

CITY OF MENASHA
COMMON COUNCIL
Third Floor Council Chambers
140 Main Street, Menasha
Monday November 17, 2008
MINUTES

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: Ald. Wisneski, Pack, Hendricks, Zelinski, Michalkiewicz, Benner, Pamenter, Taylor

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Merkes, CA/HRD Brandt, PC Stanke, FC Vander Wyst, DPW Radtke,
C/T Stoffel, PRD Tungate, PHD Nett, AP Beckendorf, PWS Jacobson, Pk Supt Huss,
Asst PW Nieland, Clerk Galeazzi and the Press.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

6:00 PM – Proposed City of Menasha Budget for the year 2009

Stan Sevenich, 645 9th Street. Commend Dept Heads and Council on budget, need to make more budget cuts, need to improved Community Development to help market City.

Carol Ropella, 617 10th Street. Already have a Code Enforcement Officer why the need for another police officer.

Ed Borski, 432 8th Street. Need to keep taxes low for senior citizens on fixed income; did Police Dept. request another officer; 3rd Street upgrade should be kept within budget.

Mark Lorge, 819 Emily Street. Is a new police officer really necessary; 3rd Street color concrete not always good for road; private businesses receiving grants for façade.

Jeff Riedl, 408 Appleton Street. Reports show Menasha needs another police officer,

Herb Batley, 525 Broad Street. If a new police officer is added, need to cut from other places; stormwater utility mandated.

Mary Nebel, 713 1st Street. Need another officer, crime is up on the City; Steam Plant debt; commend Council and Mayor for hard work on budget.

Tim Jacobson, 732 Paris Street. Steam Plant debt, City staff make cuts while utilities continue to operate as usual.

Terry Eckstein, 736 Paris Street. Use of color concrete not necessary for 3rd Street corridor upgrade; Steam Plant interest payment will be due in 2009; Police Dept did not request police officer.

Ken Kubiak, 1214 Fieldview Drive. City employee benefits are better than private companies.

Jerry Rosin, 1212 DePere Street. City should operate as a business, may need to decrease services.

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

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

Mary Nebel, 713 1st Street. Proposal from Michael McClone for 230 Main Street should be referred to RDA.

F. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF/CONSULTANTS

1. Library Director Tasha Saecker – Library of the Year presentation

Director Saecker read the Resolution presented to Library staff at the Wisconsin Library Association's Conference and she also read her speech she gave when accepting the award.

Mayor Merkes presented Director Saecker with a plaque from the City for recognition of Library of the Year.

F. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF/CONSULTANTS Cont'd

2. Clerk Galeazzi – the following minutes and communications have been received and placed on file:

Minutes to receive:

- a. [Administration Committee, 11/3/08](#)
- b. [Board of Public Works, 11/3/08](#)
- c. [Board of Health, 9/10/08](#)
- d. [Budget Review Session, 11/6/08, 11/10/08, 11/13/08](#)
- e. [Landmarks Commission, 10/8/08](#)
- f. [Parks and Recreation Board, 11/10/08](#)
- g. [Personnel Committee, 11/3/08](#)
- h. [Plan Commission, 11/4/08](#)
- i. [Safety Committee, 9/3/08; City Hall](#)
- j. [Safety Committee, 9/25/08; Public Works and Parks](#)
- k. [Sustainability Board, 10/14/08](#)

Communications:

- l. [Menasha Historical Society Newsletter, 11/08](#)
- m. [Dallas Arndt \(800 8th St.\), 11/10/08; Thank you to public works and parks departments](#)
- n. [Wi DNR, 11/08; Pollutant discharge permit issued to NM Sewerage Comm., 101 Garfield Ave., Menasha](#)
- o. [Menasha Utilities, 9/08; Steam Details for the nine months ending Sept. 30, 2008](#)
- p. [Dykema Gossett, pllc. To William Mulligan, 11/6/08; Fox River Litigation; Steering Committee of Municipal Permittees; Agreement for Cost Sharing and Joint Defense \(re: Lower Fox River/Green Bay/NRDA/CERCLA\)](#)
- q. [Tom Franz \(UW-Fox\), 11/11/08; Taping of Nov. 6 Budget Hearing](#)
- r. [Greensky Energetics, Inc., Summary of 10/13/08 solar heating of Menasha pool presentation](#)
- s. [UW Fox Valley Foundation, 11/3/08; Thank you to Todd Drew- e.a.t.s. participation](#)
- t. [Atty. Jim Gunz to CA/HRD Brandt, 10/10/08; Redliner demerit point assessment](#)
- u. [State of Wisconsin, 11/4/08; Notice of Final Hearing for Athletica Fitness, LLC](#)
- v. [Heckrodt Wetland Reserve Board, 11/13/08; Support for Police Funding](#)
- w. [C/T Stoffel, 11/13/2008; 2009 Budget Adjustments](#)
- x. [CDD Keil, 11/14/2008; Budget Adjustment for Dial-A-Ride](#)

Ald. Taylor – Minutes to receive d (Budget Review Session 11/13/08), item VIII should be \$6,080.

