

CITY OF SHULLSBURG
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2011
6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held at 6:30 p.m. August 3, 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- Darrell Morrissey, Jim Paquette, Dan Spillane, Carl Ballard-All present. Others present: Don Dickinson, Marsha Einsweiler and Cheryl Fink.

Motion by Ballard second by Paquette to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2011 meeting. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Spillane second by Morrissey to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2011 special meeting. All aye, motion carried.

Committee Reports- Ald Morrissey reported the following regarding the Park Committee: 1. Accepted a donation of a slide from Robert Woodward. Approved sandblasting and painting of the slide. Ald Spillane reported the following regarding the Street Committee: 1. Purchase order 1565-\$907.64-front tires for the tractor. 2. Reported a letter received from Nicole Long regarding residential parking. Ald Paquette reported the following regarding the Utility Committee: 1. Water Leak on E. High Street will be repaired tomorrow. 2. Electric is working on moving lines near the Wheel In to prevent them from touching and causing problems.

Motion by Spillane second by Paquette to approve the bills for the general, water, sewer, electric, library, museum, pool and TIF funds including purchase order 1565. All aye, motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding amending section 7.12 of the City of Shullsburg Municipal Code. The amendment included adding the definition of UTVs (Utility Terrain Vehicle) and allowing UTVs to operate on the same designated route as ATVs. Motion by Ballard second by Paquette to adopt the ordinance amending section 7.12 of the City of Shullsburg municipal code as submitted. All aye, motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding allowing ATV's and UTV's to operate on city streets. Ald Ballard reported that he does not have the information on the cost of the stickers yet. Currently ATVs/UTVs are allowed to operate only on the designated route, which means they need to trailer the AVT to the designated trail. Some ATVers have asked Ald Ballard about the city allowing the ATVs/UTVs to be operated from their residence to the designated trail to eliminate the need to trailer the vehicle. Ald Paquette voiced his concerns regarding ATVs that are currently being operated on non-designated routes and the current ordinance is not being enforced. Ald Ballard feels that the ATV club needs to get more activate if they want the city to consider allowing them to operate on city streets. No action was taken at this time.

A discussion was held regarding a request to repair the retaining wall at 278 W. Estey Street. Mayor Lethlean reported that he had received a phone call from Richards stating that the condition of the retaining was due to the street reconstruction that was done in 2006 and requested financial assistance from the city to make the necessary

repairs. Don Dickinson, Street Department, commented that the retaining wall was already deteriorated in 2006 when the street and sidewalk were reconstructed. Motion by Paquette second by Ballard to deny the request of Andy Richards to repair the retaining wall. All aye, motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the lights at Miner Park. Mayor Lethlean explained that twelve solar lights were placed in the park a short time ago. Eight of which have been stolen and two have been damaged. Cheryl Fink suggest the installing a couple of decorative pole lights instead of the path lights. Fink also inquired as to whether or not there was an investigation regarding the stolen solar lights. Mayor Lethlean will talk to George Morrissey regarding the electric service needed to feed low voltage pole lights. Ballard will get some prices for lights. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

A request was received from WE Energies regarding a permit to construct, maintain or repair utilities within a highway right-of-way for property located at 128 W. Estey Street. A new gas service will be installed. Motion by Morrissey second by Ballard to approve the permit as requested by WE Energies. All aye, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding the designation of a permitting authority to approve all future requests for permits to construct, maintain or repair utilities within a highway right-of-way. This would eliminate the need for council approval for future requests. Motion by Spillane second by Morrissey to designate the Public Works Director to approve all future requests. All aye, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- Einsweiler reported the following items: 1. Received a check from the insurance company in the amount of \$5,435.10 for the balance of the claim for the hail damage as a result of the July 24, 2009 storm. 2. Received a check from FEMA in the amount of \$7,469.57 for disaster assistance for costs associated with the blizzard in February 2011.

Public Comment: 1. Don Dickinson informed the council of the preconstruction meeting for the Friendship Street bridge reconstruction to be held at 10:00 a.m. August 10th. 2. Mayor Lethlean asked the council members about donating one of the aerial pictures that were purchased by the city council to the Emily Franz Scholarship Fund auction. Council approved. 3. Ald Morrissey inquired about whether or not there is an investigation being conducted for the vandalism of the Miner Park lights. Mayor Lethlean will talk to Chief Moyer about the issue.

At 7:07 p.m. a motion was made by Paquette second by Morrissey to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Marsha L. Einsweiler
City Clerk/Treasurer