

CITY OF SHULLSBURG
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 21, 2008
6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held at 6:30 p.m. May 21, 2008 in the Community Room of the Shullsburg Community Townsend Center, 190 N. Judgement Street, Shullsburg, Wisconsin. Notice of the meeting was posted and given to the official newspaper. Mayor Tom Curran was present via the phone and called the meeting to order at 6:30. Roll Call – Cheryl Fink, Josh Jerry, Darrell Morrissey, Carol Korn- Present. Others present: JoAnn Weiskircher and John Weiskircher.

Motion by Fink second by Korn to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2008 meeting. All aye, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Ald Jerry reported leave requests for Marsha Einsweiler and Don Dickinson. Jerry also reported that the Ambulance Board will be paying down the loan for the new ambulance instead of renewing a Certificate of Deposit due to the difference in the interest rates. The old ambulance will be sold and has been put out for bids.

Ald Fink reported that the following were addressed at the Police Committee meeting: 1. June Schedule 2. Public Nuisance Letters- Call city attorney for advice. 3. Personnel Manual Issues- Will be addressed at a special meeting. Possibly in closed session.

Ald Korn reported the following items that were addressed at the Utility Committee meeting: 1. Approved Water Operator Certification Class for George Morrissey and Steve Staver June 19. Classes are required to keep their certifications up to date. 2. Residential vs Commercial rates for rental property. It was decided that effective May 20, 2008 all rental property will be charged residential rates regardless if they are occupied or vacant. 3. The flushing of the water hydrants has been completed. 4. Glenn and Joan Von Glahn are installing a Geo Thermo Closed Loop Heat Exchange Well. The DNR has approved the permit with conditions that the property owners get municipal permits or permission from the municipality. 5. Replace door on well. Ald Jerry inquired as to why two individuals needed to attend the Water Operator Certification class. The purpose is to have a back up operator.

Ald Korn also reported the following for the pool and library: 1. Leave request for Carol Stoudt. 2. Purchase of leaf net for the pool.

Ald Morrissey reported the following items that were addressed at a Park Committee meeting: 1. Water in the mine is still increasing. 2. Reviewed Pool Policies. 3. Lions Club donation for westside restrooms. Bids were given to Lions and we are waiting for a response. 4. Using the flag pole for the safety net instead of for the flag display. 5. Opening date

for Pool is June 7th. 6. Approved up to \$1,000 out of the pool fund to purchase new table and chairs for pool.

Motion by Fink second by Morrissey to accept the committee reports. All aye, motion carried.

Dan Morrissey arrived.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Fink second by Morrissey to approve the bills for the general, water, sewer, electric, pool and library funds. All aye, motion carried.

Bill Gile arrived.

A discussion was held regarding the appointment of Doug Heenan as the police attorney. Mayor Curran stated that he spoke with former Mayor McNaughton regarding the use of Heenan as the police attorney and McNaughton informed Curran that Heenan is a good attorney. Curran feels it is a good idea to have separate attorneys in case there are ever any issues with the police officers, city employees or council members Morrissey stated that he has heard good things about Heenan and his rates are lower than the current attorney. Ald Fink feels that the use of two attorneys is not necessary. Ald Jerry inquired if we had checked with other attorneys and felt that it was not researched enough. Motion by Korn second by Morrissey to appoint Doug Heenan as the police attorney. Fink- No, Jerry- No, Morrissey-Yes, Korn- Yes, Curran- Yes. Mayor Curran added that Heenan would be used for any new business not for anything that has already begun. Motion carried.

Motion by Korn second by Morrissey to go to Number 13- Public Comment on the agenda. All aye, motion carried.

John and Joann Weiskircher have tentative plans to build a new home on their property. They would like to connect to the city sewer system, but have been told that a lift station would need to be installed. They would like to know what, if anything the city could do for them. Or instead of a connecting to the city water, they would like the city to allow them to install a septic system. Weiskircher is aware of the recent ordinance changes and has received a copy of the new ordinance. Weiskirchers' currently own 21 acres which has 2 homes on it. They have no intentions of constructing more than one home.

