

ABSTRACT/SYNOPSIS OF THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE OFFICIAL ACTIONS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEWATER, WALWORTH AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, WISCONSIN.

April 27, 2011

Prior to the Council meeting, City Councilmembers and City Staff members toured the Effigy Mounds, Prince and Prairie Street location (proposed for multi-family development), the Wastewater Treatment Plant; the Starin Road extension; the Whitewater University Technology Park; and Milwaukee Street. After the tour, Council returned to the City Hall for a light dinner.

The special meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Council President Singer. MEMBERS PRESENT: Olsen, Winship, Binnie, Singer, Kienbaum, Stewart. MEMBERS ABSENT: Butler.

APPOINTMENT OF CITIZEN MEMBERS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. Council President Singer and City Manager Brunner met and have made the following recommendations for appointments to Board and Commission seats. **BIRGE FOUNTAIN COMMITTEE:** Jim Allen, Rod Dalee and Roy Nosek; **BZA:** Jim Olsen, Beverly Stone and Harriet Kaluva; **CDA:** Laurence Kachel and Donna Henry; **DISABILITY RIGHTS COMMITTEE:** Kim Armitage; **ETHICS COMMITTEE –** Harriet Kaluva; **LANDMARKS COMMISSION:** Carol Christ; **LIBRARY BOARD:** Julie Caldwell and Richard Helmick; **PARK AND RECREATION BOARD:** Kenneth Kidd and Kim Gosh (Gosh as alternate member); **PLAN COMMISSION:** Greg Torres, Greg Meyer and Donna Henry (as alternate member); **POLICE COMMISSION:** David Haberman; **URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION:** Andrew Crone and Jay Craggs. It was moved by Olsen and seconded by Binnie to approve the slate of appointments as recommended by the Council President and the City Manager. AYES: Olsen, Winship, Binnie, Singer, Kienbaum, Stewart. NOES: None. ABSENT: Butler.

PRESENTATION OF PRELIMINARY WATER RATE STUDY. John Cameron of Municipal Economics & Planning presented the City of Whitewater Water Rate Study. It was explained that water rates are approved and set by the Public Service Commission (“PSC”). In order to increase water rates, an application must be submitted to the PSC. Cameron provided rate comparisons of area communities, and Whitewater’s rate was \$199.04 per year (water only) while the statewide average was \$290.91. Cameron reported that Whitewater’s residential class is conserving water on their own, without an inclining block rate structure. It was also noted that the system peak day is normally in the third quarter of the year and seems to be due to the Power Plant and University. Cameron presented rate options: 1) Keep the current rate structure; or 2) Create a “lifeline” rate for low users. Cameron’s recommendation was to establish the “lifeline” rate. Further information will be forthcoming.

AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN. City Manager Brunner recommended that amendments to the City’s Capital Improvement Plan be made. Brunner stated that Milwaukee Street did not survive the winter very well, and a great deal of labor and material for daily maintenance is being expended. Whitewater’s project did not make the Surface Transportation Program funding list. The City cannot apply again until 2012, and if the City was successful at that time, funding would not be available until 2015-2016. The Milwaukee / Newcomb intersection is scheduled for 2014. As part of this project, the sanitary sewer is planned to be lowered to alleviate a backup problem at Newcomb and E.

Main Street. In order to lower this section of the sewer, the sewer on Milwaukee from Wisconsin to Esterly needs to be lowered and completed before the intersection work. The approved CIP planned to do the Downtown East Gate, Milwaukee (Esterly to Wisconsin) and the Newcomb/Milwaukee intersection in the same year. As staff reviewed that plan, it was determined it would be extremely difficult to reconstruct that much in one year. In addition, disruption of business for not only Milwaukee Street, but anyone traveling on the East side of the City would be tremendous.

Finance Director Saubert presented financial information for the CIP for 2011- 2013. Explanations of borrowings for the above projects were presented. It was agreed that there are too many disruptive projects planned for all to take place at one time. It was moved by Binnie and seconded by Winship to approve the updates to the Capital Improvement Plan as presented by City Staff. AYES: Olsen, Winship, Binnie, Singer, Kienbaum, Stewart. NOES: None. ABSENT: Butler.

ADJOURNMENT. Being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Winship and seconded by Stewart to adjourn the meeting. AYES: Olsen, Winship, Binnie, Singer, Kienbaum, Stewart. NOES: None. ABSENT: Butler. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Smith, City Clerk