

CITY OF MENASHA  
COMMON COUNCIL  
Third Floor Council Chambers  
140 Main Street, Menasha  
Monday, November 15, 2010  
MINUTES

DRAFT

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Merkes at 6:00 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

PRESENT: Aldermen Wisneski, Langdon, Hendricks, Zelinski, Englebert, Benner, Roush, Taylor

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Merkes, CA/HRD Captain, PC Stanke, FC Auxier, DPW Radtke, CDD Keil, C/T Stoffel, PHN Nett, PRD Tungate, Clerk Galeazzi and the Press.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Proposed City of Menasha Budget for 2011

Charlotte Foth, 1033 Brighton Drive. Support keeping pool open.

Erin Culligan, Menasha School District. Support keeping pool open.

Loretta Kjemhus, 1461 Deerwood Drive, Neenah. City employees go extra step to keep budget in-line; Don't cut important positions that help residents.

Kathleen Endres, 1223 Darleen Drive. Health and dental care for children in Menasha School District are important; don't cut important positions.

Candy Russin, 628 Nicolet Blvd. Health Dept. on tight budget, staff is important.

Kathy Miller, 708 Fourth Street. No room for luxuries such as the pool, marina and Senior Center. Extra recycling pick not necessary. City employees have good benefits.

Chris Klein, 730 Keyes Street. Elected officials should demand unions to open contracts and renegotiate.

David Zelinski, 57 Appleton Street. Programs are important, but taxpayers already pay too much.

Stan Sevenich, 645 Ninth Street. Attended all budget review sessions and only one significant change was elimination of extra recycling pick up; no discussion on cuts to City employee benefits.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE CITY

(five (5) minute time limit for each person)

Dan Gueths, 7255 Manitowoc Road. Police damaged his property; feels he is being harassed; Mayor's duty to uphold resident's constitutional rights.

Tim Jacobson, 732 Paris Street. Public Works employees willing to do what is necessary to keep taxes down; misunderstanding of how property owner is charged for refuse/recycling pick up; employees of all City entities need to share in solution to problems.

Erin Ribble, 377 Elm Street. Families enjoy the pool, support keeping it open.

F. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

1. R-23-10 – Resolution Saluting the Menasha High School Varsity Football Team

Moved by Ald. Englebert, seconded by Ald. Wisneski to adopt R-23-10.

Discussion: Mayor congratulated Menasha High School football team and Coach Jeramie Korth on an excellent season and finishing in first place in FVA.

Motion carried on 8-0.

Coach Korth thanked the Council and the community for their support.

Alex Seffker presented "Coach of the Year" plaque to Coach Korth.

## G. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF/CONSULTANTS

1. Clerk Galeazzi - the following minutes and communications have been received and placed on file:

Minutes to receive:

- a. Administration Committee, 11/1/10
- b. Board of Public Works, 11/1/10
- c. Library Board, 10/21/10
- d. NM Fire Rescue Joint Fire Commission, 10/27/10
- e. Sustainability Board, 10/19/10
- f. Water & Light Commission, 9/22/10; Regular meeting
- g. Water & Light Commission, 9/21/10, 9/27/10, 10/27/10; Special Meetings

Communications:

- h. Customers First! *The Wire* newsletter, October 2010, November 2010
- i. Dept. of the Army Corps of Engineers, 10/28/10; Lake Winnebago Regulation meeting
- j. Dept. of Natural Resources, 10/29/10; Notice of Violation/Notice of Claim
- k. FC Auxier, 11/10/10; 2011 Budget Items
- l. Comp Stoffel, 11/11/10; Proposed adjustments to 2011 Fire Dept. budget request
- m. Menasha Historical Society Newsletter, November 2010
- n. Public Works Facility, 10/31/10; October 2010 Disposal Violations
- o. Resident Dan VanderHeiden (1351 Tuckaway Ct.) to Town Chair Arden Tews, 10/10; Recreational trail use and ongoing maintenance

## H. CONSENT AGENDA

(Prior to voting on the Consent Agenda, items on the Consent Agenda may be removed at the request of any Alderman and place immediately following action on the Consent Agenda. The procedures to follow for the Consent Agenda are: (a) removal of items from Consent Agenda; and (b) motion to approve the items from Consent Agenda.)