Clerk will make correction.

Ald. Hendricks – Communication x (CDD Keil memo), what is benefit of Dial-A-Ride.

AP Beckendorf, Ald. Wisneski and Pack gave a brief explanation.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

(Prior to voting on the Consent Agenda, any alderman may request the removal of any item from the Consent Agenda to be placed under Item H below. The procedure to follow for the Consent Agenda is: (a) removal of items from Consent Agenda, if necessary; then (b) motion to approve the items from Consent Agenda.)

Minutes to approve:

1. [Common Council, 11/3/08](#)

Administration Committee, 11/3/08 – Recommends Approval of:

No Recommendations

Board of Public Works, 11/3/08 – Recommends Approval of:

2. [Payment – National Power Rodding Corporation; City of Menasha Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation Improvements Project – Phase 3; Contract No. E145-07-01B Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation; \\$70,206.70 \(Payment No. 2\)](#)
3. [Request for an additional street light at south end of Kenwood Drive](#)

Personnel Committee, 11/3/08 – Recommends Approval of:

4. [K-9 officer at step 6-pay](#)

Plan Commission, 11/4/08 – Recommends Approval of:

5. [Certified Survey Map, St. John's Cemetary](#)
6. [Certified Survey Map, 1381 Midway Road](#)

Moved by Ald. Pack, seconded by Ald. Wisneski to approve Items 1-6
Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

I. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

1. [R-20-08 – Resolution levying taxes for the purpose of paying the operating expenses for the year 2009 for the City of Menasha](#)

Moved by Ald. Michalkiewicz, seconded by Ald. Hendricks to adopt R-20-08

Discussion

Moved by Ald. Pack, seconded by Ald. Michalkiewicz to reduce Police Dept. Expenditures by \$70,000.

Discussion

Motion failed on roll call 2-6.

Ald. Pack, Michalkiewicz – yes.

Ald. Pamerter, Taylor, Wisneski, Hendricks, Zelinski, Benner – no

Moved by Ald. Pack, seconded by Ald. Pamerter to reduce Public Works Street Reconstruction/Rehabilitation by \$101,000

Discussion

Motion failed on roll call 3-5

Ald. Pamerter, Pack, Zelinski – yes.

Ald. Taylor, Wisneski, Hendricks, Michalkiewicz, Benner – no

Moved by Ald. Michalkiewicz, seconded by Ald. Pack to reduce Urban Redevelopment Expenditures by \$5,000.

Discussion

Motion failed on roll call 2-6

Ald. Pack, Michalkiewicz – yes.

Ald. Pamerter, Taylor, Wisneski, Hendricks, Zelinski, Benner – no

Moved by Ald. Michalkiewicz, seconded by Ald. Pack to reduce Parks Department Expenditures-Capital Outlay and Capital Projects by \$29,000

Discussion

Motion failed on roll call 4-4

Ald. Pack, Hendricks, Zelinski, Michalkiewicz – yes.

Ald. Pamerter, Taylor, Wisneski, Benner – no

Moved by Ald. Michalkiewicz, seconded by Ald. Pack to reduce City Garage New Facility Component by \$30,000.

Discussion

Motion failed on roll call 2-6

Ald. Pack, Michalkiewicz – yes.

Ald. Pamerter, Taylor, Wisneski, Hendricks, Zelinski, Benner – no

Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Pack to reduce Municipal Buildings-Repair/Maintenance by \$2,000

Discussion

Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

Moved by Ald. Wisneski to reduce City Attorney Expenditures-Utilities/Telephone Services by \$500

No Second, Motion Dies

Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Michalkiewicz to reduce Auxiliary Police Expenditures-Travel Expense/Mileage by \$150

Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Michalkiewicz to reduce Auxiliary Police Expenditures-Travel Expense/Registrations by \$200

Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Michalkiewicz to reduce Buildings & Plumbing Inspectors Expenditures-Supplies/Office by \$400

Discussion

Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

I. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS Cont'd.

