

CITY OF SHULLSBURG
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 6, 2011
6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held at 6:30 p.m. April 6, 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- Carl Ballard, Darrell Morrissey, Jim Paquette, Dan Spillane. Others present: Walter Weber, Don Ahlstrom and Marsha Einsweiler.

Motion by Spillane second by Ballard to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2011 meeting. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Ballard second by Paquette to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2011 special meeting. All aye, motion carried.

Committee Reports: Ald Morrissey reported the following regarding a Park Committee meeting: 1. Reviewed additional summer employment applications. 2. Discussed the need for additional dirt and removal of rocks prior to seeding of the former tennis court area. 3. Discussed and approved the removal of the railing at the East Shelter House. Ald Ballard reported that the steps at the city garage have been replaced. Ald Paquette reported that the repairs needed due to the recent electrical outage have been repaired. Mayor Lethlean reported that costs associated with the sewer repairs on Friendship Street and Goodness Street are the responsibility of the city and utility.

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.

Motion by Morrissey second by Ballard to allow open burning effective now through May 15. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Spillane second by Paquette to set clean up days for May 7 & 8. All aye motion carried.

Motion by Ballard second by Morrissey to approve operator license for Elieen M Freitag, Patricia Champion and Nathan J Hesselbacher. All aye, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding placing an advertisement in "The Trail" magazine. No action was taken.

A brief discussion was held regarding the street lights for the industrial park. Motion by Spillane second by Paquette to proceed with the LED lights for the industrial park. All aye, motion carried. Number, type of poles and location of the poles will be addressed at the next council meeting.

A discussion was held regarding a request for TIF funding assistance from Swiss Valley Farms for the new White Hill Cheese facility. Funding assistance is being requested for the following expenditures: Paving the parking lot and road improvements to access the facility from County Highway O. Mayor Lethlean stated that TIF funds cannot be used for any private purpose such as a private parking lot. However TIF funds can be used for infrastructure improvements such as road improvements. Motion by Ballard second by Paquette to hire Delta 3 Engineering to investigate and prepare costs for road approaches on County Highway O for access to the White Hill Cheese facility. All aye, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding installing a basketball sign on city property. Ald Morrissey explained that funds were donated for signs. Morrissey is proposing that the current signs, located on Ron Schardt's property, be moved to city property located behind the city garage. With the possibility of constructing a new garage and selling of the current facility, a motion was made by Spillane second by Paquette to table the issue until the second meeting in May. All aye, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Report- Nothing

Future Agenda Items: 1. Grass seeding at Badger Park. 2. Street Lights at Industrial Park. 3. Request for "Child Playing" Sign.

Public Comment: Mayor Lethlean informed the council that letters were sent to the bar owners informing them that the city would purchase cigarette receptacles if the bar owners were willing to maintain and empty the receptacles. No responses were received. Therefore the issue of the cigarette butts in the street and on the sidewalk will be addressed at the police committee meeting.

At 7:24 p.m. a motion was made by Ballard second by Paquette to convene into closed session. Roll Call- Morrissey, Ballard, Lethlean, Spillane, Paquette. All aye, motion carried. The closed session is pursuant to WI 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of discussing the summer employee applications, discussing the burning ground attendant applications and pursuant to Wis. 19.85 (1)(e) for the purpose of negotiating the purchase of property.

At 8:10 p.m. a motion was made by Ballard second by Paquette to reconvene into open session. Roll Call- Lethlean, Morrissey, Ballard, Spillane, Paquette. All aye, motion carried.

In open session the following action was taken regarding the closes session discussion: Motion by Morrissey second by Paquette to hire Dave Brunskill as the burning ground attendant. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Ballard second by Spillane to hire the summer employees as recommended by the Park Committee. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Spillane second by Paquette to open the Burning Grounds effective Saturday April 9. All aye, motion carried.

At 8:12 p.m. a motion was made by Morrissey second by Ballard to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Marsha Einsweiler
City Clerk/Treasurer