reported the following regarding the Street Committee: 1. Reviewed that information for the location of the proposed new city garage facility. 2. Approved crack filling services. 3. Approved repair of concrete on Water Street including sections of sidewalks. Einsweiler reported purchase order 1603 for a shelving unit for the basement storage at a cost of \$50. Motion by Spillane second by Morrissey to approve the purchase order. All aye, motion carried.

Carol Stoudt arrived.

A discussion was held regarding additional library services funded by donated funds. Mayor Lethlean stated that an individual would like to donate funds to the library over a five year period. The condition on the donation is that the city council does not reduce the library budget for that period less than the 2011 level of funding amount. Stoudt reported that the funds would be used to fund additional hours to make the hours more consistent without burdening the city. Stoudt asked the city council for support in the matter. Annual donation amount is approximately \$7,101. Motion by Ballard second by Paquette to do everything we need to do to make this donation possible and make the donor happy. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Paquette second by Spillane to approve the bills for the water, sewer, electric, pool, museum, library and TIF funds. All aye, motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding a request to purchase a section of Badger Park. In the fall of 2010 the city had the east side of Badger Park surveyed. As a result of the survey encroachments issues were discovered. Rich Wotnoske had requested in November 2010 to purchase a section of land that included a driveway. At the November 17, 2010 council meeting, the council agreed to sell the property to Wotnoske at a cost of \$1,000 plus attorney and filing fees. The city's offer was good through December 31, 2010. Wotnoske at that time, declined the offer. Wotnoske is now requesting to purchase the property again. Letters were sent to all property owners informing them that

the need to remove items that are encroaching on park property. Motion by Spillane second by Paquette to comply with the survey boundaries and deny the request to sell property. Roll Call- Morrissey-no, Ballard- yes, Spillane-yes, Paquette-yes. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the roof repairs at the city garage. Mayor Lethlean informed the council that the city can increase the levy limit for new debt that would be incurred for the construction of the new city garage. Mayor Lethlean also informed the council that the deadline for the insurance company to pay the balance of the insurance for the garage roof repairs is July 24, 2011. Decisions need to be made with regards to acquiring land and building designs. Mayor Lethlean and Ald Morrissey will meet with Zimmerman with regards to acquiring land. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

A discussion was held regarding purchasing cigarette receptacles for Water Street. Mayor Lethlean suggested talking to the businesses about maintaining and emptying the receptacles if the city purchases the receptacles. Motion by Paquette second by Morrissey to talk to the bar owners about having the ashtray, city will pay for it and the businesses will empty it. All aye, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding the purchase of street lights for the new industrial park. Ald Paquette and George Morrissey went to Cuba City to view the street lights that are in their industrial park. Mayor Lethlean does not want to purchase lights that are obsolete in case more are needed in the future. LED lights are 35% more efficient. Approximate cost for 3 poles is \$7,500. Other members of the council will view the street lights in Cuba City before making a decision.

The council reviewed the union contract language that was previously approved. The union contract omitted language with regards to wages for the deputy clerk. Prior to the meeting Union Representative Al Fladhammer faxed the language that should be included in the contract that was also previously approved. The only other change was a date correction on page ten. The side agreement will be addressed at another meeting. Mayor Lethlean stated that Attorney Kranz has reviewed and approved the contract. Mayor Lethlean signed the contract as well as the letter for the deputy clerk wages.

Future Agenda Items- 1. Acquisition of property for new city garage. 2. Cigarette receptacles. 3. Hiring a Burning Ground Attendant. 4. Hiring of Summer Employees 5. Purchase of Street Lights for Industrial Park. 6. Temporary open burning

Clerk/Treasurer Report: 1. Received a check from the Insurance Company for the hail damage. 2. February check register- Clerk asked for signature for file copy. 3. February treasurers report-Clerk asked for signature for file copy.

Public Comment: 1. Deb Lethlean voiced her opinion with regards to cigarette butts on the street. Lethlean feels that since there will be no flowers on the poles this year people will be focusing their attention on what's on the ground. 2. Ballard voiced his opinion on the emergency contact list. Ballard thought it should be laid out differently.

At 7:55 p.m. a motion was made by Spillane second by Ballard to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Marsha Einsweiler
City Clerk/Treasurer