1. [R-20-08 – Resolution levying taxes for the purpose of paying the operating expenses for the year 2009 for the City of Menasha](#) cont'd

Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Michalkiewicz to reduce Buildings & Plumbing Inspectors Expenditures-Supplies/Postage by \$200

Discussion

Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Pack to reduce Parks Dept. Expenditures-Supplies/Housekeeping by \$400

Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Taylor to reduce Parks Dept. Expenditures-Employer Contribution-Health by \$16,022

Discussion

Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Hendricks to reduce Community Development Expenditures-Other Services/Printing by \$500

Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Taylor to increase Resthaven Cemetery Expenditures-Wages/Straight Time by \$1,659, reduce Employer Contribution/Health by \$930, reduce Employer Contribution/Dental by \$57, reduce Employer Contribution/Retirement by \$302, reduce Employer Contribution/FICA by \$256, reduce Employer Contribution/Workers Comp by \$114

Discussion

Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Hendricks to increase Valley Transit Subsidy-Payments to Other Municipal Entity by \$800

Motion carried on roll call 6-2

Ald. Pamenter, Taylor, Wisneski, Pack, Hendricks, Benner – yes

Ald. Zelinski, Michalkiewicz – no.

Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Hendricks to increase Marina Fund Revenues-Gasoline Sales by \$138,000

Discussion

Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

Moved by Ald. Zelinski, seconded by Ald. Michalkiewicz to reduce Parks Dept. Expenditures-Supplies/Tools & Equipment by \$4,350.

Discussion

Motion failed on roll call 3-5.

Ald. Pack, Zelinski, Michalkiewicz – yes

Ald. Pamenter, Taylor, Wisneski, Hendricks, Benner – no

Moved by Ald. Zelinski, seconded by Ald. Michalkiewicz to reduce Community Development Expenditures-Professional Services/Management by \$21,600.

Discussion

Motion failed on roll call 1-7.

Ald. Zelinski – yes

Ald. Pamenter, Taylor, Wisneski, Pack, Hendricks, Michalkiewicz, Benner – no

Moved by Ald. Zelinski, to reduce Community Development Expenditures-Professional Services/Appraisal by \$20,000.

No Second, Motion Dies

I. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS Cont'd.

1. [R-20-08 – Resolution levying taxes for the purpose of paying the operating expenses for the year 2009 for the City of Menasha](#) cont'd

Moved by Ald. Michalkiewicz, seconded by Ald. Pack to reduce City Garage Expenditures-Motorized Equipment/Fuel by \$10,000
Motion carried on roll call 8-0

Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Michalkiewicz to reduce all other budgets-Other Services/Vehicle & Equipment Rental accordingly.
Motion carried on voice vote

Moved by Ald. Zelinski, to reduce Recreation Dept. Expenditures-Wages/Straight Time by \$16,995.
No Second, Motion Dies

FC Vander Wyst spoke to the Council on adjustments made to Fire Dept. budget at the Nov. 13 Budget Review Session that he was not present at.

Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Pamerter to increase Fire Dept. Expenditures-Capital Outlay/Motorized Equipment by \$6,080
Motion carried on roll call 6-2
Ald. Pamerter, Wisneski, Pack, Hendricks, Michalkiewicz, Benner – yes
Ald. Zelinski, Taylor – no.

Motion to adopt R-20-08 as amended carried on roll call 7-1
Ald. Pamerter, Taylor, Wisneski, Hendricks, Zelinski, Michalkiewicz, Benner – yes
Ald. Pack – no.

J. ACTION ITEMS

1. [Accounts payable and payroll for the term of 11/6/08 – 11/13/08 in the amount of \\$459,008.42](#)

Moved by Ald. Michalkiewicz, seconded by Ald. Pack to approve accounts payable and payroll.
Discussion
Ald. Taylor requested to separate CK. #19120-McMahon Associates
Motion to approve remaining checks carried on roll call 8-0.
Moved by Ald. Wisneski, seconded by Ald. Hendricks to approve Ck. #19120
Motion carried on roll call 7-0. Ald Taylor-Abstained.

K. APPOINTMENTS

None

L. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY

None

M. HELD OVER BUSINESS

None

N. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA

(five (5) minute time limit for each person)
None

O. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ald. Hendricks, seconded by Ald. Wisneski to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.
Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by
Deborah A. Galeazzi, City Clerk