

CITY OF SHULLSBURG  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2008  
6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held at 6:30 p.m. September 17, 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 called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call- Darrell Morrissey, Carol Korn, Cheryl Fink- Present. Josh Jerry- Absent. Others present: George Morrissey, Tom Lethlean, Dick Roddick, John Bredeson, Amy Westemeier, Steve Curran, John Walker, Charles Gensler, Tom Gunnell, Willie Von Glahn, Ron Pole, Don Dickinson, Bob Curran, Hillard Meuler and Ollie Cody.

Motion by Fink second by Korn to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2008 council meeting as amended. All aye, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Ald Morrissey updated the council on the East Shelter House project and the Skate Park.

Ald Fink informed the council of the response from the attorney regarding a golf cart ordinance. You can only have a golf cart ordinance if you have a golf course within 2 miles.

Ald Korn reported that a Utility meeting had been held and the council will be addressing the Electric Recloser later in this meeting. Korn also reported leave request for Verne Jackson and Chief John Strause. A motion was made by Korn to approve the leave requests. Due to a lack of a second, the motion failed.

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

Bill Gile and Deb Lethlean arrived.

Motion by Korn second by Fink to approve the bills for the general, water, sewer, electric, library and pool funds as presented. All aye, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding the purchase of a three phase electric recloser and replacement of three phase pole. Although there was only 1 bid for the project, two companies submitted a no bid, no quote for the project. Installing an electric recloser will allow the electric power on one side of the city to remain on, while the other side may be down. Fifty five thousand dollars has been set aside for this project. Motion by Korn second by Fink to approve the purchase of a three phase electric recloser and the replacement of three phase pole not to exceed \$30,000. Roll Call- Morrissey, Fink, Korn- All aye, motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the City of Shullsburg/Shullsburg Utilities Personnel Policy Manual. Tom Lethlean presented the council with a petition of 100 signatures asking the council to change the policy to

allow Ald Morrissey to keep his seat on the council. The current policy states that no person shall be employed on City staff while either s/he or a member of his/her immediate family serves as Mayor or on the Common Council. Carol Allendorf, mother-in-law of Darrell Morrissey, has been offered the position of Assistant Clerk/Treasurer. Although Mayor Curran feels that this is not the time to change the policy, he does not disagree that the policy needs to be reworded or eliminated. Ald Fink stated that the personnel manual states that it may be changed at any time. Mayor Curran stated if Ald Morrissey has changed his mind and does not want to resign, then the position would have to be filled by someone other than Carol Allendorf. Mayor Curran stated that if Ald Morrissey has not submitted his resignation by Friday, September 19 or he would have no choice but to tell Carol Allendorf that she does not have the position. Ald Morrissey feels that it's the city council's decision and not the mayor's decision whether or not the policy is changed.

The Farmers and Merchants group received a grant from the Shullsburg Fund for the purchase of garbage cans for Water Street. Motion by Fink second by Korn to accept the donation of the garbage cans from the Farmers and Merchants group. All aye, motion carried.

Dan Morrissey and Emmitt Reilly arrived.

Motion by Korn second by Morrissey to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 17-Historic Preservation. All aye, motion carried.

Ald Josh Jerry arrived.

A discussion was held regarding an annual fee for a private septic. Motion by Korn second by Jerry to set an annual fee of \$500 for a private septic fee. Roll Call- Morrissey- No, Jerry -Yes, Korn-Yes, Fink- No, Curran- Yes. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Morrissey second by Jerry to set a fee of \$35 for an audio copy of a meeting. All aye, motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding a variance to allow a private septic to be installed on the property owned by Steve and Gina Curran located at 821 W. Water Street. Motion by Jerry second by Morrissey to approve the variance agreement pending approval of all permits and all necessary permits from the state. Roll Call- Fink-No, Jerry-Yes, Morrissey-Yes, Korn- No, Curran- Yes. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding a variance to allow a private septic to be installed on the property owned by John and Joann Weiskircher. Motion by Jerry second by Morrissey to approve the variance agreement for John and Joann Weiskircher for property located at 650 W. Water Street pending all necessary permits from the state. Roll Call- Korn-No, Jerry-Yes, Morrissey-Yes, Fink- No, Curran- Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Morrissey second by Korn to approve the installation of steps and railing in front of the community center at a cost up to \$2,500. Roll Call- Jerry, Fink, Korn, Morrissey. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Morrissey second by Jerry to approve an operator license for Dena R Monaghan. Roll Call-Korn, Morrissey, Jerry- All aye. Fink- No. Motion carried.

During the public comment session of the meeting, Wayne Gehrt questioned the cost of the copying charges for the audio of meeting. Gehrt feels that the cost is too high. Amy Westemeier also questioned the guidelines that are used to determine the cost of the annual septic fees.

The council did not go into closed session and no discussion was held regarding the closed session item on the agenda.

At 7:43 p.m. a motion was made by Korn second by Morrissey to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Marsha Einsweiler  
City Clerk/Treasurer