

OFFICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Menomonie, Dunn County, Wisconsin, was held in open session on January 3, 2012, and called to order by Mayor Knaack at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The following members were present: Smith, White, Hausler, Dickmann, Riedel, Schwebs, Halloran, Solberg, Cruz, Beety and Mercil.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – Rebecca Kralewski, Executive Director of the Menomonie Housing Authority, presented the city with two checks which represents their annual payment in lieu of taxes (\$3,900 - Memorial Heights Apartments; and \$34,149.60 - HUD Public Housing).

MOTION was made by Beety, seconded by Halloran, and carried to accept these two checks totaling \$38,049.60 from the Housing Authority of the City of Menomonie in lieu of taxes.

MOTION was made by Dickmann, seconded by White, and carried to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2011 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING Mayor Knaack announced time for the public hearing relating to the Dancing Oaks Cottages Planned Unit Development and rezoning request located easterly of the terminus of Wilson Avenue (south of the Dunn County Rec. Park).

John Deutscher asked several questions about the proposed project including the possibility of a different entrance, the need for this type of development, and plans for traffic control.

Deb Stone, Apartment Manager for Dancing Oaks, stated that there are no openings at Dancing Oaks at this time which shows that there is a need for additional housing and she expressed her support for the proposed 24-unit complex.

Paul Gerrard, Gerrard Corporation, announced that he was available to answer questions regarding the proposed development. Hearing closed.

MOTION was made by Cruz, seconded by White, and carried to suspend the rules to hear from Paul Gerrard. Mr. Gerrard stated that there have been market studies done and it does show a need for additional housing.

MOTION was made by Beety, seconded by Halloran, and carried to suspend the rules to hear from Jeff Moorhouse, President of Paragon Associates. Mr. Moorhouse described the principles associated with using pervious pavement for the proposed project (Dancing Oaks Cottages).

MOTION was made by Schwebs, seconded by Smith, and carried to approve the General Plan for the Dancing Oaks Cottages Planned Unit Development.

ORDINANCE - MOTION was made by Smith, seconded by Beety, and carried to waive the first reading of the ordinance to amend the zoning for the Dancing Oaks Cottages Planned Unit Development from Agricultural District to Multiple-Family Residential District. **MOTION** to waive the second reading was made by Cruz, seconded by Mercil, and carried. **MOTION** to adopt the ordinance was made by Smith, seconded by Solberg, and carried.

DISCUSSION – After discussion, the Council requested that the proposed ordinance relating to abstentions and quorum requirements of the Common Council be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

MOTION - that the City Council establish a sub-committee to review the “Other Agency Financial Assistance” agency list and funding process and report its findings and recommendations to the City Council by March 31, 2012 was made by Cruz, seconded by Halloran, and carried with Solberg abstaining.

ORDINANCE regarding rezoning part of Outlot 1, Haefner’s Addition (1518 Stout Road) from Limited Multiple-Family Residential District to Local Commercial District was introduced by Solberg.

MOTION to refer the ordinance to the Plan Commission was made by Halloran, seconded by White, and carried.

No action was taken on the proposal to reduce Council member salaries by 10% effective February 1, 2012 after a legal opinion from the city attorney revealed that such a salary reduction could not go into effect until April, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 directing the City Clerk to conduct a primary election in the City of Menomonie on February 21, 2012 for the office of mayor was introduced and moved for adoption by Beety, seconded by Mercil, and carried on roll call vote with Smith and Solberg abstaining.

ORDINANCE regarding parking regulations in the 1300 block of 6th Street East was introduced by Smith. MOTION to waive the first reading of the ordinance was made by Halloran, seconded by Beety, and carried. MOTION to waive the second reading was made by Hausler, seconded by Riedel, and carried. MOTION to adopt the ordinance was made by Smith, seconded by Schwebs, and carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Knaack announced that Menomonie will be hosting the next Joint Cities meeting on February 29, 2012.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – The packet included notice from the Tainter/Menomine Lake Improvement Association of the first annual Red Cedar Conference scheduled for March 22, 2012 which will focus on the Red Cedar watershed, its problems and possibilities; a memo from the police department reporting the results from the alcohol compliance checks that were conducted on December 15, 2011; and notice of the upcoming job opening for the Water Superintendent position.

MOTION was made by Dickmann, seconded by Solberg, and carried unanimously on roll call vote to approve payment of the following claims:

Claims

Airgas North Central	\$ 272.36
Coatar & Assoc.	93.25
Emergency Medical Products	1,844.95
Farrell Equipment	135.00
Grainger	77.76
J & J Electrical Services	1,102.00
Schofield, Higley & Mayer, S. C.	7,829.51
Stark’s Metal Works, Inc.	79.00
Steel Towne	98.12
Transmotive Auto Repair	2,465.35
Tri-Mart	12.36
Union Pacific Railroad	2,792.00
Viking Electric Supply	49.90
WI Dept. of Transportation	22,429.70

Parking Utility

City Treasurer	\$ 1,290.55
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MOTION was made by Hausler, seconded by Solberg, and carried to approve the following licenses:

OPERATORS: Caitlin E. McNally; Ashley R. Register.

CLASS "A" BEER (Change of Agent):

Wal-Mart Stores East, LP (Wal-Mart Supercenter #1819 – 180 Cedar Falls Road),
New Agent – Michelle M. Becker.

MESSAGE THERAPY FACILITY:

Dana L. Cowan, d/b/a The Core, 424 Main Street, **SUBJECT TO PROOF OF INSURANCE.**

MOTION to convene in closed session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c), (e), and (g) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body had jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; deliberating or negotiating the purchase/sale of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved was made by Smith, seconded by White, and carried on roll call vote.

MOTION to return to open session was made by Schwebs, seconded by Hausler, and carried on roll call vote with Beety opposed.

No action was taken.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Schwebs, seconded by Riedel, and carried.

JoAnn L. Kadinger, City Clerk