

CITY OF SHULLSBURG, WISCONSIN  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 1, 2023

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held November 1, 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 – All Present. Others present – D. MacNaughton, Wally Turpin, Kevin Einsweiler, Dan Wedge, Carl Ballard, Lizzie Williams, Ross Williams, Pam Paquette, Devin Feryance, Laura Weiskircher, John Walker, Emmett Reilly, Josh Jerry, Janelle Schumacher and Marsha Einsweiler.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Class B Combination Liquor License** – American Legion Representative John Walker addressed the Council and gave an update of the activity that takes place through the American Legion and VFW organization as well as future updates to the building and programming. He is requesting the liquor license in order to assist with increasing their profit which will allow them to continue their programming as well as being able to offer use of the building as a community building. Ross Williams, representing Shullsburg Suites addressed the council and requested the license as a means to increase business and attract people as potential customers to the downtown business district. Morrissey commented that he has been looking into possible solutions, including asking many questions of the State of Wisconsin as well as legal counsel. Pam Paquette asked if the Town of Shullsburg has had an official meeting to discuss any solutions they may be able to offer. Mayor Jackson reported that he had talked to Ted Wiegel and the township is not interested in transferring their license to the City. Mayor Jackson called for a motion and roll call vote.

*Motion was made by Doyle-Wand to approve a Class "B" Combination License to McCann-Richards American Legion. Motion was amended by Doyle-Wand, second by Morrissey to approve a Class "B" Combination License to McCann-Richards American Legion, with the stipulation that when another Class "B" Liquor License becomes available, it be issued to Shullsburg Suites. Roll Call- Morrissey-yes, Swenson-yes, Doyle-Wand-yes, Mulcahy- yes. Motion carried.*

**Water Department Loan** – The maturity date is approaching in December for the Water Department loan and the Clerk is seeking direction for gathering information about refinancing. The Council agreed to check rates at various local banks.

**2024 Proposed Budget** - The Council reviewed the 2024 Budget Worksheet and discussed needing a final number from the Ambulance Board at their meeting the following week before the budget worksheet would be completed. *Motion by Swenson, second by Mulcahy to approve the 2024 Proposed Budget with edits as discussed. All aye, motion carried.*

**Closed Session-** At 7:05 p.m. *a motion was made by Swenson 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)(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- Discussion of Union Contract, Police Contract & City Clerk Contract

**Open Session-**At 8:03 p.m. *a motion was made by Swenson second by Doyle-Wand 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 Swenson second by Doyle-Wand to approve the 4-year Police Chief employment contract as discussed in closed session. Mulcahy - yes, Doyle-Wand – yes, Swenson – yes, Morrissey - no, motion carried.*

*At 8:04 PM a motion was made by Doyle-Wand, second by Swenson to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.*

Janelle Schumacher - Assistant Clerk/Treasurer