

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

October 25, 2011

The special meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President Singer. MEMBERS PRESENT: Binnie, Singer, Kienbaum, Stewart, Olsen, Winship. (AD 2 seat is now vacant) LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT: Wallace McDonell.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION REGARDING ALDERMANIC DISTRICT 2 COUNCILMEMBER SEAT.

Due to a vacancy in the Aldermanic District 2 council seat, it was moved by Olsen and seconded by Winship to have the vacancy advertised and solicit applicants to fill the position until it is up for election in April, 2012. Letters of interest must be submitted to the Clerk by November 11th, and Council will review the applications and make an appointment at the November 15, 2011 council meeting (after the budget has been voted on). AYES: Olsen, Winship, Binnie, Singer, Kienbaum, Stewart. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MEMBERSHIP OF ZONING CODE REWRITE COMMITTEE.

Discussion about the size and membership of the Zoning Rewrite Committee ensued. Previously-appointed member John Tincher is not able to serve, and general citizenry member Kristine Zaballos has indicated she cannot serve. It was moved by Stewart and seconded by Kienbaum to appoint Matt Kuehl and Donna Henry to the Zoning Rewrite Committee. AYES: Olsen, Winship, Binnie, Singer, Kienbaum, Stewart. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

2012 OPERATING BUDGET PRESENTATION.

The Finance Director and Department Heads presented their 2012 operating budgets. City Manager Brunner reported that Departments were asked to reduce their operating budgets by 4%, and most Departments were able to do that. City Clerk Smith indicated that it was necessary to increase the poll worker budget due to four (and possibly six) elections in 2012. IT Director Nobling would like to see paper council agendas eliminated, and proposed that Council use electronic tablets. It was agreed that the tablets would be budgeted for, and once larger screen tablets come out in March 2012, the purchase could be revisited. Councilmember Olsen requested that paper packets continue to be used for those individuals preferring them. Financial, Public Works, and Park and Recreation – General Buildings budgets were presented. In addition, Utilities and Special Revenues budgets were presented. Downtown Whitewater representatives were present to answer any questions about the City's donation to their annual budget.

CLOSURE OF FIRST STREET.

It was moved by Olsen and seconded by Winship to approve Downtown Whitewater's request to close First Street, from Main Street to North Street, on October 29, 2011, for a Halloween celebration. AYES: Olsen, Winship, Binnie, Singer, Kienbaum, Stewart. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

CLOSURE OF MAIN STREET AND WHITEWATER STREET.

It was moved by Olsen and seconded by Winship to approve Downtown Whitewater's request to close Main Street, from Whiton to Whitewater Street, and Whitewater Street, from its intersection with Main Street, to Cravath Lake Park (Fremont Street), on December 2, 2011 (approximately 5:00 p.m.) for the purpose of holding the annual Christmas Parade. AYES: Olsen, Winship, Binnie, Singer, Kienbaum, Stewart. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT. It was moved by Olsen and seconded by Winship to adjourn the meeting. AYES:, Binnie, Singer, Kienbaum, Stewart, Olsen, Winship. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Smith, City Clerk