

CITY OF MENASHA

Council Chambers, 3rd Floor- 140 Main St., Menasha

140 Main Street, Menasha

January 2, 2007

MINUTES

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I. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

A.

Item Action:
None

Motions

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Meeting called to order by Chairman Eckstein at 6:30 p.m Present: Ald. Merkes, Taylor, Wisneski, Pack, Hendricks, Eckstein, Michalkiewicz, Chase.

Comments

Also Present: Mayor Laux, CA/HRD Brandt, PC Stanke, FC Vander Wyst, DPW Radtke, Comp/Treasurer Stoffel, PRD Tungate, PHD Nett, MU GM Young, Clerk Galeazzi and the Press.

II. DISCUSSION

A. [Update on Steam Utility Project and Water Treatment Plant Project \(Discussion Only\)](#)

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None

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Steam Plant: GM Young reported operations of the plant continue. During the holiday shut down of the mills, some maintenance and repairs were completed. The in-house development team has put together some RFPs that will be sent out to coal suppliers. The Utilities Commission has asked for reports of the on-going procedures. Staff is working on the noise problem that is a concern to the neighbors. They will need to repair or replace the baffles that control the noise. Water Treatment Plant: GM Young reported the final stages of the concrete pour are underway. Concrete panels are being set into place. Piping is being installed inside the plant. Staff is preparing the information needed to apply for the Safe Drinking Water Grant this year. In the past, Menasha has ranked high on the award status of the grant. Mr. Young reported there maybe a defective monorail. The monorail that was designed to the specifications does not adequately fulfill their needs, so they are checking into replacing it. If replacement is necessary, they would only be responsible for the additional cost to increase the size/capacity, not for full replacement. He also reported some of the butterfly valves will need to be repaired or replaced.

B. [LPHD Performance Consolidated Grant Program Contract for Jan. 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 between Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Family Services and Menasha Health Department and authorize signature](#)

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None

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PHD Nett explained this agreement covers bioterrorism, immunization, childhood lead prevention and maternal child health services provided by the Health Dept. The amount is less than in the past. The amount is included in the 2007 budget as revenue.

C. [Choice One Communications, Application for Service and Agreement for 2007 and authorize signatures](#)

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None

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Comp/Treasurer Stoffel explained Choice One offers a broader range of services at lower rates than the City currently has with other phone companies. This contract will eliminate the need for services from other companies. The dollar amounts from this contract were used in the 2007 budget for telephone expenses.

D. [Purchase of 535 First St. from Winnebago County for \\$16,610.26](#) **Item Action:**
None

E. [R-01-07 - A Resolution Pertaining to Televising Common Council Meetings](#) **Item Action:**
None

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move	To amend the wording of the referendum question to "Shall the City of Menasha allocate up to \$20,000 every year from cable franchise fees collected to televise Common Council meetings."	Alderman Wisneski	Alderman Chase	Failed
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Motion failed on roll call 4-4. Ald. Merkes, Wisneski, Eckstein, Chase - yes. Ald. Taylor, Pack, Hendricks, Michalkiewicz - no
Comments

Mayor Laux explained the Council was divided on the issue of televising Council meetings, he thought it should be put to the voters to decide. He also suggested approving the contract from UW-Fox Valley until May 1 and see what the out come of the election is. The Council can always approve to extend the contract. Discussion ensued on the language of the referendum question.

F. [Contract with UW-Fox Valley for taping of Council and Committee meetings, and authorized signatures](#) **Item Action:**
None

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move	To amend contract by deleting Administration Committee and Board of Public Works from paragraph #1 and deleting the last sentence of paragraph #2, "Further that the budget sessions and special meetings may be video recorded for broadcast at the direction of the common council with adequate notice to UW Fox Valley."	Alderman Pack	Alderman Michalkiewicz	Failed
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Motion failed on roll call 4-4. Ald. Pack, Eckstein, Michalkiewicz, Chase - yes. Ald. Merkes, Taylor, Wisneski, Hendricks - no.
Comments

Discussion ensued on which meetings should be televised and on the surveys done by some aldermen.

G. [Accounts payable and payroll for the period 12-20-06/12-28-06 for the amount of \\$585, 844.98](#) **Item Action:**
None

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Ck. #10720-refrigerator thermometer/Health Dept.

Comments

Ck. #10724-\$1,353.00 - evidence returned to deported prisoner.

Comments

Ck. #10749-\$11,301.90 - floating devises for dock project at Marina.

Comments

Ck. #10772-\$160.00 - membership dues for HR Director.

Comments

Ck. #10794-\$1,608.00 - temporary housing for family under the Block Grant Program.

Comments

Ck. #10799-\$35.00 - City letter report for financing of home under Block Grant Program.

Comments

Ck. #10825-\$5,895.00 - new lawn mower.

Comments

Ck. #10826-\$6,888.89 - repair of grader.

Comments

Ck. #10774-service used by CA for conference calls.

Comments

Ck. #10797-\$18.72 - Phone Service/IT Dept.

III. ADJOURNMENT

A.

Item Action:
None

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move Motion carried on voice vote.	To adjourn at 7:59 p.m.	Alderman Taylor	Alderman Pack	Passed