

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

February 17, 2015

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President Singer. MEMBERS PRESENT: Abbott, Diebolt-Brown, Binnie, Bregant, Singer, Kidd. MEMBERS ABSENT: Frawley. LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT: McDonell.

It was moved by Binnie and seconded by Abbott to approve the Council Minutes of 1/20/15 and to acknowledge receipt and filing of the following: Whitewater Landmarks Commission Minutes of 12/4/14; Urban Forestry Commission Minutes of 7/22/14, 9/23/14, 9/29/14, 11/25/14 and 12/16/14; Whitewater Community Development Authority Minutes of 12/10/14; Parks and Recreation Board Minutes of 1/13/2015; Plan and Architectural Review Commission Minutes of 12/2/14 and 12/30/14; Police Department Consolidated Monthly Report for December, 2014; Financial Reports for January, 2015; and Report of Manually-Issued Checks for January, 2015. AYES: Abbott, Diebolt-Brown, Binnie, Bregant, Singer, Kidd. NOES: None. ABSENT: Frawley.

**PAYMENT OF INVOICES.** It was moved by Binnie and seconded by Abbott to approve payment of city invoices in the total sum of \$73,285.21. . AYES: Abbott, Diebolt-Brown, Binnie, Bregant, Singer, Kidd. NOES: None. ABSENT: Frawley.

**STAFF REPORTS:** None.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** None.

**OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED STATE BUDGET CUTS AS THEY RELATE TO UWW.**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WHITEWATER COMMON COUNCIL  
ENCOURAGING THE STATE OF WISCONSIN GOVERNOR, SENATORS, AND  
REPRESENTATIVES TO ENSURE THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-  
WHITEWATER HAS ADEQUATE FUNDING TO FULFILL ITS EDUCATIONAL  
MISSION AND TO SUPPORT THE VITALITY OF THE WHITEWATER  
COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS**, since 1904 the Wisconsin Idea has reminded us that the University of Wisconsin System serves as a primary, and often the primary, intellectual and economic engine for our State, and

**WHEREAS**, in the City of Whitewater we realize that the fiscal and cultural health of our City is closely aligned with the health of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, and

**WHEREAS**, an approximate \$6 million dollar decrease in the budget of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater would have significant negative consequences, both for the University and for the City of Whitewater.

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

The City of Whitewater Common Council encourages our Governor, Senators, and Representatives to ensure that the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater has adequate funding to fulfill its educational mission and to support the vitality of our community.

Resolution introduced by Councilmember Binnie, who moved its adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Kidd. AYES: Abbott, Diebolt-Brown, Binnie, Bregant, Singer, Kidd. NOES: None. ABSENT: Frawley. ADOPTED: February 17, 2015.

Cameron L. Clapper, City Manager

Michele R. Smith, City Clerk

**LEAGUE OF WISCONSIN MUNICIPALITIES PARTNERSHIP FOR PROSPERITY AGENDA.**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WHITEWATER COMMON COUNCIL  
ADOPTING THE LEAGUE OF WISCONSIN MUNICIPALITIES' PARTNERSHIP FOR  
PROSPERITY: AN AGENDA FOR A COMPETITIVE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY WISCONSIN**

**Whereas**, the state Legislature and the Governor understand that job creation and economic growth is a top priority; and

**Whereas**, municipalities are the foundation of Wisconsin's economy and local leaders share the same goal of job creation and economic vitality;

**Whereas**, the state should focus its support and limited resources for local government on incorporated communities, which are the economic engines of the state as evidenced by the following:

- Wisconsin's metropolitan regions already account for 75% of the state's Gross Domestic Product.
- Wisconsin's cities and villages are home to 70 percent of the state's population, 87 percent of all manufacturing property, and 89 percent of all commercial property.
- Most of the small businesses created in Wisconsin get their start in cities and villages.
- Cities and villages are where nearly all technology based entrepreneurship is occurring in Wisconsin.
- Startups and other knowledge-based economic activity occur almost exclusively within cities and villages.

**Whereas**, to compete globally, Wisconsin needs to develop and maintain quality communities that can attract and retain talent and enterprise and spur job creation;

**Whereas**, for the state's economy to flourish, state and local leaders must work collaboratively;

**Whereas**, the League's *Partnership for Prosperity* legislative agenda recognizes that thriving municipalities are critical to a successful state economy and calls for a new state-local partnership to drive the state's economy forward and spur job creation by:

- 1) Helping communities continue to provide quality local services while holding the line on property taxes.
- 2) Investing in local transportation infrastructure.
- 3) Enhancing and promoting economic development best practices, like the expansion of the historic tax credit that was accomplished in the 2013-2014 legislative session.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the City of Whitewater urges the Governor and the Legislature to work collaboratively with municipal leaders to accomplish the critical goals of job creation and economic growth.

