

March 14, 2016

CITY OF WASHBURN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

5:30PM Washburn City Hall

Present: City Council Members:

Mary McGrath, Kristy M. Jensch, Christine M. Kelly, Jennifer Maziasz, Jeremy Oswald, Linda S. Barnes, Mary Nowakowski

Municipal Personnel:

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

Excused Absence:

None

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

Approval of Minutes – City Council Meeting February 6 & 8 2016- McGrath moves to approve the minutes of February 6 & 8 2016 with the correction to the spelling of Barnes, second by Kelly. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Expenditures- A motion to approve the monthly expenditure vouchers made by McGrath, second by Maziasz. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote of all seven (7) councilors in attendance.

Public Comment – Mark Lusche spoke on his concerns with the proposed Draft Ordinance #16-003 for the Purpose of Protecting Landmark Trees.

Mayoral Announcements, Proclamations, Appointments – None

Discussion & Action on Special Event Request (Wedding) at Memorial Park, September 9 and 10, 2016 – Lesley Burg, Petitioner – The petitioners were present. Council member Oswald abstained from the discussion and vote due to conflict of interest. A discussion on the details of the wedding was had. It was stated that only the ceremony will be held at the park. Parking and shuttling guests was discussed. It was stated that parking at the baseball field would be best for parking and shuttle from there. It was stated that four (4) camp sites that will be impacted by the wedding, shall be reserved and paid by the petitioner. A motion was made to approve the Special Event Request (Wedding) at Memorial Park, September 9 and 10, 2016 – Lesley Burg, Petitioner, have the parking down at the baseball field and along Memorial Park Drive and shuttle the guests from there, and have the 4 campsites (#36, 37, 38, 39) reserved and paid for by the petitioner, second by Maziasz. Carried unanimously, Oswald abstained.

Discussion & Action on Proposed Contract with Eagle Waste of Wisconsin, Inc. for Refuse and Recycling Services in and for the City of Washburn – Eagle Waste representatives Gary Albee and Jim Whittinghill were in attendance and spoke. A discussion was had on recyclables, fuel surcharges, consumer price index, and public education. A motion was made Jensch to approve the proposed contract with Eagle Waste of Wisconsin Inc., second by Nowakowski. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Resolution 16-002 Supporting the Application for a National Marine Sanctuary in the Chequamegon Bay Area – A discussion was had on how to move forward in support of the National Marine Sanctuary. A motion was made by Barnes to approve Resolution 16-002, the city's support for the National Marine Sanctuary contingent upon affirmation of the Harbor Commission, second by Jensch. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Draft Ordinance #16-003 for the Purpose of Protecting Landmark Trees – It was stated that this needs to have its own commission rather than adding it to an already established commission. Council Member Maziasz stated that she wasn't sure if the city needs to focus its time and energy on this type of function. Maziasz stated she was uncomfortable with nominating a tree on someone else's property. Council member McGrath stated that she felt the ordinance was too heavy handed. Council member Kelly stated that she

didn't intend for the ordinance be so heavy handed. It was stated to have the City Attorney re work the ordinance to be less heavy handed and less intrusive. It was stated to add "critical root zone" to the ordinance. The floor was opened for public comment. Resident Mark Lusche spoke again on the ordinance. Mr. Lusche said he was less concerned with ordinance with the changes that will be made. It was tabled by consensus until changes can be made by the City Attorney.

Deliberating and Negotiating Property Purchase/Trade - Proposed Property Trade with Dahl

Construction Involving City Lot #15 – Mr. Dahl was present. A discussion was had on what the city could do with the Dahl property if a swap took place. It was stated that to make the Dahl property buildable, city sewer and water lines would have to extend to that property which would be expensive. It was stated that The City property doesn't have to connect to City water or sewer. It was stated that a swap doesn't seem like an apples for apples deal, and that the City property could just be bought by an individual instead of swapping. No motion was made.

Discussion & Action on Implementing an On-Line Reservation System for One or More of the City Campgrounds

– A discussion was had on using an online reservation system for Memorial Park Campground using the program "Bonfire". A short demo was shown on how the system works. A motion was made by Oswald to approve the use of the online reservation system by Bonfire with approximately 20% open to first come first served and the use of a tablet kiosk at the park, second by Barnes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Draft Ordinance #16-002 for the Purpose of Making it a Specific City Ordinance Violation to Fail to Yield the Right-of-Way to Persons in Crosswalks

– Oswald stated that it should be clear that an individual must be crossing at a marked crosswalk and not at an unmarked intersection/road. A discussion took place on what a pedestrian in a crosswalk means. It was suggested to cross out any language that doesn't specify a marked crosswalk as a place to cross unless the language is a state statute and should be referred to the City Attorney for clarification. It was discussed that the reason the Washburn Police are hesitant on enforcing it currently, was due to the high cost of the fine and by reducing the fine they would feel more comfortable enforcing the violation. It was stated that information about this ordinance should be sent out to residents to educate them on the change. A motion was made by Barnes to approve Ordinance #16-002 with changes to the language unless the current language is state statute, second by Jensch. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Amendment to Deposit Schedule to Include a Deposit for Section 10-1-22(b) in the Amount of \$30 Plus Costs - A motion was made by McGrath to approve Section 10-1-22(b) in the Amount of \$30 Plus Costs, second by Oswald. Motion Carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Draft Ordinance(s) #16-004, 16-005, 16-006, 16-007, 16-008 and 16-009- A motion was made by Barnes to approve ordinance(s) #16-004, 16-005, 16-006, 16-007, 16-008 and 16-009, second by Oswald. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Writing-Off Certain Personal Property Tax Accounts – A motion was made by Barnes to approve Writing-Off Personal Property Tax Accounts for Washburn Wellness and Superior Liquidators, second by McGrath. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of New Agent for Stage North LLC – A motion was made by McGrath to approve the new Agent Robert Adams for Stage North LLC, second by Jensch. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of New Agent for Bitzer, Inc. (dba Washburn IGA) – A motion was made by McGrath to approve the New Agent Jeffery P. Anderson for Bitzer, Inc. (dba Washburn IGA), second by Jensch. Motion carried unanimously.

Bartender License Applications – #58-17 – A motion was made by Barnes to approve Bartender License Applications – #58-17, second by Nowakowski. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Joining a Coalition of Local Governments in the Legal Defense of the Clean Power Plan – The Mayor indicated that he spoke to the City Attorney and that by approving joining the coalition it doesn't put the City at any risk or obligation, it only indicates that the City is in support of the Clean Power Plan. A motion was made by Jensch to approve Joining a Coalition of Local Governments in the Legal Defense of the Clean Power Plan, second by Kelly. Motion carried unanimously.

Establishment of Goals and Objectives for City Administrator – A discussion was had on the goals and objectives for the year. A motion was made by Jensch to adopt the goals and objectives, second by Kelly. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session – A motion was made by Oswald to go into closed session at 8:34pm, second by Nowakowski. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Adjourn- A motion was made to adjourn at 9:37pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Stoltman
Assistant City Administrator