

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

March 6, 2012

The meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President Singer. MEMBERS PRESENT: Binnie, Stewart, Olsen, Abbott, Kienbaum, Winship, Singer. ABSENT: None. LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT: Wallace McDonell.

It was moved by Councilmember Olsen and seconded by Councilmember Winship to approve the Council minutes of February 23, 2012; and to acknowledge receipt and filing of the following: Financial Statements for January 2012 and Report of Manual Checks for January 2012. AYES: Binnie, Stewart, Olsen, Abbott, Kienbaum, Winship, Singer. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES. It was moved by Olsen and seconded by Winship to approve payment of invoices in the total sum of \$66,686.76. AYES: Stewart, Winship, Olsen, Binnie, Abbott, Kienbaum, Singer. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

STAFF REPORT. City Manager Brunner read the **Proclamation for Big Read Project** and gave an **update on Train Depot Restoration Project**. Library Director Stacey Lunsford provided **updates on the Library project**. School District representatives gave a presentation on the upcoming **School District Referendum**.

HEARING OF CITIZEN COMMENTS. – None.

MILWAUKEE STREET TRAFFIC ISLANDS. It was moved by Olsen and seconded by Kienbaum to approve the project with two islands with perennial plantings (Islands at Milwaukee and Dann, and Milwaukee & Wisconsin). AYES: Olsen, Abbott, Kienbaum. NOES: Winship, Binnie, Singer, Stewart. ABSENT: None. **Motion failed.**

It was moved by Winship and seconded by Binnie to approve the project with four islands with plantings. AYES: Winship, Binnie, Stewart. NOES: Olsen, Abbott, Singer, Kienbaum. ABSENT: None. **Motion failed.**

It was moved by Singer and seconded by Winship to approve islands with plantings (islands to be at Milwaukee St. intersection with Wisconsin, Dann and Ridge Streets per Staff's decision). AYES: Winship, Binnie, Singer. NOES: Olsen, Abbott, Kienbaum, Stewart. ABSENT: None. **Motion failed.**

It was moved by Olsen and seconded by Winship to approve the project with three islands (at intersection with Dann, with Ridge and with Wisconsin Street) with plantings. (Specifies only one island at Ridge) AYES: Olsen, Abbott, Winship, Singer. NOES: Binnie, Kienbaum, Stewart. ABSENT: None.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DOWNTOWN WHITEWATER. It was moved by Binnie and seconded by Winship to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Downtown Whitewater Inc. as presented. AYES: Stewart, Winship, Olsen, Binnie, Abbott, Kienbaum, Singer. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

PURCHASE OF CONFINED SPACE EQUIPMENT FROM OLSEN SAFETY EQUIPMENT OF WAUKESHA. This item was removed from the agenda by City Staff members.

AMENDING PERSONNEL POLICY. It was moved by Olsen and seconded by Winship to approve changes to the City of Whitewater Personnel Policy relating to overtime pay and call in pay. AYES: Stewart, Winship, Olsen, Binnie, Abbott, Kienbaum, Singer. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

COUNCILMEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS. Councilmember Olsen requested a discussion on plans for dealing with trees and their erupting roots on Main Street. He made mention of the lady who had recently fallen on Main Street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. It was moved by Singer and seconded by Olsen to adjourn to Executive Session, **not to reconvene**, per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility” and Chapter 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”. Items to be Discussed 1) Update on current status of collective bargaining; 2) City Manager Annual Performance Review. Being no further business to come before the regular portion of the meeting, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Smith
City Clerk