Minutes to approve:

1. Common Council, 11/1/10
2. 2011 Budget Review Session; 11/3/10, 11/4/10, 11/8/10, 11/10/10

Administration Committee, 11/1/10; recommends approval of:

3. [Proposed Weights and Measures fees for 2011 \(Recommended by Board of Health\)](#)
4. [Approval of Network Health Insurance Renewal](#)

Board of Public Works, 11/1/10; recommends approval of:

5. [Change Order: MOD #0006-00; Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue Station 36; Miron Job #101520; DEDUCT: \\$515.00](#)
6. [Change Order: MOD #0007-01; Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue Station 36; Miron Job #101520; ADD: \\$2,919.00](#)

Moved by Ald. Hendricks, seconded by Ald. Wisneski to approve items 1-6 of Consent Agenda.  
Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

## H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

None

## I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Accounts payable and payroll for the term of 11/4/10 to 11/11/10 in the amount of \$351,139.62  
Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Englebert to approve accounts payable and payroll.  
Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

2. "Class B" Liquor License Application, Erica Redlin, d/b/a Redliner, 977 Plank Road for the 2010-2011 licensing year.

Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Hendricks to approve "Class B" liquor license application.  
Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

3. Request for Outdoor Alcoholic Beverage Permit for Erica Redlin, d/b/a Redliner, 977 Plank Road for the 2010-2011 licensing year.

Moved by Ald. Hendricks, seconded by Ald. Langdon to approve Outdoor Alcoholic Beverage Permit  
Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

## J. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

1. R-24-10- Resolution levying taxes for the purpose of paying the operating expenses for the year 2011 for the City of Menasha

Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Englebert to adopt R-24-10.

Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Taylor to reduce Fire Dept. account #100-0501-522-2501 (Other Municipal Entities) by \$1,683.00.

Discussion: Ald. Wisneski stated this reduction is a result of proposed adjustments to the Fire Dept. operating budget by the City of Neenah.

Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Langdon to reduce Fire Dept. account #100-0501-522-8005 (Other Equipment) by \$29,709.00.

Discussion: Mayor Merkes stated this amount was for portable radios replacement that was not included in Police Dept. or Fire Dept. budgets in the City of Neenah. The radios may be replaced by the County.

Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Langdon to increase Fire Dept. account #100-0501-522-8005 (Other Equipment) by \$4,040.

Discussion: Mayor Merkes stated the amount is Menasha's share of household purchases that was included on the Neenah side of the operating budget.

Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Englebert to reduce Attorney budget account #100-0201-512-2101 (Legal) by \$15,000.

Discussion: CA/HRD Captain explained there may be need for outside legal services for settling of union contracts and Steam Plant issues.

Motion failed on roll call 3-5.

Ald. Wisneski, Englebert, Benner – yes

Ald. Roush, Taylor, Langdon, Hendricks, Zelinski – no

Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Langdon to reduce Inspection Dept. budget account #100-0301-523-3018 (Seals) by \$1,000.

Motion carried on roll call 6-2

Ald. Roush, Taylor, Wisneski, Langdon, Englebert, Benner – yes

Ald. Hendricks, Zelinski – no

Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Zelinski to reduce Parks Dept. budget account #100-0703-5530-3018 (Department Supplies) by \$1,500

Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Zelinski to reduce Community Development Economic Specialist position salary by \$30,000

Discussion ensued to eliminate position.

Moved by Ald. Roush, seconded by Ald. Wisneski to amend to eliminate Economic Specialist position.

Discussion ensued, concerns of removing position, important to market City to help move forward; more clarification of position.

Ald. Roush and Wisneski removed motion to amend.

Motion to reduce salary by \$30,000 carried on roll call 5-3.

Ald. Roush, Wisneski, Langdon, Zelinski, Englebert – yes

Ald. Taylor, Hendricks, Benner – no

Moved by Ald. Zelinski, seconded by Ald. Roush to reduce revenues by \$58,372.00

Discussion ensued, the amount would come from charging multi-family dwelling parcels for additional refuse and recycling carts; concerns were landlords will pass additional cost on to renters, single family dwellings subsidizing for multi-family dwellings.

