

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

August 15, 2017

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Patrick Singer. MEMBERS PRESENT: McCormick, Schulgit, Grady, Binnie, Singer, Allen. MEMBERS ABSENT: Goettl. LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT: W. McDonell.

It was moved by Allen and seconded by Binnie to approve the Council minutes of 7/11/17 and 7/18/17 and to acknowledge receipt and filing of Financial Reports for July, 2017 and the Landmarks Commission minutes of 6/1/17 and 7/6/17. AYES: McCormick, Schulgit, Grady, Binnie, Singer, Allen. NOES: None. ABSENT: Goettl.

**CITY MANAGER UPDATE.** City Manager Clapper provided information on upcoming events and happenings in the City. He noted that the Clay Street Information meeting was filmed, and that it is available for viewing. He noted that there are eleven downtown lots plus two municipal lots, and finalization of the 2017 lot resurfacing project is almost complete. He announced that the season finale for the Concerts in the Park is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, when the local Piper Road Spring Band will perform.

**STAFF REPORTS.**

**Clay Street Reconstruction Project.** Streets Superintendent Chuck Nass gave a detailed report on the upcoming Clay Street project. Nass reported on the Public Information meeting held on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Mark Fisher from Strand was present to address concerns and answer questions of the 25 citizen attendees. Two council members were also present. The possibility of sidewalk being installed on only one side of the Street was discussed. Neighbor consensus was that sidewalks should be placed only on the south side, but that decision will come before the Council. The property owner at the southwest corner of Esterly and Clay expressed concerns as their house encroaches 6' onto the Clay Street right of way, and having sidewalk in addition to that would be problematic. Nass also indicated the City is expecting to find clay and mud underneath the street when excavated.

Discussion regarding the temporary asphalt to be laid in 2018 was discussed. Councilmember Allen questioned whether this could be completed in 2017, because of the badly deteriorating condition of the Street. Nass replied that the negotiation of the project is being done in conjunction with another 2018 project, thereby allowing for reduced costs. Nass also confirmed that no work is scheduled for the Newcomb / Bishop Street area.

Councilmember McCormick acknowledged that this project has been in the works for decades. She reminded residents there is one shot to get this right. She urged neighborhood residents who have concerns to contact the Streets Department. Councilmember Allen encouraged residents to contact him and Carol McCormick, as well. Councilmember Allen indicated that Strand needs to be contacted about any drainage issues, water in basements, etc., to allow the engineering work to be done correctly, and to benefit the entire neighborhood.

**HEARING OF CITIZEN COMMENTS.** Ken Tom Vaughn, owner of Our Town Productions, suggested a local event to take the place of Spring Splash. He recommended that a party, held during daytime hours only, be held on a vacant lot on Scott Street. Vaughn recommended that the event be held in late September, 2018.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1.08, TO CREATE WHITEWATER WARD 13.** As a result of the Kienbaum – Hughes annexation, it is necessary to create a new ward to cover the real estate located in the Walworth County portion of the City, because the newly annexed property is located in a different county supervisory district than the property it is adjacent to.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1.08 OF THE CITY OF WHITEWATER MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED “WARDS”**

(Creation of Ward 13 due to Kienbaum/Hughes Annexation, Walworth County portion of City)

The Common Council of the City of Whitewater, Walworth and Jefferson Counties, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Whitewater Municipal Code Chapter 1.08, Section 1.08.140 is hereby created to read as follows:

1.08.140 Ward 13

All that part of the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 6, Town 4 North, Range 15 East, Town of Whitewater, Walworth County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 6; thence South  $01^{\circ}20'00''$  West along the East line of the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 6, 251.49 feet; thence West parallel with the North line of the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 6, 364.43 feet; thence North  $00^{\circ}23'00''$  West, 251.46 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 2.12 acres of land.

SECTION 2. This ordinance is effective upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Ordinance introduced by Council Member Allen, who moved its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Binnie. AYES: McCormick, Schulgit, Grady, Binnie, Singer, Allen. NOES: None. ABSENT: Goettl. FIRST READING APPROVED: August 15, 2017.

Cameron L. Clapper, City Manager

Michele R. Smith, City Clerk

**POSSIBLE DRAW DOWN OF CRAVATH AND TRIPPE LAKES.** Parks and Recreation Director Boettcher presented information regarding possible remediation actions on both Cravath and Trippe Lakes. City staff has met with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (hereafter “DNR”) and were made aware of a draw down option for lake remediation that could also be combined with dredging. Possible options presented to the Council were: 1) Cravath and Trippe Lakes harvested twice a year. With this option, a permit is required every three years and an aquatic plant survey is done as part of the application process that identifies plants in the Lake. 2) Mechanically dredging the Lakes was mentioned. It is the quickest way to complete dredging, but it is not possible to complete this with current staffing and current equipment. It is very expensive to contract for, and it does not remove invasive vegetation. 3) A Drain Lake and Dry Dredge option was brought forth. Cost to drain the Lake is minimal, and some community resources can be used to complete the project. It would take three – five years to complete this process, with interruption of Lake activity and a disruption to the aquatic life.

The cost of dry dredging is estimated to be from \$800,000 - \$1,000,000 and Mechanical Dredging would cost between \$2,000,000 - \$3,000,000. Councilmember Allen recommended that City staff speak with officials who handled the Delavan Lake project, so that the same errors are not made in Whitewater. Councilmember McCormick indicated that the Lake is shallow now, and draining would most likely not cause any problem as the Lake can barely be

used in its current condition. No action was taken. This item will come back to Council at a future date.

**REPORT ON MUNICIPAL BUILDING HVAC PROBLEM AND REPAIR.** In response to questions regarding the lengthy time needed to repair the HVAC system in City Hall, Parks and Recreation Director Boettcher reported that a cover fell on the unit during maintenance, damaging a part that had to be fabricated and shipped from Texas. It was reported that everything is operational now, and that the custom fabrication was the reason for the delay.

**PRINCE AND PRAIRIE STREET PARKING AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY.** It was noted that the City entered into two agreements with the University a number of years ago, and authorized the University to administer and charge for on-street parking in exchange for payment of \$40,000 per year the first five years of the agreement, and \$45,000 per year for the second five years of the agreement. It was noted that the University has removed the parking meters, and has eliminated no-permit parking in various locations. Concerns were expressed about the lack of parking for those visiting the University. It was noted that the University has actually doubled some of their parking fees (after removing the parking meters and requiring parking permits). It was agreed that negotiation of the contract will be discussed in a future Closed Session.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION SUMMARY FOLLOW UP.** City Manager Clapper reported that the goals and objectives being submitted by management staff for the 2018 year will be based off of the strategic planning results from the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Further information will be forthcoming.

**COUNCILMEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND FOR POLCO CITIZEN SOFTWARE QUESTIONS.** Councilmember Schulgit inquired as to how long it takes for the video of a Council meeting to be placed on the website. He was seeking information from the August 1<sup>st</sup> council meeting, and noted it was not on the website. It was unknown how long it normally takes for the information to be loaded, but the City Clerk indicated that the video was loaded by the Communications staff today (8/15/17).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.** It was moved by Singer and seconded by Allen to Adjourn to Closed Session, **NOT TO RECONVENE** per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1) Statutes 19.85 (1) (e): “Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specific public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.” **Item to be Discussed: Discussion related to negotiation strategy and financial terms of possible agreement concerning a City of Whitewater employee.** AYES: McCormick, Schulgit, Grady, Binnie, Singer, Allen. NOES: None. ABSENT: Goettl. The regular portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Smith, Clerk

