CITY OF MENASHA
COMMON COUNCIL
Third Floor Council Chambers
140 Main Street, Menasha
Monday, March 17, 2014
AGENDA

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 Zelinski, Englebert, Benner, Nichols, Taylor, Sevenich, Keehan
   EXCUSED: Alderman Langdon
   ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Merkes, CA/HRD Captain, PC Styka, FC Auxier, CDD Keil, ASD Steeno, PRD Tungate, LD Lenz, Engineering Suprv. Montour, Clerk Galeazzi
   DEPT. HEAD EXCUSED: DPW Radtke, PHD Nett

D. PUBLIC HEARING
   1. Proposed Preliminary Resolution Authorizing Public Improvement and Levying Special Assessments Against Benefited Property. (Gambsky Grove Subdivision, except Lot 1; First Addition to Southfield Subdivision; 1161, 1166, 1167, 11172 Harold Drive)

      Engineering Suprv. Montour explained the work to be done and answered questions from residents.

      The following people appeared and asked questions about the project:
      Dave Thiede, 1143 Harold Drive, Menasha
      Shane Keliher, 2145 Ridgecrest Drive, Menasha
      Mark Beggs, 2142 Ridgecrest Drive, Menasha
      Dave Hamilton, 1152 Grassymeadow, Menasha
      Adam Landon, 1161 Harold Drive, Menasha
      Matthew Pitts, 1137 Harold Drive, Menasha
      Bob Aykens, 1112 Harold Drive, Menasha
      Don Brown, 1153 Goss Avenue, Menasha

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE CITY
   (five (5) minute time limit for each person)

   Brandon Ribble, 1308 Oneida Street, Menasha. Agreement with Ribble Trust allowing access to his land.

F. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF/CONSULTANTS
   1. PRD Tungate – Urban Forestry Project Partnership Award

      The City and CN were presented an award from Wisconsin Urban Forestry Division for their partnership in the 30 For 30 Project. CN provided the funding and City staff and multiple volunteer groups planted the trees.

      Vince Maas accepted for the City and Kevin Soucie accepted for CN. Some members of the Menasha High School football team were present and recognized for their participation. Some members of the Council were also recognized for their participation.
2. Clerk Galeazzi - the following minutes and communications have been received and placed on file:

Minutes to receive:
  a. Administration Committee, 3/3/14
  b. Board of Public Works, 3/3/14
  c. NMFR Joint Finance & Personnel, 2/25/14
  d. Parking Committee 2/26/14
  e. Plan Commission, 3/10/14
  f. Redevelopment Authority, 3/4/14

Communications:
  g. Customers First! The Wire, March 2014
  h. Waverly Sanitary District minutes, 3/11/14
  i. WisDOT Northeast Region Fox River System 2014 Bridge Operation Schedule

Moved by Ald. Benner, seconded by Ald. Keehan to receive Minutes and Communications A-I. Motion carried on voice vote.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

(Prior to voting on the Consent Agenda, items on the Consent Agenda may be removed at the request of any Alderman and placed 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:

2. Special Joint Common Council, Plan Commission and Utility Commission, 2/27/14

Board of Public Works, 3/3/14 – Recommends the Approval of:

3. Recommendation to Award; London Street Watermain Replacement Project M0002-940117; Donald Hietpas & Sons, Inc.; $ 274,220.00 (Menasha Utilities)

Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue Joint Finance & Personnel, 2/25/14 – Recommends the Approval of:

4. The repair costs for Quint 32 for a total cost of $13,879.50 from Fabel Collision Center. Funding shall be for the 2014 Maintenance of Motor Vehicle budget and recognize this may exceed the 2014 budget item.

5. The carry forward request of $2,995.92 from 2013 Capital Hardware Operating funds to 2014’s budget to fund the replacement of cellular modems for the MDC’s as they are needed.

Plan Commission, 3/10/14 – Recommends the Approval of:

6. Acquire the 867 Valley Road Property.

Ald. Sevenich requested to remove item 6 (Acquire the 867 Valley Road property) from Consent Agenda.

Moved by Ald. Benner, seconded by Ald. Englebert to approve Consent Agenda items 1-5. Motion carried on roll call 7-0.

H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Ald. Benner, seconded by Ald. Englebert to approve Consent Agenda item 6, Plan Commission Recommendation to Acquire the 867 Valley Road property.

CDD Keil gave a brief history on the property and Warehousing of Wisconsin expansion plans. The Plan Commission has recommended the City purchase the property and help with any environmental contamination cleanup using grant fund programs available to local units of government. Warehousing of Wisconsin would then purchase the property for their expansion.

General discussion ensued on acquisition of the property.

Moved by Ald. Englebert, seconded by Ald. Sevenich to Pursue Acquisition of 867 Valley Road and follow basic steps outlined in memo from CDD Keil to Plan Commission dated 2/27/14.

Motion carried on roll call 7-0.
I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Accounts payable and payroll for the term of 3/6/14 to 3/13/14 in the amount of $556,294.97. Moved by Ald. Nichols, seconded by Ald. Keehan to approve accounts payable and payroll. Motion carried on roll call 7-0.


Police Department is recommending denial of Operators License Application of Martina Hernandez-Geronimo. Ms. Hernandez-Geronimo addressed the Council. She explained the citations received and asked Council to approve her license. Ms. Hernandez-Geronimo asked for an opportunity to have representation to help understand some questions and procedure.

Moved by Ald. Benner, seconded by Ald. Nichols to hold this item. Item held.


J. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS


2. O-5-14 An Ordinance Relating to the Annexation of Certain Property to the City of Menasha, Wisconsin (Gemeli Real Estate Wisconsin, LLC Annexation) (Introduced by Mayor Merkes) Moved by Ald. Englebert, seconded by Ald. Nichols to adopt O-5-14. Motion carried on roll call 7-0.

3. R-7-14 Final Resolution Authorizing Public Improvements and Levying Special Assessments Against Benefited Property. ( Introduced by Ald. Taylor) Moved by Ald. Taylor, seconded by Ald. Sevenich to adopt R-7-14. Motion carried on roll call 7-0.

4. R-8-14 Resolution Vacating a Portion of Georgetown Place (Introduced by Ald. Englebert) CDD Keil explained no action is required at this time. A public hearing will be held in the future on the vacation of a portion of Georgetown Place.

5. R-9-14 Resolution Relating to Temporary Imposition for Suspension of Parking Regulations by the Parking Committee (Introduced by Ald. Langdon) Moved by Ald. Nichols, seconded by Ald. Englebert to adopt R-9-14 CDD Keil explained the request from Menasha School District during the construction at the high school. General discussion ensued on the authority of the Police Chief regarding temporary parking regulations. Ald. Nichols withdrew her motion.

K. APPOINTMENTS

L. HELD OVER BUSINESS
M. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY

N. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA
   (five (5) minute time limit for each person)
   No one spoke.

O. ADJOURNMENT
   Moved by Ald. Nichols, seconded by Ald. Keehan to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.
   Motion carried on voice vote.

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