

CITY OF SHULLSBURG
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 19, 2010
6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held at 6:30 p.m. May 19, 2010 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, Dan Spillane, Jim Paquette- All present. Others present: Deb Lethlean

Motion by Ballard second by Spillane to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2010 council meeting. All aye, motion carried.

Committee Reports: Ald Paquette reported the following regarding the Utility Committee: 1. Goodness Street water main project has been completed. 2. Electric Utility is working on the electric service for the Creamery. 3. Electric Utility is also working out the details for an easement with Diedrich's.

Ald Spillane reported the following regarding the Street Department: 1. Friendship Street reconstruction is going well. 2. WE Energies is putting in new lines on Friendship Street. These lines are along the street not under the street. 3. Furnaces at the city garage will be addressed in the near future.

Ald Ballard reported the following regarding the Library Board: 1. Someone needs to represent the Library's interest at the county level with regards to the Fiber optics that will be coming in the near future. Pam Paquette has expressed an interest in this.

Ald Morrissey reported the following regarding the park committee: 1. Approved the pay schedule for the pool manager. 2. Pool painting will be done this weekend. 3. Vandalism at the park restrooms.

Ad Morrissey reported the following regarding the Fire Board: 1. There is a proposed change to the by laws. This has not been voted on yet. The proposal is the officers be selected on a rotating basis from a different jurisdiction each year.

Ald Spillane reported the following regarding the Fire Board: 1. The Fire District received a grant for air packs from the Dubuque Racing Association.

Ald Ballard reported the following regarding the Ambulance Board: 1. The board is in the process of reviewing the insurance.

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

A discussion was held regarding the granting of a 25 foot easement to Bader's. This easement would allow Bader's to use entrance 62 off of Highway 11 to access their property instead of using the public street. Ten feet of this easement has already been allocated for a utility easement, therefore the city is only giving up 15 feet. Motion by Paquette second by Ballard to approve the easement as presented. All aye, motion carried.

Regarding revolving loan #18, at a regular meeting of the city council on July 5, 2006 the city council approved to release the mortgage therefore the Revolving Loan Committee recommends writing off the balance of the loan as uncollectible due to

bankruptcy. Mayor Lethlean read the resolution. Motion by Spillane second by Paquette to adopt the resolution to write off the balance of Revolving Loan #18. All aye, motion carried.

Regarding revolving loan #21, at a regular meeting of the city council on February 2, 2005, the city council voted to accept a payment from Galena State Bank in exchange for releasing the mortgage. Therefore the balance of the loan is uncollectible. Mayor Lethlean read the resolution. Motion by Ballard second by Morrissey to adopt the resolution to write off the balance of Revolving Loan #21. All aye, motion carried.

Regarding revolving loan #25, Mayor Tom Lethlean removed himself from any discussion stating a conflict of interest. Einsweiler explained the Revolving Loan Committee's recommendation to the council. The revolving loan committee is recommending that the interest rate on the loan be dropped from 4.5% to 2% for a period of 6 months at which time the Revolving Loan Committee will reevaluate. Motion by Morrissey second by Paquette to approve the recommendation from the Revolving Loan Committee to lower the interest rate to 2% and reevaluate in 6 months. All aye, motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding financing the Friendship Street project. The following proposals were received: Shullsburg Community Bank- Interest paid quarterly at prime rate. Currently the prime rate is 3.25%. Clare Bank- 2% fixed interest rate. Mayor Lethlean read the borrowing resolution. Motion by Spillane second by Ballard to approve the resolution authorizing the borrowing of funds from Clare Bank not to exceed \$100,000 for the purpose of finance the Friendship Street reconstruction project. All aye, motion carried.

Mayor Lethlean updated the council on the grants that Delta 3 Engineering will be submitting on behalf of the city. A TEA grant is expected to be submitted on May 24. The CDBG grant requires employees to submit annual earnings. Dennis Tonak was given this information and notices have been sent out to the Creamery employees and is due June 4.

Motion by Spillane second by Paquette to approve a payment of \$17,377.86 for one half of the 2010 Fire District Assessment. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Ballard second by Morrissey to approve a payment of \$11,054 to the Shullsburg Ambulance Service for the 2010 Assessment. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Paquette second by Ballard to approve the 2010 Mobile Home Park Permit for Badger Hill Mobile Home Park. All aye, motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the League of Wisconsin Municipalities regional dinner. It was decided that Mayor Lethlean and Ald Ballard would be attending the meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the Redevelopment Authority pursuing economic development. Mayor Lethlean stated that he would like to get this group involved in promoting the new industrial park. The council members feel that this is the purpose of the committee and they should be utilized to promote the industrial park.

The Utility committee approved the purchase of a 750 KVA transformer. The transformer will be used in the new industrial park. Motion by Ballard second by Morrissey to approve the purchase of the 750 KVA transformer. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Paquette second by Spillane to accept a bid of \$413 from Davis & Associates to crack fill and seal coat the blacktop at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. All aye, motion carried.

No action or discussion was held regarding the purchase of a new blower at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. This will be addressed at a later date.

Motion by Spillane second by Paquette to deposit the maturing CD into the general money market at Clare Bank. All aye, motion carried.

Future Agenda Items- None

Treasurers Report: A copy of the Treasurers report was included in the agenda packets. The clerk asked the council to sign the file copy.

Public Comment: Dan Spillane requested that on July 4th during the parade the side streets off of Judgement Street be posted as temporary handicapped parking. This was ok with the City Council.

At 7:38 p.m. a motion was made by Ballard second by Paquette to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Marsha Einsweiler
City Clerk/Treasurer