Motion failed on roll call 2-6

Ald. Zelinski, Langdon – yes

Ald. Roush, Taylor, Wisneski, Hendricks, Englebert, Benner – no

J. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, cont'd

1. R-24-10- Resolution levying taxes for the purpose of paying the operating expenses for the year 2011 for the City of Menasha, cont'd

Moved by Ald. Zelinski, seconded by Ald. Langdon to reduce revenues by \$29,186.00  
Discussion ensued, charge less for additional refuse and recycling carts to multi-family dwellings.  
Motion failed on roll call 3-5.

Ald. Roush, Langdon, Zelinski – yes  
Ald. Taylor, Wisneski, Hendricks, Englebert, Benner – no

Moved by Ald. Taylor, seconded by Ald. Wisneski to reduce Community Development-Professional Services by \$2,000.  
Discussion ensued, funds in this account are used for special request from Landmarks Commission and Sustainability Committee.

Motion failed on roll call 3-5  
Ald. Taylor, Wisneski, Zelinski – yes  
Ald. Roush, Langdon, Hendricks, Englebert, Benner – no

Moved by Ald. Taylor, seconded by Ald. Zelinski to reduce Community Development-Professional Services by \$1,000.

Motion carried on roll call 7-1. Ald. Roush – no

Moved by Ald. Taylor, seconded by Ald. Zelinski to reduce Parks Dept. operating budget by \$6,000.  
Discussion ensued, where to reduce budget should be at the discretion of the Director.  
Moved by Ald. Roush, seconded by Ald. Taylor to amend to reduce Park Dept. operating budget by \$6,000 at the discretion of the Director.

Motion on amendment carried on roll call 5-3.  
Ald. Roush, Taylor, Langdon, Hendricks, Zelinski – yes  
Ald. Wisneski, Englebert, Benner – no  
Motion to reduce Parks Dept. operating budget by \$6,000 failed on roll call 3-5.  
Ald. Taylor, Hendricks, Zelinski – yes  
Ald. Roush, Wisneski, Langdon, Englebert, Benner – no

Moved by Ald. Taylor, seconded by Ald. Zelinski to reduce Parks Dept. budget by \$3,000 at the discretion of the Director.

Motion failed on roll call 3-5.  
Ald. Taylor, Langdon, Zelinski – yes  
Ald. Roush, Wisneski, Hendricks, Englebert, Benner - no

Moved by Ald. Taylor, seconded by Ald. Zelinski to reduce Parks Dept. budget by \$1,000 at the discretion of the Director.

Motion failed on roll call 3-5.  
Ald. Roush, Taylor, Langdon– yes  
Ald. Wisneski, Hendricks, Zelinski, Englebert, Benner – no

Moved by Ald. Roush, seconded by Ald. Langdon to reduce IT Budget-Salary by \$16,000  
Discussion ensued, this amount is the half-time intern position; concerns stated were IT staff is very busy, taking on more projects.  
Motion failed on roll call 4-4.

Ald. Roush, Taylor, Langdon, Zelinski – yes  
Ald. Wisneski, Hendricks, Englebert, Benner – no

Moved by Ald. Zelinski, seconded by Ald. Hendricks to reduce Fire Dept.-Overtime by \$5,000.  
Discussion ensued on reducing overtime would affect staffing.

Motion failed on roll call 3-5  
Ald. Taylor, Langdon, Zelinski – yes  
Ald. Roush, Wisneski, Hendricks, Englebert, Benner – no

Motion to adopt R-24-10 carried on roll call 7-1. Ald. Zelinski – no

K. APPOINTMENTS

None

L. HELD OVER BUSINESS

1. Board of Public Works, 10/18/10; recommends approval of [Change Order: MOD #0001-00; Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue Station 36; Miron Job #101520; DEDUCT: \\$2,426.00](#) (Held 11/1/10)

Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Roush to approve reduction of \$4,300 for brick and additional of \$360 for a more efficient water heater.

Discussion: FC Auxier explained the breakdown of the change order.

Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

Moved by Ald. Hendricks, seconded by Ald Langdon to recess to Administration Committee.

Reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

M. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY

None

N. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA

(five (5) minute time limit for each person)

Stan Sevenich, 645 Ninth Street. Commended Council for leaving funds in budget for Economical Specialist, businesses and government need to work together.

Mary Nebel, 713 First Street. Commended Council for modest increase even with Steam Plant debt.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ald. Benner, seconded by Ald. Hendricks to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah A. Galeazzi, WCMC, City Clerk