

OFFICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Menomonie, Dunn County, Wisconsin, was held in open session on January 28, 2010, and called to order by Mayor Kropp at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The following members were present: Smith, Traxler, Soviak, Kemp, Schwebs, Kolve, Solberg, Brogan, Beety and Gabriel.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Emilie Wiese distributed a copy of the City's Organizational Chart to all City Council members and requested that they allow the Police & Fire Commission to make their decision, and she questioned Alderman Soviak as to whether or not he had a conflict of interest relating to any decisions that are made regarding Police Chief Stolpa.

Mike Mason, retired Menomonie Police Officer, spoke regarding Chief Stolpa's management style and questioned the residency clause in his employment contract.

Lucy Lammer stated she assumes the Council will deliberate in closed session at this meeting regarding the employment of Chief Stolpa and she requested the City Council allow the Police & Fire Commission to make a decision relating to the citizen complaints filed against him.

MOTION was made by Brogan, seconded by Traxler, and carried to suspend the rules to hear from any and all citizens in the audience who wish to speak today.

Ruth Martinson stated she was frustrated with meetings she had with the Police Chief, the Mayor and the City Administrator after the triple homicide that occurred in the Evergreen Isle trailer court that she owns.

COMMUNICATIONS Alderman Soviak clarified that Chief Stolpa does rent an apartment from his parents and that he (Alderman Soviak) does not have any financial interest in that rental agreement nor does he receive any financial gain from the apartment rental, therefore he does not have a conflict of interest in making any decisions relating to Chief Stolpa.

MOTION to convene in closed session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) and (g) for the purpose of considering employment, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body had jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved in regard to an employee of the police department was made by Schwebs, seconded by Solberg, and carried on roll call vote.

MOTION was made by Schwebs and seconded by Gabriel to approve the tentative Release and Resignation Agreement between Chief Stolpa, the City Council and the Police and Fire Commission and ask the Commission to consider the tentative agreement tomorrow morning during closed deliberations.

MOTION to amend the motion and give Chief Stolpa a key to the City and name a street after him was made by Brogan and lost for lack of a second.

Upon roll call vote of the original motion, the following tie vote resulted: Ayes: Soviak, Kemp, Schwebs, Solberg, and Gabriel. Noes: Smith, Traxler, Kolve, Brogan and Beety. Mayor Kropp voted "Aye" to break the tie and the motion carried.

MOTION to return to open session was made by Schwebs, seconded by Kolve, and carried on roll call vote.

Action taken was announced.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Soviak, seconded by Kolve, and carried.