

CITY OF SHULLSBURG, WISCONSIN
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
October 18, 2023
6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held October 18, 2023 in the Community Room of the Shullsburg Community Townsend Center, 190 N. Judgement Street, Shullsburg, Wisconsin. Mayor Verne Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Notice of the meeting was posted at the Townsend Center, Shullsburg Post Office and Turpin's Home Town Grocery. Roll Call- Gloria Swenson, Susie Doyle-Wand, Cheryl Mulcahy, Dan Morrissey - Present. Others present- D MacNaughton, John A Walker, Carl Ballard, Kevin Einsweiler, Jen Detra, Emmett J Reilly, Tom Lethlean, Wally Turpin, Shannon Brown, Lizzie Williams, Ross Williams, Blaine Nolte, Troy Maggied, Misty Molzof, Josh Jerry, Laura Weiskircher, Nick Doyle, Jeff Russell, Brian Lund, Janelle Schumacher and Marsha Einsweiler.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes - *Motion by Doyle-Wand second by Swenson to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2023 meeting. All aye, motion carried.*

Committee Reports & Purchase Orders – Morrissey mentioned a business owner on Water Street who wants to purchase a bench for outside their property. They should be directed to call the City Office.

Police Chief Report – Report was emailed. No questions at this time.

Approve Bills - *Motion by Morrissey second by Swenson to approve the bills for General, Water, Sewer, Electric, Pool, Museum, Library & TIF Funds. All aye, motion carried.*

Public Comment – John Walker spoke as a representative of the American Legion, VFW and Son's of the Legion and informed the Council they are seeking a "Class B" Liquor license in combination with the Class "B" Beer & "Class C" Wine license they currently have. They are currently open to the public on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays but would like to expand their hours and continue growth. Morrissey questioned whether Shullsburg Township has a license that can be transferred. Walker reported that he inquired about it and that it is not an option. Ross Williams spoke as representative of Shullsburg Suites. They are successfully using the upstairs of their newly purchased building at 202 W Water Street for short-term rentals and are seeking a Combination Class "B" Beer & Liquor License so they can lease the restaurant out and offer an additional eating establishment in Shullsburg. Morrissey questioned whether Williams could have secured the license prior to purchasing the building. Morrissey commented that he would like the Council to seek legal counsel regarding the issuance of this license.

UV Disinfection Upgrade – Email and Pay Application was sent from Delta 3 Engineering stating that a \$5,000 retainage amount should be withheld until the project is completed. *Motion by Morrissey second by Mulcahy to approve the Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$56,050.00 as presented. All aye, motion carried.*

Class B Combination Liquor License Applications – *Motion by Morrissey second by Swenson to table this discussion until the next Council meeting. All aye, motion carried.*

Pickleball Courts – Mayor Jackson reported that after preliminary conversations with an engineer from Delta 3, they may be able to accommodate one pickleball court at Badger Park in the location of the current Skate Park. *Motion by Swenson second by Doyle-Wand to hire Delta 3 for design of Pickleball Court at Badger Park in the location of the current Skate Park. All aye, motion carried.*

Open Burn Dates - Discussion was held regarding setting open burning dates for Fall 2023. *Motion by Doyle-Wand second by Mulcahy to set open burning dates beginning October 21, 2023 and end November 18, 2023. All aye, motion carried.*

Trick or Treating Dates – Discussion was held regarding setting Trick or Treating times for October 31, 2023. *Motion by Morrissey second by Doyle-Wand to set Trick or Treating times on October 31, 2023 from 6pm – 8pm. All aye, motion carried.*

2024 Proposed Annual Budget – Discussion was held regarding the 2024 General Budget Worksheet. No action taken.

Townsend Center Phone System – An update was given regarding the current phone carrier, Brightspeed, being able to provide an updated phone system and keep the existing phone number. Further information will be gathered for the next meeting.

Clerk/Treasurer Report– September financial reports were emailed. No questions at this time.

Future Agenda Items – Class B Combination Liquor License Applications, Townsend Center Phone System, 2024 Proposed Budget and Budget Amendments

Closed Session- At 7:01 p.m. *a motion was made by Doyle-Wand second by Mulcahy to convene into closed session. Roll Call- Morrissey-yes, Swenson-yes, Doyle-Wand-yes, Jackson-yes, Mulcahy- yes. Motion carried.* The closed session is Pursuant to Wis. Stat 19.85 (1)(e) for the Purpose of Deliberating or Negotiating the Purchasing of Public Properties, the Investing of Public Funds, or Conducting Other Specified Public Business.

Open Session-At 8:16 p.m. *a motion was made by Doyle-Wand second by Morrissey to reconvene into open session. Roll Call- Morrissey-yes, Swenson-yes, Doyle-Wand-yes, Jackson-yes, Mulcahy- yes. Motion carried.*

Action on Closed Session- *Motion by Morrissey second by Swenson to authorize Mayor Jackson to negotiate the purchase of land for economic development as discussed in closed session. All aye, motion carried.*

Motion by Morrissey, second by Doyle-Wand to approve and sign the offer to purchase property on County O for Wastewater Treatment Plant use. All aye, motion carried.

Closed Session- At 8:18 p.m. *a motion was made by Doyle-Wand second by Mulcahy to convene into closed session. Roll Call- Morrissey-yes, Swenson-yes, Doyle-Wand-yes, Jackson-yes, Mulcahy- yes. Motion carried.* The closed session is pursuant to WI Statues 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; specifically, to discuss 2024 employment contracts.

Open Session-At 9:06 p.m. *a motion was made by Doyle-Wand second by Swenson to reconvene into open session. Roll Call- Morrissey-yes, Swenson-yes, Doyle-Wand-yes, Jackson-yes, Mulcahy- yes. Motion carried.*

Action on Closed Session- None taken.

At 9:07 PM *a motion was made by Swenson, second by Mulcahy to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.*

Janelle Schumacher
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer