

OFFICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Menomonie, Dunn County, Wisconsin, was held in open session on March 2, 2015, and called to order by Mayor Knaack at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The following members were present: Luther, Traxler, Sutherland, Riedel, Schwebs, Brown, Solberg, Cruz, Erdman and Mercil.

MOTION was made by Erdman, seconded by Luther, and carried to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2015 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Joanie Dulin spoke in support of the agenda item relating to Main Street banners and announced she was available for any questions.

Tony Govin described the history of his working / harvesting Area D (Tech Park hay) as described on the Crop Land Bid Sheet, and asked the Council to award the bid to him so that he can recoup some prior year land preparation costs (*Tony Govin bid - \$35 per acre; Troy Behling bid - \$45 per acre*).

John Govin stated that he has limed and fertilized 2 of the 3 parcels in prior years and requested he be awarded the five year lease for Area B (Airport Crop Land, hay), (*John Govin bid - \$25 per acre; Troy Behling bid - \$45 per acre*).

POSTPONED – No action was taken at this meeting on agenda items 6 A. and B. (the proposed bond resolutions and escrow agreement).

MOTION was made by Mercil, seconded by Erdman, and carried unanimously on roll call vote to approve the proposed State/Municipal Transportation Alternatives Project Agreement for the Junction Trail I-94 Bike and Pedestrian bridge project.

ORDINANCE regarding occupancy on any ground level (at grade floor) of any building for any residential purpose in specified areas within the B-1 General Commercial District was introduced by Luther.

MOTION to refer the ordinance to the Plan Commission was made by Traxler, seconded by Luther, and carried.

MOTION was made by Brown, seconded by Erdman, and carried to suspend the rules to hear from John Govin. Mr. Govin stated that his only concern is where he has made an investment in the property, and explained that you put lime on crop land one year prior to reseeding alfalfa. Mr. Govin also commented that he was contacted by the City last year to cut more hay around the airport, which he did.

MOTION was made by Luther, seconded by Cruz, and carried with Solberg opposed to consider the crop land parcels individually.

MOTION to award the City of Menomonie Crop Land, Area D (Tech Park, hay – 27 acres) to Tony Govin for five years at \$35 per acre/per year was made by Mercil, seconded by Luther, and carried on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Luther, Traxler, Sutherland, Brown, Cruz, Erdman and Mercil. Noes: Riedel, Schwebs and Solberg.

MOTION to award the City of Menomonie Crop Land, Area B (Airport Crop Land, hay – 58 acres) to John Govin for five years at \$25 per acre was made by Traxler, seconded by Mercil, and resulted in a tie vote: Ayes: Luther, Traxler, Brown, Cruz and Mercil. Noes: Sutherland, Riedel, Schwebs, Solberg and Erdman. Motion failed.

MOTION to award the City of Menomonie Crop Land, Area A (North Industrial Park, No Till, No Corn) for five years at \$65 per acre; and City of Menomonie Crop Land, Area B (Airport Crop Land, hay) for five years at \$25 per acre to John Govin was made by Mercil, seconded by Cruz, and lost on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Luther, Brown, Cruz and Mercil. Noes: Traxler, Sutherland, Riedel, Schwebs, Solberg and Erdman.

MOTION to award the lease of the following City of Menomonie Crop Land Areas to the high bidder, Troy Behling, for five years was made by Schwebs, seconded by Riedel, and carried on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Traxler, Sutherland, Riedel, Schwebs, Solberg and Erdman. Noes: Luther, Brown, Cruz and Mercil.

- Area A. North Industrial Park, No Till, No Corn (61 acres), \$75 per acre
- Area B. Airport Crop Land, Hay (58 acres), \$45 per acre
- Area C. East Tech Park, No Till (87 acres), \$115 per acre

MOTION was made by Schwebs, seconded by Sutherland, and carried authorizing the Administration authority to rent the 14 acres of Phelan Park, hay, to any interested party.

MOTION was made by Schwebs, seconded by Mercil, and carried unanimously on roll call vote authorizing Administration to proceed with securing access to specific locations and solicit bids for the proposed Gateway / Wayfinding signs.

MOTION was made by Mercil, seconded by Brown, and carried unanimously on roll call vote to approve the proposed Main Street banner project within the downtown area and throughout the City.

COMMUNICATONS – Public Works Director, Randy Eide, informed the Council of repairs that are currently be done to Well #3 and the probability of costly repairs in the near future.

CLAIMS - MOTION was made by Luther, seconded by Erdman, and carried unanimously on roll call vote to approve payment of the following claims:

2015 Claims

Cedar Corp.	\$ 40,790.75
Chosen Valley Testing	2,405.00
Commonwealth Cultural Resource	378.22
DS Electric Supply	285.21
IIMC	155.00
24-7	5,200.00

2014 Claims

ERLA, Inc.	\$ 1,111.84
Fleet Pride	87.64
MB Companies, Inc.	47.95
Weld, Riley, Prenn & Ricci	46.00
Wipfli	8,515.00

LICENSES – MOTION was made by Schwebs, seconded by Riedel, and carried to approve the licenses, as presented:

CLASS “B” BEER & “CLASS B” LIQUOR:

Gruetzomatic LLC (Silver Dollar Saloon & Taphouse – 315 & 321 Main St.) SUBJECT TO FINAL INSPECTION; AND A COPY OF THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND/OR LEASE AGREEMENT SHOWING CONTROL OF THE PREMISES.

FYI – Change of ownership was granted by Council on Feb. 2, 2015 – license has not been issued yet. The above application reflects a Change of the corporate name from 2119 Hospitality Corporation to Gruetzomatic LLC.)

OPERATORS: David J. Halama; Drew C. Meyer; Leif E. Rhodes; Randy H. Wood.

TEMPORARY CLASS “B” BEER LICENSE:

The Bridge to Hope, April 14, 2015, 620 17th Street E (Dunn County Fairgrounds Ice Arena), event = Green Bay Packers Tailgate Party.

FYI – A Temporary Class “B” Beer license has been issued by the City Clerk to the following (after review by the City Administrator and Mayor):

Red Cedar Racing Association, Inc., 620 17th Street E (Hockey building located at the Dunn County Rec. Park), March 27 & 28, 2015 (event = Red Cedar Racing Association Car Show).

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 Cruz, seconded by Solberg, and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

MOTION to return to open session was made by Brown, seconded by Erdman, and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

No action was taken.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Brown, seconded by Cruz, and carried.

JoAnn L. Kadinger, City Clerk