

DECEMBER 9, 2003

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Mayor Fanta with Alderpersons Roger Hatlem, David Tryggstad, Gail Frie, John Bjerke, Terry Noble, Weston Mack, Robert Suhr, Steve Zastrow, and Vernie Smith present. Also present were Deputy City Clerk Jodie Olson, City Attorney David Jenkins, City Consultant Jeff Gohlke, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Director of Public Works Tom Henry, Don Long, Clark Nordberg, Tom Johnson, Jack Vig, and the Broadcaster.

2. Approval of the minutes of the November 25th regular Council meeting:

Motion made by Alderman Mack to approve the minutes of the November 25th Council meeting with the said corrections, seconded by Alderman Hatlem. All ayes, motion carries.

3. Discussion and possible action on resolution authorizing Ehlers & Associates to prepare official statements and to solicit bids for the refunding of the on refinancing the 1996 Water System Revenue Bonds and 1996 Sewer Revenue Bond:

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to authorize Ehlers & Associates to address the finance committee with other options, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Roll call vote with 8 ayes and 1 nay vote cast by Alderpersons Smith. Motion carries.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding establishing fees for issuance of revenue bonds:

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to table the issue until January 13, 2004 for further study, seconded by Mack. All ayes. Motion carries.

5. Discussion and possible action on initial resolution regarding revenue bond financing for Bethel Home and Services, Inc. (Nursing Home Bonds):

Motion made by Alderperson Zastrow to adopt the initial resolution regarding revenue bond financing for Bethel Home and Services, Inc. (Nursing Home Bonds), seconded by Alderperson Bjerke. Roll call vote with 8 ayes and 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith. Motion carries.

6. Discussion and possible action on initial resolution regarding revenue bond financing for Bethel Home and Services, Inc. (Housing Facility Bonds):

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to adopt the initial resolution regarding revenue bond financing for Bethel Home and Services, Inc. (Housing Facility Bonds), seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. Roll call vote with 8 ayes and 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith. Motion carries.

7. Discussion and possible action on the purchase of old railroad property by Tom Johnson:

Tom Johnson requested to purchase Lot #3 and Lot #4 from the City of Viroqua. Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to refer the purchase of old railroad property by Tom Johnson to the Plan Board, seconded by Alderperson Zastrow. All ayes. Motion carries.

8. Discussion and possible action on recommendation for a public hearing on the taxi cab budget:

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to have a public hearing on January 13, 2004 for taxi cab budget, seconded by Alderperson Smith. All ayes. Motion carries.

9. Discussion and possible action on letter for the Viroqua Area Foundation:

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve the Viroqua Area Foundation letter with the said changes, seconded by Alderperson Smith. Roll call vote with 8 ayes and 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Suhr. Motion carries.

10. Discussion and possible action on policies:

Motion made by Alderperson Mack to adopt the Drug and Alcohol Policy, seconded by Alderperson Frie. Roll call vote, 8 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith. Motion carries.

11. Review of revenue and expense reports and payment of bills:

Motion made by Alderman Hatlem to pay the bills, seconded by Alderman Zastrow. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

12. Period for public comment:

No public comment.

13. Closed session as per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over

which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility: wages and personnel issues:

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to go into closed session under section 19.85 (1) (c), Wisconsin Statutes considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility: wages and personnel issues, seconded by Alderperson Noble. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carries. Council moved into closed session at 8:30 p.m. Tom Henry left council chambers, David Jenkins and Jeff Gohlke remain. Council discusses wages and personnel issues.

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to return to open session, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to pay \$100.00 per month compensation for duties for the Assistant Police Chief, for a pay increase from \$7.50 to \$8.25 for the Police Transcriber, \$1.50 per hour compensation for the period of July 2 to December 31, 2003 to be increased to \$2.00 per hour starting January 1, 2004 for interim Parks and Recreation Director, and for a pay increase of 50¢ per hour starting at the signing of the union contract and a 3% increase starting January 1, 2004 for the Deputy Clerk; seconded by Alderperson Noble. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to increase non-union wages 3%, including Building Inspector, Assessor, Police Chief, Assistant Police Chief, Director of Public Works, Street Superintendent, Utilities Superintendent, Fire Chief, City Clerk/Treasurer, seconded by Alderperson Noble. Roll call vote, 7 ayes and 2 nay votes cast by Alderperson Smith and Tryggestad. Motion carries.

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to increase the non-union Utility Clerk wages 3%, seconded by Alderperson Mack. Alderperson Bjerke abstained from voting. Roll call vote, 8 ayes with 1 abstained vote from Alderperson Bjerke. Motion carries.

15. Adjournment:

Motion made by Alderman Suhr to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 30th, 2003, seconded by Alderman Tryggestad. All ayes. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Jodi L. Garibaldi
City Clerk