

CITY OF SHULLSBURG
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2009
6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held March 18, 2009 in the Community Room of the Shullsburg Community Townsend Center, 190 N. Judgement Street, Shullsburg, Wisconsin. Mayor Tom Curran called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Notice of the meeting was posted and given to the official newspaper. Roll Call – Cheryl Fink, Josh Jerry, Carol Korn, Stan Woodworth. Others present: Tina Cruse, Tim Burgess, Eugene Logan, Jim Paquette, Jason Weiskircher, Laura Weiskircher, Tom Pedley, Don Alhstrom, Tom Lethlean, Rick Moyer, Dan Morrissey, Carl Ballard, Tony Anderson, Bob Edge, Darrell Morrissey, Wayne Gehrt, Dan Spillane, Hillary Dickerson, Irene Graham, Bill Graham, Annie Martin, Bill Graham Jr., and Charles Gensler.

Motion by Fink second by Woodworth to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2009 meeting as corrected. All aye, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Ald Jerry reported the following regarding a Street Committee meeting: 1. Discussed Friendship Street project. Tom Jean is getting bids from engineering firms. Bids are due by the end of the week. 2. Discussed the Federal Stimulus funds. Don Dickinson stated at the Street Committee meeting that he did not think we had anything that qualified. Ald Jerry asked Steve Staver to check on the stimulus plan more. 3. Discussed a storm sewer run off problem on the Logan property. Staver will check with the DNR and Land Conservation Department to see what can be done. 4. Discussed the brush ordinance. It was decided to leave the ordinance as is and enforce it. 5. Discussed the Burning Grounds and operation hours.

Ald Fink reported a leave request for Sergeant Rick Moyer. Ald Fink also reported that a Police Committee meeting was held and discussion included filling the Police Chief Position.

Bill Gile arrived.

Ald Korn reported that a Park Committee meeting was held. The committee decided to offer the Pool Manager position to Alisa Helmich.

Ald Korn reported that a Utility Committee meeting had been held and the following items were addressed. 1. Discussed bids for painting of the water tower. 2. Discussed bids for the body repair on the Water Department truck. 3. Staver completed the pool certification class. 4. Inspection of the Mine will be March 30th.

Motion by Fink second by Jerry to approve the Committee Reports. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Jerry second by Fink to approve the bills pending the reconciliation of the Master Card bill. Roll call- Woodworth – yes, Korn – yes, Jerry – yes, Fink – yes. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding a fire works permit submitted by Platte River Fireworks & the Fourth of July committee for July 4th Celebration. The city received a letter from Tom Black, TRICOR Insurance Company, recommending going ahead with the fireworks. Black states the city is covered and will provide an experienced attorney if needed. Fink and Curran had also talked to two other attorneys that have dealt with similar situations. The attorneys stated as long as the city has the letter from the

insurance company everything looks like it was in order. Both stated there was no reason not to issue the permit. Curran commented the fireworks company has insurance and is responsible for the display. Bill Graham voiced his concerns regarding the distance of 300 feet was not enough distance to display that many fireworks. The council explained to him that for a 3" shell the required area is 210 feet. An aerial map was on display with a 210' area and a 280' fallout area marked off. Graham's house is approximately 300' from the center point. Mr. Graham indicated if there was any wind at all he would get the fallout.

Motion by Korn second by Fink to approve the fireworks permit with Platte River Displays, Inc. pending legal opinion from one of the attorneys previously talked to. Roll Call- Korn-yes, Fink-yes, Jerry-yes, Woodworth-yes. All aye, motion carried.

There was no action taken regarding inspection of the Badger Mine. It will be inspected on March 30. Someone from the city will also attend.

A brief discussion was held regarding the Resolution Opposing Changes to the Prevailing Wage Law Included in Governor Doyle's State Budget Proposal Assembly Bill 75. This change in the law will cost the municipality more money for maintenance and construction projects. Motion by Jerry second by Woodworth to adopt the Resolution Opposing changes to the Prevailing Wage Law. Roll Call- Korn-yes, Fink-yes, Jerry-yes, Woodworth-yes. All aye, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding Bids for Inspection of Pool Circulator System for Compliance of WI Comm 90 & Virginia Graeme Baker Act. Steve Staver is still checking on what needs to be done. The pool can still open and we will be put on a waiting list if changes have to be done. No Action was taken. It will be put on the agenda for April 1, 2009.

After a brief discussion regarding the seasonal opening of the Burning Grounds & operating hours a motion was made by Jerry second by Woodworth to open the burning grounds on April 4, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All aye, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding setting a date for Clean Up Days. This is usually first weekend in May along with the city wide garage sales. Motion by Jerry second by Korn to set Clean Up Days for May 2nd and May 3rd. All aye, motion carried.

During the public comment session Don Alhstrom asked if there would be any containers at the burning grounds. Jerry stated there would be some on the weekend of Clean Up days. Alhstrom wanted to know why they were not there at all times. It was commented that they were too pricey to have there all the time. Wayne Gehrt wanted to know where the resolution came from pertaining to the prevailing wage. Fink had stated that it came from the League of Municipalities.

The future agenda items would include pool certification for compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Act.

Clerk's Report- Senator Feingold will have a listening session on March 21, 2009 at 12:45 at the Townsend Community Center.

At 7:08 P.M. a motion was made by Korn second by Jerry to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Carol Allendorf
Assistant City Clerk/Treasurer