

OFFICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Menomonie, Dunn County, Wisconsin, was held in open session on February 20, 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, Solberg, Cruz, Beety and Mercil.

MOTION was made by Dickmann, seconded by Riedel, and carried to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2012 meeting with an effective resignation date of January 27, 2012 for Ward 7 City Council Representative, Ryan Halloran.

PUBLIC HEARING – Mayor Knaack announced time for the public hearing regarding levying the final assessments for sanitary sewer, water, storm sewer, curb & gutter and street improvements on Wilson Street from 300 feet north of Northern Meadows Parkway to 300 feet east of STH 25. No one appeared and the hearing was declared closed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Jerry Leonard, representing the Upper Midwest Power Boat Association, explained his request for an event on Lake Menomin on July 28th and asked for the Council's support.

Lisa Montgomery, Stacy Wigfield, Vishal Bhatnagar, Joan Friendenfels, and Gary Barnett spoke in support of proposed section 3-2-2 ordinance amendment modifying the hotel/motel room taxation rate and proceeds apportionment.

Dan Buerger and Leah Dunbar spoke in support of allowing chickens in single family zoning in the City of Menomonie.

MOTION was made by Beety, seconded by White, and carried to extend the public comments for an additional ten minutes.

Trevor Peterson, Karen King, Arthur Kneeland, Rich Yonko, and Leslie Norris all added their support to the concept of allowing chickens in single family zoning in the City of Menomonie.

FINAL RESOLUTION NO. 4 levying special assessments for sanitary sewer and laterals, watermain & laterals, storm sewer, curb and gutter and street improvements on Wilson Street from approximately 300' north of Northern Meadows Parkway to approximately 300' east of STH 25 was introduced by White. MOTION to approve Final Resolution No. 4 as modified by revised Schedule B dated February 15, 2012 and revised Schedule C dated February 20, 2012 of the Final Special Assessment Report dated February 8, 2012 was made by White, seconded by Beety, and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

ORDINANCE regarding modification of the hotel/motel room taxation rate (increase the rate from 6% to 7%) was introduced by Beety. MOTION to waive the first reading of the ordinance was made by Solberg, seconded by Hausler, and carried. MOTION to waive the second reading was made by Dickmann, seconded by White, and carried.

MOTION was made by Cruz, seconded by Solberg, and carried to waive the rules to hear from Joe Holland. Mr. Holland explained the State cap on room tax is at 8% and the Tourism Commission is supporting the increase to 7% in Menomonie.

MOTION was made by Beety, seconded by Solberg, and carried to adopt the ordinance to increase the hotel/motel room taxation rate and proceeds apportionment (Section 3-2-2 of the City Code).

BIDS were received for a Water Department service truck and service box as follows: Keyes Chevrolet - \$19,525.00; and Northtown Ford - \$21,359.04 for the service truck. There was only one bid for the service box and it was from Indianhead Truck & Equipment at \$7,169.00.

MOTION was made by Mercil, seconded by Dickmann, and carried to accept the bid of \$19,525.00 from Keyes Chevrolet for a 2012 Chevrolet ¾ ton truck and the bid of \$7,169.00 from Indianhead Truck & Equipment for a service box.

MOTION was made by Solberg, seconded by Beety, and carried to approve the proposed Street/Trail Naming Policy.

DISCUSSION – Council member Mercil initiated discussion of the chicken ordinance zoning proposal and explained he had over 100 signed petitions in support of allowing chickens in single family zoning. After much additional discussion the Council agreed to have the Mayor establish a committee to review the issues and possibly draft an ordinance for the City Council to review.

Council member Beety left after the chicken ordinance discussion.

MOTION was made by Smith, seconded by Schwebs, and carried to waive the rules to hear from Jerry Leonard regarding the Upper Midwest Power Boat Association event request.

MOTION was made by Cruz, seconded by Schwebs, and carried to approve the July 28, 2012 event request by the Upper Midwest Power Boat Association after final event coordination with City Administration to include the Police and Fire Department.

DISCUSSION – Public Works Director, Randy Eide, reviewed the council chamber audio/visual proposals from Tierney Brothers, Inc., Camera Corner Connecting Point, DASCUM Systems Group, and Audio Architects, Inc. After much discussion the Council directed Administration to continue reviewing the proposals and bring back a recommendation to the City Council at a later date.

COMMUNICATIONS – The agenda packet included the Red Cedar March 22nd conference flyer, the Feb. 5, 2012 Alcohol Compliance Checks report, the Police Chief advertisement, and information on election campaign signs.

MOTION by White, seconded by Dickmann, and carried that the City Council develop a review process for renewal of alcohol liquor license establishments that have:

- Failed a compliance check
- Had any major or minor violation, or
- Had any alcohol related incidence

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

2012 Claims

CAD Zone, Inc.	\$ 409.00
County of Dunn	14,179.35
L-3 Com Mobile Vision, Inc.	13,694.15
Team Viewer	7,014.20

2011 Parking Utility Claims

City Treasurer	\$ 1,212.20
WI Dept. of Transportation	19.75

2012 Parking Utility Claims

Clancy Systems	350.00
Keyes	30.72

MOTION was made by Schwebs, seconded by Dickmann, and carried to approve the following licenses: **OPERATORS:** Guillermo M. Nunez; Emilie A. Schuster.

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 White, seconded by Smith, and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

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

No action was taken.

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

Randy Eide, Clerk Pro Tem