

CITY OF SHULLSBURG
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 20, 2009
6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held at 6:30 p.m. May 20, 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 6:30 p.m. Notice of the meeting was posted and sent to the official newspaper. Roll Call- Carl Ballard, Carol Korn, Dan Spillane- Present. Darrell Morrissey- Absent. Others present: Rick Moyer and Tom Black.

Motion by Spillane second by Korn to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2009 meeting. All aye, motion carried.

Tom Lethlean arrived.

Committee & Reports: Ald Spillane reported that crack filling services had been approved at the Street Committee meeting. Einsweiler presented a purchase order for mulch, woodchips and plants for the park and the community building.

Motion by Korn second by Ballard to accept the committee reports and approve purchase order #1570. Roll Call- Spillane, Korn, Ballard. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Spillane second by Korn to approve the bills for the general, water, sewer, electric, pool and library funds. Roll Call- Ballard, Spillane, Korn. All aye, motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the proposals for the work comp and liability insurance. Tom Black was present and answered several questions from the council. Motion by Korn second by Ballard to accept the proposal from Tri Cor Insurance for the work comp and liability insurance. Roll Call- Spillane, Ballard, Korn- All aye, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding the appointment of a city attorney. Mayor Curran stated that he first learned of the firm of Hostak, Henzl & Bichler, that was introduced at the prior meeting, after an email was received by the city clerk/treasurer, Marsha Einsweiler and forwarded to him in response to an email that the Einsweiler had sent to the clerk's email network asking about an attorney knowledgeable in fireworks. Another municipal clerk had sent the information on the law firm to the Einsweiler, which she then forwarded to the mayor. Mayor Curran then called the law firm and was impressed by the information that he received. Ald Ballard stated that he had called Troy Klarkowski and asked for a proposal. Einsweiler stated that she did not receive a proposal. Mayor Curran appointed the law firm of Hostak, Henzl & Bichler. Motion by Ballard second by Korn to confirm the appointment of the law firm of Hostak, Henzl & Bichler as the city attorney. All aye, motion carried.

Jim Paquette arrived.

A brief discussion was held regarding an engineering firm for the reconstruction of Friendship Street. Einsweiler stated that the city is not required to competitively bid for the design phase of street reconstruction. Motion by Spillane second by Ballard to hire Strand Associates for the design engineering portion of the Friendship Street reconstruction at an estimated cost of \$19,000. Roll Call – Korn, Spillane, Ballard. All aye, motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding a donation from the Dean Gehrt family. The Gehrt Family would like to construct a pavilion on the west side of Badger Park at the corner of Estey and Galena Streets. Water and Electric service will need to be run to the new pavilion. The city will not incur any other costs associated with the construction. Motion by Korn second by Spillane to accept the donation from the Dean Gehrt family. All aye, motion carried.

Regarding a Summer Work Experience Worksite Agreement with Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board, Einsweiler stated that this is a program that pays 100% wages of the employee, but there are certain criteria that the potential employee must meet to qualify for the program. Therefore, there may not be any applicants that qualify for the program. There is no cost to the city to enter into this agreement. Motion by Ballard second by Spillane to enter into a Summer Work Experience Worksite agreement with Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Korn second by Ballard to approve a Mobile Home Park Permit for George Ubersox owner of Badger Hill Mobile Home Park. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Spillane second by Korn to approve a payment to the Shullsburg Fire District for one half of the 2009 assessment in the amount of \$17,337.86. Roll Call- Ballard, Spillane, Korn. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Spillane second by Ballard to approve a payment to the Shullsburg Ambulance for the 2009 assessment in the amount of \$11,054. Roll Call- Korn, Spillane, Ballard. All aye, motion carried.

Future Agenda Items- Resolution to Rename North Happy Street to Friendship Street and presentation of open meeting laws by Dan Hill, UW Extension.

Clerk Report- A letter was received from Burbach regarding the grates at the Pool. The city is not required to replace the grates in the pool.

During the public comment session of the meeting, Tom Lethlean informed the council that Truck County had loaned him a truck to transport the flowers from the Cuba City Greenhouse to Shullsburg. The flowers are currently in Wayne Gehrt's garage and the city employees will put them up tomorrow. Lethlean also asked the council to sign a thank you for Truck Country.

Also during the public comment session of the meeting, Carl Ballard inquired whether the tree behind Brad Mootz's property is the

city's tree. The clerk stated that there was a survey done some time ago that may show who's property the tree is on.

At 7:13 p.m. a motion was made by Korn second by Ballard to convene into closed session pursuant to 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of discussing of a Police Chief employment contract with Sergeant Rick Moyer. Roll Call- Curran, Spillane, Ballard, Korn. All aye, motion carried.

In closed session a discussion was held regarding a contract for the Police Chief.

At 7:25 p.m. a motion was made by Ballard second by Spillane to reconvene into open session. Roll Call- Korn, Spillane, Ballard, Curran. All aye, motion carried.

In open session a motion was made by Spillane second by Korn to approve a contract for Rick Moyer and appoint Moyer as the Police Chief. All Aye, motion carried.

At 7:27 p.m. a motion was made by Ballard second by Spillane to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Marsha Einsweiler
City Clerk/Treasurer