

CITY OF SHULLSBURG
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 5, 2008
6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held November 5, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. 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 given to the official newspaper. Roll Call- Fink Jerry, Korn- All present. Others present: Darrell Morrissey, Dan Morrissey, Bill Hill, Wayne Gehrt, Ron Pole, Tom Gunnell, Pat Duffey, Roger Duffey, Dave Weiskircher, Jim Paquette, Charles Gensler and Dennis Tonak.

Motion by Korn to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2008 meeting as presented. Due to a lack of a second the motion failed.

Committee Reports:

Ald Korn reported that the park committee meeting had been held and the renovations on the East Shelter House will begin in the spring.

Ald Korn reported the following regarding a Utility Committee meeting: 1. Purchase of water meters. 2. Hydrant flushing completed. 3. Water leak found. 4. Purchase of electric meters. 5. FR clothing requirements for Electric employees.

Ald Korn also reported the following for the Fire District Board: 1. 2009 Assessment \$39,908.65. 2. Ken Leitzinger will be retiring from the board. Dirk Milestone will be taking over for Leitzinger.

Ald Jerry reported the following regarding a Street Committee meeting: 1. Discussed the five year plan. 2. Discussed Friendship Street bridge project and reconstruction of the remainder of Friendship Street. 3. Discussed reconstruction of the intersection of Diagonal, Mineral and Judgement Streets. Tom Jean is checking into a hazardous intersection grant. 4. Discussed Water Street concrete repairs. The repairs will begin in 2009. 5. Discussed amendments to snow emergency ordinance. 6. 1981 Elgin Street Sweeper will be junked. 7. Discussed 1995 GMC truck repairs.

Bill Gile arrived.

Ald Fink reported the following regarding a Police Committee meeting: 1. Police report. 2. Discussed amendments to snow emergency ordinance. 3. Worked on 2009 budget.

Mayor Curran reported purchase order number 1533 for \$889.05 for the purchase of Christmas wreaths and lights.

Motion by Jerry second by Fink to accept the committee reports and approve purchase order number 1533. All aye, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding the bills. Ald Korn questioned the attorney bills. Motion by Korn to pay the bills excluding the attorney bills. Due to a lack of a second, the motion failed. Motion by Jerry second by Fink to approve the payment of the bills including the attorney bills. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Fink second by Korn to approve the Identity Theft Policy. All aye, motion carried.

Dave Weiskircher presented information regarding fireworks regulations.

Motion by Korn second by Fink to approve the fire works permit for the “A Bit of Yesteryear Christmas” on November 29, 2008. All aye, motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding a resolution identifying the process for contacting the city attorney. Mayor Curran feels that this resolution would eliminate some of the attorney bills and the city would not be paying fees to have same questions answered twice. Ald Korn feels the same, adding that questions were run through the then all council members would have access to the attorney’s response and this would eliminate duplicate questions being asked. Korn also feels that the League of Municipality should be used first before contacting the city attorney. Ald Jerry feels that the resolution Motion by Korn to adopt the resolution as presented. Due to a lack of a second the motion failed.

Dan Spillane arrived.

Regarding the repairs to the 1995 GMC truck, Ald Jerry stated that the leaf springs on both sides need to be replaced. The cost of a new truck is \$40,000-\$50,000. Motion by Jerry second by Fink to approve the repairs to the 1995 GMC truck in the amount of \$1,974.16. All aye, motion carried

A discussion was held regarding the Friendship Street Bridge project. The city’s cost of the project is approximately \$80,000. Ald Jerry stated that we can budget the funds or we can wait and borrow the funds when they are needed in 2011. Dan Morrissey questioned who the bride serves and suggested that the city wait on the project. Motion by Fink second by Jerry to proceed with the project. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Jerry second by Korn to approve operator license for Daniel Christopher, Heather Christopher and to approve an operator license for Tina Tate contingent upon a successful background check. All aye, motion carried.

The 2009 budget was discussed. Ald Jerry suggested eliminating the mayor and council wages. Ald Fink stated that if we are not going to participate in the Lafayette Development Corporation the funds should stay in the budget and be used here to promote the city. The need for a police department and the museum operation was discussed. Ald Fink stated that the city could save approximately \$74,000 by eliminating the police department and contracting with Lafayette County for 40 hours per week of services. The budget hearing was set for December 3rd. The committees will address the 2009 budget on November 18 at the committee meetings.

During the public comment session of the meeting, Dennis Tonak informed the council that the Shullsburg Creamery has a tentative plan to put a 4,000 square foot addition on the building downtown. Tonak stated that the truck traffic would increase and would at times block Galena Street for a short period of time. Before the project processed any further Tonak would like some feedback from the city.

Also during the public comment session of the meeting, a motion was made by Jerry second by Fink to place the following items on the next council agenda: Appointment of Ward 2 Alderperson, discussion and possible action regarding the Employee Handbook and discussion and possible action regarding the policies and procedure for placing items on the agenda. Roll Call- Korn- No, Fink- Yes, Jerry- Yes. Motion carried.

The clerk reported that overall the election went well. The printer on the election machine was not working properly at the end of the night. It will be sent in for repairs before the April election.

At 7:48 p.m. a motion was made by Korn second by Jerry to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of employee contract negotiations. Roll Call- Fink, Jerry, Korn, Curran – All aye, motion carried.

In closed session the council discussed the employee contracts.

At 8:38 p.m. a motion was made by Fink second by Korn to reconvene into open session. Roll Call- Curran, Fink, Korn, Jerry- All aye, motion carried.

No discussion or action was taken in open session.

At 8:39 p.m. a motion was made by Korn second by Jerry to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Marsha Einsweiler
City Clerk/Treasurer