

CITY OF SHULLSBURG  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 5, 2007  
6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held at 6:30 p.m. December 5, 2007 in the Community Room of the Shullsburg Community Townsend Center, 190 N. Judgement Street, Shullsburg, Wisconsin. Mayor Lance McNaughton called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. Notice of the meeting was posted and given to the official newspaper. Roll Call- Bob Edge, Josh Jerry, Cheryl Fink, Carol Korn. Others present: Wayne Gehrt, Steve Leitzinger, Frank Bruscatto and Verne Jackson.

Motion by Fink second by Jerry to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2007 meeting as amended. All aye, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Ald Edge reported leave requests for Pat Byrne and Ron Schardt. Ald Fink reported that a Historic Preservation Commission meeting was held. At such meeting the proposed amendments to Chapter 17.109- Historic Preservation was discussed with Attorney Troy Klarkowski. Fink informed the council that after reviewing the proposed amendments, Klarkowski prepared a written opinion. Due to possible conflicts local and state laws, it is Klarkowski's opinion that the entire Historic Preservation Code be reviewed in depth. Fink would like the council's input on how to proceed. Korn and Jerry would like to see the proposed amendments prior to incurring any more costs. The clerk will get copies to the council members. This will be addressed further at a future meeting.

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

Motion by Fink second by Korn to approve the bills. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Jerry second by Edge to go to number seven on the agenda. All aye, motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding an agreement to permit the use of a facility as a Red Cross Emergency Shelter. Frank Bruscatto from the American Red Cross was present for the discussion. Bruscatto explained to the council that the Village of Scales Mound is in the process of creating an Emergency Management Plan. The Village is asking that the City of Shullsburg permit the use of the Shullsburg Community Townsend Center as a designated shelter. Bruscatto stated the Shullsburg Community Townsend Center would be the secondary location as the Shullsburg School is the primary emergency shelter. Motion by Jerry second by Korn to approve an agreement to permit the use of the Shullsburg Community Townsend Center as a Red Cross Emergency Shelter. All aye, motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the 2008 budget. The public hearing for the proposed 2008 budget was held earlier this evening. The amount levied was increased \$1,735 from the proposed budget due to an increase in the amount assessed to the city by the Fire District. The increase is due a shift in the equalized values which caused the city percentage to increase. The increase was not due to an increase in the Fire District's budget. The 2008 levy amount is \$189,728 and the mill rate is \$18.41. Motion by Fink

second by Edge to approve a Resolution Adopting the 2008 Budget and Tax Levy. Jerry, Edge, Fink aye, Korn no, motion carried. A summary of the adopted 2008 budget will be published as required.

A discussion was held regarding the regulation of outdoor wood burning devices. At the prior meeting the clerk, had presented the council with several copies of sample ordinances. The matter will be addressed further at the next meeting.

A discussion was held regarding a policy regarding the reimbursement of employee expenses. The discussion focused on an invoice from the Village of Benton. The expenses referenced to on the invoice were expenses for travel and lodging incurred by an employee while attending the training. Fink inquired if the employee was informed of there decision that the city would not pay for any expenses incurred during this training event. Mayor McNaughton stated that the employee was informed, and that the employee informed the Village of Benton of the City's decision. Motion by Fink second by Jerry to tell the Village of Benton to bill the employee directly. All aye, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding a meter click agreement with Midwest Business Products for the police copy machine. Motion by Edge second by Fink to approve the agreement. All aye, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding refinancing the current Fire House Loan. The current loan was a fire year loan and the balance due is approximately \$85,000. Motion by Korn second by Jerry to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Refinancing of the Fire House Loan. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Fink second by Korn to approve an operator license for Valerie Jo Leifker and Ashely Kienast. All aye, motion carried.

During the public comment session of the meeting, Wayne Gehrt stated that outdoor wood burning devices should be banned.

There was no closed session, nor any discussion regarding the union contract negotiations.

At 8:20 p.m. a motion was made by Jerry second by Edge to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Marsha Einsweiler  
City Clerk/Treasurer