A discussion was again held regarding the watering of the flowers on Water Street. Ald Morrissey stated that the city employees can water Monday thru Friday and the summer employees can water on Saturday and Sunday. Mayor Curran suggested that Bill Kohl and a city employee water the flowers Monday thru Friday and Kohl and one of the summer employees on the weekend. Kohl would water the flowers, but does not want to just do it on Saturday and Sunday. Ald Korn agrees with Mayor Curran. Motion by Korn second by Fink to have Bill Kohl water the flowers Monday thru Friday with a city employee and with a park employee on Saturday and Sunday. Korn- Yes, Fink, Jerry, Morrissey- No. Motion failed. Bill Gile suggested having the businesses water the flowers. After further discussion, a motion was made by Jerry second by

Morrissey to have the city employees' water Monday thru Friday and two summer employees on the weekend. Fink, Jerry, Morrissey- Yes. Korn-No. Motion carried,

A discussion was held regarding the location of the fountain donated by the Foley family. Ald Morrissey had met with Scott Stocker and Stocker is willing to let them put the fountain on the lot next to the gazebo. Ald Fink feels that a donation given to the city should not be placed on private property, but rather on public property.

Dan Morrissey was present and voiced his concerns, stating this started a year ago and questioned why the city hadn't accepted the donation and made a decision regarding the location. Morrissey stated that there is water access by Miner Park. Morrissey further expressed that the city shouldn't discourage people from making contribution to the city.

Ald Morrissey responded that it was his understanding that there was a problem with the theater foundation at Miner Park therefore the fountain could not be located on that property.

Ald Fink stated that she had spoke with Mary Foley. The family is in favor of locating the fountain in front of the Community Center. Bill Lacke thinks he can get a nicer fountain at a more reasonable price, therefore since the Foley family has already set the amount of the donation, they would be willing to pay for the cost of landscaping.

Ald Morrissey stated that the estimated installation costs included digging- \$100-150 and \$50 for concrete. Don Dickinson would form it up. Motion by Morrissey second by Fink to accept the donation of the fountain from the Foley Family and put it in front of the Community Building as located by Bill Lacke and Steve Staver. All aye, motion carried.

Ald Morrissey stated that a discussion regarding the replacement of a table and chairs at the pool was held at a Park Committee meeting. The Pool Fund which acquires its funds from the sale of concession at the pool has a balance of approximately \$4,600. Motion by Morrissey second by Korn to purchase a table and chairs for the pool not to exceed \$1,000 from the pool fund. All aye, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding the operating hours of the Mine and Museum. The Park Committee recommends that the hours stay as they are currently. Motion by Korn second by Fink to keep the operating hours of the Mine and Museum as is, Monday thru Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Memorial Day thru Labor Day. All aye, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding the purchase wood chips for Badger Park and mulch for Miner Park. No decision was made at this time.

After a brief discussion was held regarding a maturing certificate of deposit a motion was made by Korn second by Jerry to allow the clerk to renew the certificate at the best interest rates. All aye, motion carried.

The clerk will inform the council members of the rates before renewing the certificate.

Also during the public comment session of the meeting, Bill Gile inquired about a residential rate vs. a commercial rate regarding rental property. Ald Korn stated that this had been addressed in a Utility Committee meeting and it was decided that the customer would be charged a residential rate at all times regardless of whether or not the property was occupied or vacant. Gile also commented that he didn't think the flowers should be a taxpayers' expense.

The clerk reported that the material for the Board of Review training was in and that those who wanted to review it could pick it up at the office.

At 7:52 p.m. a motion was made by Fink second by Korn to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c) for the purpose of discussion the wage of the 4th year Electric Lineman Apprenticeship vs. Lineman One and possible wage adjustment of electric utility employee and for the discussion of a possible wage increase for the Pool Manager and Park Director Roll Call- Morrissey, Jerry, Fink, Korn, Curran. All aye, motion carried.

In closed session a discussion was held regarding the wage of the 4th Year Electric Lineman Apprenticeship as stated in the Apprenticeship agreement vs. the wage of the Lineman One as stated in the Union Contract. A wage increase for the Pool Manager and the Park Director was also addressed.

At 8:10 p.m. a motion was made by Jerry second by Fink to reconvene into open session. Roll Call- Curran, Fink, Jerry, Morrissey, Korn. All aye, motion carried.

In open session the following motions were made: Motion by Jerry second by Fink to keep the electric utility employee wage at \$18.74 per hour. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Morrissey second by Korn to increase the Park Director wage to \$5,000 annually to be paid out in 13 weeks. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Morrissey second by Jerry to increase the Pool Manager to \$8.50 per hour. All aye, motion carried.

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

Marsha Einsweiler
City Clerk/Treasurer