**Be it Further Resolved**, that the City of Whitewater urges the Legislature and the Governor to enact the League's *Partnership for Prosperity* agenda.

Resolution introduced by Councilmember Binnie, who moved its adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Abbott. AYES: Abbott, Diebolt-Brown, Binnie, Bregant, Singer, Kidd. NOES: None. ABSENT: Frawley. ADOPTED: February 17, 2015.

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**APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH WIN FOR USE OF CITY CONDUIT ALONG MAIN STREET.** WIN has provided the City with access to fiber cable in UWW McGraw Hall, as well as along Main Street, Starin Road, and at the Innovation Center. WIN has now requested the use of a portion of City conduit crossing under Fremont Street (along Main Street). It was moved by Binnie and seconded by Bregant to approve the Agreement with WIN relating to use of City conduit along Main Street.

AYES: Abbott, Diebolt-Brown, Binnie, Bregant, Singer, Kidd. NOES: None. ABSENT: Frawley.

**STRAND ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR DOWNTOWN ARMORY RAMP AND STAIRS.** The Armory ramp has been in need of replacement. An ADA audit of the Armory indicated that the stairs are not compliant with ADA standards. Parks Director Amundson indicated that there is likely a financial benefit in combining the Armory ramp project with the stairs replacement project. Councilmember Binnie recommended that the possibility of installation of an electric lift be explored as well. It was moved by Binnie and seconded by Singer to approve an agreement with Strand for completion of engineering services relating to the Downtown Armory ramp and stairs, with the understanding that consideration of an electric lift will be incorporated in the proposal. AYES: Abbott, Diebolt-Brown, Binnie, Bregant, Singer, Kidd. NOES: None. ABSENT: Frawley.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU") BETWEEN CITY AND UWW POLICE SERVICES FOR USE OF CITY'S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Binnie and seconded by Abbott to approve the MOU between the UWW Police Services Department and the City of Whitewater, relating to use of the City's emergency operations center (assuming it is available) in the event of an emergency. AYES: Abbott, Diebolt-Brown, Binnie, Singer, Bregant, Kidd. NOES: None. ABSENT: Frawley.

**WISCONSIN BUDGET AS PROPOSED BY GOVERNOR SCOTT WALKER.** City Manager Clapper presented details regarding Governor Walker's budget proposal, and provided information as to how the proposal would affect the City, the UW-Whitewater, and the Whitewater Unified School District. Further information will be forthcoming.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.** It was moved by Singer and seconded by Abbott to adjourn to Closed Session, to reconvene approximately 10 minutes after adjournment to closed session per Wisconsin Statutes 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." Item to be Discussed: Possible purchase of 330 N. Fremont Street. AYES: Abbott, Diebolt-Brown, Binnie, Singer, Bregant, Kidd. NOES: None. ABSENT: Frawley. The regular portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

**RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:** At 7:40 p.m., the Common Council reconvened into open session.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE OF 330 N. FREMONT STREET.** It was noted that funds to purchase this property, which is adjacent to the Water Plant building, were borrowed in 2014, in conjunction with funds to complete the Eastgate project.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 330 NORTH FREMONT STREET,  
WHITEWATER, WISCONSIN.**

WHEREAS, the property located at 330 North Fremont Street in the City of Whitewater, Wisconsin, is presently available for purchase, and

WHEREAS, said property would be an important asset for the City of Whitewater for the purpose of expanding its facilities, and

WHEREAS, it is in the City of Whitewater's best interest to purchase said property.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT that the City Manager and the City Clerk are authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to purchase the property located at 330 North Fremont Street, Whitewater, Wisconsin.

Resolution introduced by Councilmember Binnie, who moved its adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Abbott. AYES: Abbott, Diebolt-Brown, Binnie, Singer, Bregant, Kidd. NOES: None. ABSENT: Frawley. ADOPTED: February 17, 2015.

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**COUNCILMEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.** Councilmember Kidd requested that discussion regarding the City's special assessment policy as it relates to improvements to benefitting property be discussed at the March 3, 2015 council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT.** It was moved by Abbott and seconded by Bregant to adjourn the meeting. AYES: Abbott, Diebolt-Brown, Binnie, Singer, Bregant, Kidd. NOES: None. ABSENT: Frawley. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Smith, City Clerk