

DECEMBER 30, 2003

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Fanta with Alderpersons Roger Hatlem, David Tryggestad, Gail Frie, John Bjerke, Robert Suhr, Steve Zastrow, and Vernie Smith present. Absent were Terry Noble and Weston Mack. Also present were City Clerk Jodi Garibaldi, City Attorney David Jenkins, City Consultant Jeff Gohlke, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Director of Public Works Tom Henry, Bill Moffit, Mr. & Mrs. William Mapp, Mr. & Mrs. Swanson, Clark Nordberg, Broadcaster, and WVRQ.

2. Approval of the minutes of the December 9th regular Council meeting:

Motion made by Alderman Smith to approve the minutes of the December 9th Council meeting with stated corrections, seconded by Alderman Frie. All ayes, motion carries.

3. Public hearing on conditional uses and/or rezoning for Bethel Home projects:

Public hearing opened at 7:37 p.m. Clark Nordberg explained the projects pertaining to the zoning and conditional uses. Some neighboring property owners raised concerns regarding the rainwater runoff, standing water, and flooding. Public hearing closed at 7:58 p.m.

4. Discussion and possible action on Thomas Johnson acquiring city property:

Plan Board recommended approving the sale of city land to Thomas Johnson. Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the sale of Lot #4 to Thomas Johnson and Lot #3 under the stipulation to give Midway Motel the choice of purchase and conditions that title is clear (purchase price is \$5,000.00 per acre), seconded by Alderperson Zastrow. Roll call vote, 6 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith. Motion carries.

5. Discussion and possible action on Alcoholic Beverage Operator's License applications:

Motion made by Alderperson Bjerke to approve the Alcoholic Beverage Operator's License for Christine Oliver, Cynthia Weber, Donna Anderson, and Tina Groom, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All ayes. Motion carries.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding cigarette/cigar and soda water license for Firehouse Restaurant and Lounge:

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve cigarette/cigar and soda water license for Firehouse Restaurant and Lounge, seconded by Alderperson Frie. All ayes. Motion carries.

7. Discussion and possible action concerning the purchase of an electrostatic print lifter:

Public Safety recommends the approval of the purchase of an electrostatic print lifter. Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve the purchase of an electrostatic print lifter, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

8. Discussion and possible action on crossing guard wages:

The Finance/Personnel Committee recommends a 3% wage increase for City crossing guards. Motion made by Alderperson Frie for a 3% wage increase for crossing guards, seconded by Alderperson Zastrow. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

9. Update on scanning system and software:

City Clerk Garibaldi updated the council on the progress of purchasing a scanner and scanner software.

10. Discussion and possible action on policies:

No policy issues were addressed.

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

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

12. Period for public comment:

No public comment.

13. Adjournment:

Motion made by Alderman Hatlem to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 13th, 2004, seconded by Alderman Bjerke. All ayes. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Jodi L. Garibaldi
City Clerk