

City of Milton
Common Council Meeting ~ Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Call to order and confirmation of appropriate meeting notice

Mayor Brett Frazier called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Administrator Schuetz confirmed that agendas were posted at Dave's Ace Hardware, Piggly Wiggly and the Shaw Municipal Center.

Present: Mayor Brett Frazier Ald. Maxine Striegl, Ald. Dave Adams, Ald. Theresa Rusch, Ald. Anissa Welch, Ald. Nancy Lader and Ald. Don Vruwink.

Also Present: City Administrator Jerry Schuetz, City Attorney Mark Schroeder, City Treasurer Connie DeKemper, Police Chief Dan Layber and Director of Public Works Howard Robinson.

Excused absence: City Clerk Michelle Ebbert.

Welcome citizens and address their questions and concerns not on the agenda

Mayor Frazier welcomed those in attendance and asked if there were any concerns not on the agenda.

Consent agenda

- a. *Board of Review Minutes – June 27, 2012*
- b. *Common Council Minutes – May 7, 2013*
- c. *Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes – April 15, 2013*
- d. *Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes – May 6, 2013*
- e. *Personnel & Finance Committee Minutes – April 16, 2013*
 1. *2012 Final Audit Report*
 2. *Auditor Services RFP*
 3. *Job Descriptions-Utility billing, Administrative assistant and Assistant to Administrator*
 4. *2014 Budget timeline*
 5. *Treasurer's Report*
- f. *Police Commission Minutes – November 28, 2012*
- g. *Public Safety Committee Minutes – April 16, 2013*

Ald. Adams moved to approve the consent agenda. Ald. Welch seconded the motion and carried.

New Business

Discussion and possible action on continuing the City's current post employment health benefits at 50% of employee premium for surviving dependents for retirees with 30 plus years of service

Administrator Schuetz discussed the City's current policy for post employment health premium contribution for retirees hired before 2008 that pays 85% of their health care premium until they reach medicare age. The current employee handbook and labor agreements are silent on what happens to an eligible retiree who dies while receiving that benefit. Federal law allows the surviving dependents to maintain coverage through the City's plan via COBRA, but all at the dependent's expense.

Mayor Frazier asked staff to evaluate a policy that would pay 50% of the surviving dependent's premium for up to 3 years (their Cobra eligibility). The cost exposure is relatively minimal, if the parameters of said policy to qualify include that the retiree must have had 30 years of service or more

with the City, and that this benefit is only payable to those employees who were eligible for the City's GAP insurance as of 12/31/2013.

Ald. Adams moved to add language to the employee handbook that includes the following:

Policy: Payment of Health Care premiums for surviving dependents of retirees who die with more than 30 years of service and are GAP insurance eligible as of 12/31/2013. The City of Milton shall pay 50% of the health insurance premium the surviving dependent(s) of a retiree who retired with 30 years of service or more and is eligible to receive the GAP insurance for up to 36 months. Said payments will cease prior to the 36 months of Cobra eligibility if the dependent(s) become eligible for coverage through another plan, and/or becomes Medicare eligible. Ald. Welch seconded the motion and carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding Veterans Park Monument Improvements

Director Robinson reviewed the action of the Parks & Recreation Commission in regard to the possibility of enlarging the Veteran's Park Monument at Hilltop Park. Wendell Sisson had conducted research concerning veteran's that were killed in military combat and were from the City of Milton or who had connections to the City of Milton. The Parks & Rec would like to enlarge the existing monument to be constructed to honor these veterans. This monument is planned to be financed by donations and possibly park funds. Donations are required to be approved by the City Council.

Eric Beckman, Beckman Memorials was present to describe the monument and potential costs.

Lynda Clark encouraged people to attend the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to share ideas.

Ald. Welch moved to approve the proposed design for Veteran's Park Monument and permission for donation fundraising functions. Ald. Vruwink seconded the motion and carried.

General Items

Ald. Adams has received odor complaints in regard to the ethanol plant. This will be placed on a future agenda.

Next meeting – Tuesday June 4, 2013

Mayor/Aldersperson Reports

Ald. Vruwink reminded of the dugout and Jack Gallun memorial presentation at Lamar Park on June 1, 2013.

Ald. Adams requested review of the emergency operations plan at a future meeting.

Staff Reports

- City Administrator: No report.
- Public Works: Bruch pick up the month of May.
- Police Department: National Night Out is August 6th.
- Library: No report available.

- Jt. Fire Department: No report available.
- City Clerk: No report was available.
- City Treasurer: No report.

Consideration of a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session Re: Land purchase, potential sale of 340 E. Madison Avenue, Public Works Department and Police Department Union Contract Negotiations, Non-Represented Employee Compensation and Employee Health Care Plan Design Options.

Ald. Striegl moved to convene into closed session. Ald. Vruwink seconded the motion and carried by a unanimous voice vote of the Common Council.

Reconvene into open session for discussion and possible action authorizing the City Administrator to proceed with the process to accept a petition to annex property, work with Ehlers to initiate the process to amend TIF District #6 to include annexed property, and proceed with the purchase of property adjacent to City owned property in the Crossroads Business Park.

Ald. Welch moved to reconvene into open session. Ald. Vruwink seconded the motion and carried by a unanimous voice vote of the Common Council

Discussion and possible action selecting health care provider and plan design for employee offered health care plans.

No action was taken.

Discussion and possible action(s) on items discussed in closed session.

Ald. Adams moved to reject the offer of purchase for 340 E. Madison Avenue. Ald. Lader seconded the motion and carried.

Ald. Striegl moved to list the property located at 340 E. Madison Avenue on a flat fee MLS site. Ald. Lader seconded the motion and carried.

Ald. Welch moved to approve the contract with Ehlers & Associates in the amount of \$14,000 to amend TID 6. Ald. Vruwink seconded the motion and carried.

Motion to Adjourn

Ald. Rusch moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm. Ald. Welch seconded the motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Schuetz
City Administrator