

FEBRUARY 10, 2004

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Mayor Fanta with Alderpersons Roger Hatlem, David Tryggestad, Gail Frie, John Bjerke, Robert Suhr, Steve Zastrow, Vernie Smith, Terry Noble, and Weston Mack present. Also present were City Clerk Jodi Garibaldi, City Attorney David Jenkins, City Consultant Jeff Gohlke, Director of Public Works Tom Henry, Clark Nordberg from Bethel Home, Steve Apfelbacher and Sean Lentz from Ehler's and Associates, Troecles Oxenvad, Ingrid Mahan, Bill Moffit, and Angie Lawrence.

2. Approval of the minutes of the January 27th Regular Meeting of the Common Council:

Motion made by Alderman Hatlem to approve the minutes of the January 27th Regular Meeting of the Common Council with stated corrections, seconded by Alderman Smith. All ayes, motion carries.

3. Public hearing on initial resolution regarding revenue bond financing for Bethel Home and Services, Inc. (Nursing Home Bonds):

Public hearing opened at 7:36 pm. No public comments. Public hearing closed at 7:38 pm.

4. Public hearing on initial resolution regarding revenue bond financing for Bethel Home and Services, Inc. (Housing Facility Bonds):

Public hearing opened at 7:38 pm. Clark Nordberg from Bethel Home explained that they have a storm water runoff plan for the new project. Public hearing closed at 7:44 pm.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding the Plan Board recommendation on Preliminary Resolution to vacate part of East Oak and Center streets by Vernon Memorial Hospital:

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to allow the Vernon Memorial Hospital to build the project and vacate streets according to Resolution No. 838, seconded by Alderperson Mack. Roll call. 8 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith. Motion carries.

6. Discussion and possible action on permission for Troecles Oxenvad to acquire a building permit to build on a land-locked parcel:

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to refer the matter to the Building Inspector and the Plan Board, seconded by Alderperson Smith. All ayes. Motion carries.

7. Discussion and possible action concerning the timing and scope of the Hwy 56 project:

Duplicate agenda item. Same as Item #8.

8. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 837, pertaining to the Hwy 56 project:

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to pass Resolution 837, pertaining to the Hwy 56 project, seconded by Alderperson Frie. Roll call. 7 ayes, 2 nay votes cast by Alderpersons Smith and Zastrow. Motion carries.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution for authorizing representatives for safe drinking water loan application:

Motion made by Alderperson Zastrow to adopt Resolution 839, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. Roll call. 8 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith. Motion carries.

10. Discussion and possible action on creating an ordinance for a developer's agreement:

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to table the issue while the city consultant creates an ordinance. All ayes. Motion carries.

11. Discussion and possible action concerning computer upgrades at police department:

The Finance/Personnel Committee recommends a computer upgrade for five computers at the Police Department, due to a system upgrade and antiquated computer equipment. Motion made by Alderperson Mack to approve the request of the Police Department to upgrade 5 computers, seconded by Alderperson Frie. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

12. Discussion and possible action regarding office equipment for City Hall and the Utility Department:

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve the office equipment for City Hall and the Utility Department, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carries.

13. Discussion and possible action on updating the zoning map:

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve updating the zoning map by charging the expense to the Contingency Fund, seconded by Alderperson Zastrow. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carries.

14. Discussion and possible action concerning the Hwy BB special assessment resolution:

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve the resolution "as is" upon a possible amendment, seconded by Alderperson Smith. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carries.

Motion made by Alderperson Mack to amend the motion to include sidewalk assessments but to exclude street lighting, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. Roll call, 8 ayes, 1 nay cast by Alderperson Smith. Motion carries.

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

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

16. Period for public comment:

Angie Lawrence speaks against a bypass in Viroqua.

Alderperson Suhr mentions having a meeting regarding the room tax.

17. Adjournment:

Motion made by Alderman Frie to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 24th, 2004, seconded by Alderman Zastrow. All ayes. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Jodi L. Garibaldi
City Clerk