

OFFICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Menomonie, Dunn County, Wisconsin, was held in open session on October 24, 2011, and called to order by Council President Smith at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The following members were present: Smith, White, Hausler, Dickmann, Riedel, Schwebs, Halloran, Solberg, Cruz, Beety and Mercil.

MOTION to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2011 regular meeting was made by Beety, seconded by Dickmann, and carried.

Mayor Knaack arrived at 7:05 and then presided over the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – The following representatives thanked the City for their past support, acknowledged the difficult task that the Council is facing during the 2012 budget process, and requested continued support in 2012 for their organization:

- Chuck Backus, Dunn County Historical Society
- Diane Morehouse, President of the Mabel Tainter Board of Directors
- Ted Stark, Director of the Menomonie Public Library
- Katherine Dutton, Stepping Stones of Dunn County
- Joanie Dulin, Director of the Main Street Menomonie Program
- Jim Lilli, Director of the Dunn County Humane Society
- Carroll Rund, President of the Ludington Guard Band (requested a slight increase from the 2011 budget)
- Chris Smith, Director of the Dunn County Economic Development Corporation
- Shari Homstad, Director of the Shirley Doane Senior Center
- Lisa Montgomery, Executive Director of the Greater Menomonie Area Chamber of Commerce
- Dave Micek, representing the Historic Preservation Commission
- John Anshus, spoke in support of the downtown businesses and encouraged continued funding for the Main Street Menomonie program
- Jane Hoyt, resident of the City of Menomonie, spoke in support of continued financial support for all of the agencies that provide a service to the residents and stated that she would not be opposed to an increase in city taxes if necessary to maintain funding for these agencies.

MOTION was made by Mercil, seconded by Dickmann, and carried to suspend the rules to hear from all agencies if Council members have any questions.

DISCUSSION – The Council and Administration had a lengthy discussion on the proposed 2012 General Operating budget.

Lowell Prange, City Administrator, announced that the regular council meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. on November 7th to allow time for the department heads to address their departments proposed budget, and then budget discussion will continue later during the regular meeting. Mr. Prange suggested that a special meeting could be held on November 14, 2011 to continue the review of the proposed 2012 General Fund Operating Budget, if necessary.

Several Council members expressed their appreciation to the representatives of the various agencies in attendance for the services that they provide to the residents of the City of Menomonie.

No adjustments were made to the proposed 2012 General Operating Budget at this meeting.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Beety, seconded by Halloran, and carried.