

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

November 13, 2012

The special meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President Singer. MEMBERS PRESENT: Olsen (arrived at 6:45 p.m.), Abbott, Winship, Binnie, Singer, Kidd. MEMBERS ABSENT: Kienbaum.

2013 BUDGET: The Community Development Authority presented it's proposed 2013 budget to Council.

2013 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS: INNOVATION EXPRESS BUS SERVICE, DOWNTOWN WHITEWATER FUNDING, AND EMERALD ASH BORER FUNDING. City Manager Clapper requested that the Council review three subjects that would affect the 2013 budget:

INNOVATION EXPRESS BUS. It was indicated that ridership was low, and certainly of the most benefit to Generac, but City Manager Clapper felt that more time was needed to see whether the bus usage would increase. It was moved by Winship and seconded by Binnie to table discussion on the Innovation Express until a date when a Generac representative can attend. AYES: Olsen, Abbott, Winship, Binnie, Singer, Kidd. NOES: None. ABSENT: Kienbaum.

EMERALD ASH BORER. As previously directed, the Emerald Ash Borer Ad Hoc Committee presented three options for the council to consider. After lengthy discussion, it was moved by Binnie and seconded by Olsen to accept Option 3 (*All ash trees 4" or smaller, will be removed this Fall and replaced in the Spring – there are approximately 108 trees in this category; two types of trees, legacy and medium to large terrace trees in areas too small for a shadow tree are to be treated for their natural lifetime; some ash (75-100) will be treated temporarily to allow shadow trees to mature*). The cost would be approximately \$30,000, spread over a two year period. (Funding would be based on a \$12,000 contribution for this year (2013) plus the \$5000 tree budget. An additional \$3000 would be applied from contingencies this year (2013), and for 2014, \$10,000 would be applied from the Park and Recreation budget). AYES: Olsen, Winship, Binnie, Singer, Kidd. NOES: Abbott. ABSENT: Kienbaum. Councilmember Binnie expressed the hope that the priority will be placed on treatment instead of shadow planting, and that everything cut this year be replaced. Binnie requested that an education component be included in the plan.

DOWNTOWN WHITEWATER. Several Downtown Whitewater ("DTWW") representatives were present to describe their activities and contributions to the community. It was moved by Winship and seconded by Abbott to budget \$20,000 funding for Downtown Whitewater. AYES: Olsen, Abbott, Winship, Binnie, Singer, Kidd. NOES: None. ABSENT: Kienbaum.

ADJOURNMENT. It was moved by Olsen and seconded by Abbott to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Smith, City Clerk