

**April 18, 2017 CITY OF WASHBURN RE-ORGANIZATIONAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**

5:30PM Washburn City Hall

Present: City Council Members: Jeremy Oswald, Mary Nowakowski, Jennifer Maziasz, Richard Avol, John Gary

Municipal Personnel: Mayor Scott A. Griffiths, City Administrator Scott J. Kluver, Assistant City Administrator Dan Stoltman

Excused Absence: Mary McGrath, Robert Arquette

**Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at 5:30PM by Mayor Griffiths. Roll call attendance depicted five (5) of seven (7) members of the Common Council in attendance. Quorum of the Council recognized.

**Mayoral Announcements, Proclamations, Appointments** - Notification of opportunity to attend new Officials Workshop sponsored by League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

**Election of Council President** – No discussion took place. A motion was made by Oswald to nominate Mary Nowakowski as City Council President, second by Maziasz. Motion carried unanimously.

**Election of Plan Commission Member (2/3 Vote Required)** – No discussion took place. A motion was made by Nowakowski to nominate Oswald for Plan Commission, second by Maziasz. Motion carried unanimously.

**Confirmation of Council Member Appointments to Boards, Commissions, Committees and Confirmation of Citizen Appointments to Boards, Commissions, Committees** – No discussion took place. A motion was made by Maziasz to Re-appoint Mary Nowakowski, Jennifer Maziasz, and Mary McGrath to the Personnel and Finance Committee, John Baregi to Plan Commission, Carl Broberg & Bradley Lemire to Harbor Commission, and to appoint Kristy Jensch & Linda Barnes to the Zoning Board of Appeals, second by Nowakowski. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Oswald to nominate Nowakowski as Council Rep to the Harbor Commission, second by Maziasz. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Avol to nominate John Gary as Council Rep to the Library Board, second by Nowakowski. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Nowakowski to nominate Arquette as Council Rep to the WDA, no second. A motion was made by Oswald to nominate Avol as Council Rep to the WDA, second by Maziasz. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by the Mayor to nominate Arquette as Council Rep to the Historic Preservation Commission, second by Nowakowski. Motion carried unanimously. Avol asked if Council can have a Rep on the Housing Authority. Kluver stated yes. Avol would like to know more about the duties of that Board before considering being on it. The Mayor stated that there are still openings for citizen appointments on the Bart Board, Plan Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Housing Authority, and WDA.

**Appointment of City Officers** – No discussion took place. A motion was made by Avol to re-appoint the current city officers in the positions of City Treasurer, City Attorney, Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Director of Public Works, and Weed Commissioner, second by Maziasz. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion and Action on Consideration of Charter Ordinance to Eliminate the Need to Appoint City Officers** – Avol asked what mechanisms are in place for removal of city officers if the city eliminates the ordinance to re-appoint city officers. Kluver stated that per the personnel manual, all positions are at will, and removal of Department Heads are at the discretion of the mayor. It was decided that Council would be provided the details outlined in the personnel manual at the next Council meeting. No motion was made.

**Designation of Public Depository(s)** – No discussion took place. A motion was made by Nowakowski to designate Bremer Bank, Chippewa Valley Bank, and Northern State Bank as the public depositories.

**Designation of Official Newspaper** – No discussion took place. A motion was made by Maziasz to designate the Ashland Daily Press the official newspaper, second by Nowakowski. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion and Action on Request to Close 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West Between Bayfield Street and Omaha Street on April 28<sup>th</sup> until April 30<sup>th</sup> for Public Auction – Langhammer Estate, Petitioner** – No discussion took place. A motion was made by Avol to approve the request to close 1st Avenue West between Bayfield Street and Omaha Street on April 28th until April 30th for public auction – Langhammer Estate, Petitioner, second by Nowakowski. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn** – A motion was made by Avol to adjourn at 5:57pm, second by Maziasz. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Stoltman  
Assistant City Administrator