

OFFICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Menomonie, Dunn County, Wisconsin, was held in open session on November 20, 2017, and called to order by Mayor Knaack at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The following members were present: Luther, Traxler, Sweeny, Bullock, Schwebs, Merrill, Solberg, Cruz, Erdman, and Sommerfeld. Sutherland was absent.

MOTION was made by Cruz, seconded by Merrill, and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on November 6, 2017.

PUBLIC HEARING – Mayor Knaack opened the Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance establishing the 2018 General Fund Operating Budget and Tax Levy. Josh Risler was present to speak for Main Street of Menomonie if the Council had any questions on their budget. Naomi Cummings spoke to request \$10,000 be included in the 2018 other agency assistance budget for Bridge to Hope. Becky Kneer and Gary Johanson were also spoke in support of the request made by Bridge to Hope. Dolly Catlin, Liz Osborne, Josh Gibson, Darrin Witucki, Vern Caturia, and John Sworski all spoke in support of Dunn County Transit's funding request. The Public Hearing was closed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – The following people spoke on the proposed rezoning request of Lot 3, Block 66 of the Original Plat to the City of Menomonie: Johanna Clark supports the building being turned into apartments but would like to see an alternative to the rezoning. Lynn Dickmann spoke to voice support of the project. Josh Risler and Arthur Kneeland both spoke to voice support for the restoration of the building but have concerns with the rezoning. Margo Hecker and Laura Oliver spoke to voice concerns over the rezoning. Abbey Schmaling is the owner of the building and stated she wanted to keep it a family friendly area and get the building registered as a Historic Place. Dustyn Dubuque introduced himself as the new Main Street of Menomonie Director and stated he was there if the Council had questions on the 2018 Main Street Operating Plan.

MOTION made by Schwebs, seconded by Cruz, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to increase the 2018 other agency assistance to The Bridge to Hope to \$10,000.

MOTION made by Schwebs, seconded by Solberg, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to choose Option C with a tax levy of \$6,750,000 for the 2018 General Fund Operating Budget.

ORDINANCE regarding the 2018 General Fund Operating Budget and Tax Levy at \$6,750,000 was INTRODUCED by Schwebs. MOTION made by Cruz, seconded by Sommerfeld, and carried to waive the first reading. MOTION made by Solberg, seconded by Erdman, and carried to waive the second reading. MOTION made by Schwebs, seconded by Cruz and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to adopt the 2018 Tax Levy ordinance.

MOTION made by Luther, seconded by Erdman, and carried to deny the referral to Plan Commission for the proposed rezoning request of Lot 3 Whispering Meadows plat.

NO ACTION was taken on the proposed rezoning request of Lot 3, Block 66, of the Original Plat to the City of Menomonie.

MOTION made by Erdman, seconded by Sommerfeld, and carried to accept the 2018 Main Street of Menomonie, Inc. Business Improvement District operating plan.

MOTION made by Cruz, seconded by Sweeny, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to authorize the write off of Uncollectible 2014/2015/2016 invoices and stale dated checks. Invoices: Halley Graham - \$160.00, Halley Graham - \$600, Spencer Kirschbaum - \$5,781.44. NSF Checks: Candace Brumm - \$120.03. Stale dated checks: Appleton Police Explorers - \$135.00, WI Dept of

Transportation - \$96.00, Andrew Weidner - \$10.00, Laura Hartung - \$10.00, Men Firefighters Assoc - \$300.00, and Cody Halvorsen - \$43.63.

MOTION made by Merrill, seconded by Traxler, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to authorize the write off of uncollectible 2015 personal property tax as follows: Red Dragon Academy LLC - \$97.63.

BUDGET TRANSFER – MOTION made by Merrill, seconded by Traxler, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to approve the following budget transfer: \$1,235.00 from Fire Foam 01.52310.461 to Fire Hose and Nozzle 01.52310.765 to purchase new hose and nozzles for all engines.

MAYOR’S REPORT – The Mayor talked about the Veterans Night Out Event taking place on November 25, 2017 at 2:00 pm. He also reminded the Council about the upcoming 2018 Watershed Conference. The Tourism Strategic Plan was presented to the Council. The Mayor also noted the progress the two new hotels in town are making. The Council was also reminded about the Dunn County bicycle and pedestrian plan public open house on December 5th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – The Council was given information on the upcoming Clean Water Forum meeting. Sommerfeld spoke about a ride along he did with the Police Department which he said was a good experience. The Monthly Building Inspection Report was presented to the Council.

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

November 20, 2017 Claims

Auto Value	\$361.77
Cardmember Services	\$11,224.62
District 2, Inc	\$74.94
Dunn County Solid Waste	\$60.75
H & L Mesabi	\$1,933.14
Haas	\$188.50
Halverson Bros	\$28.10
Heritage Crystal- Clean LLC	\$280.15
Indianhead Truck Equip/Napa	\$120.03
Irvington Garage	\$695.75
Lawson Products	\$83.40
Menomonie Disposal	\$263.00
Mid- State Equipment	\$211.65
Monarch Paving	\$1,578.65
Monarch Paving	\$238,435.30
O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$9.30
Overhead Door Co, LLC	\$819.30
Realiving	\$100.00
Rolyan Buoys	\$71.00
Staples	\$199.26
Terminal Man, Inc	\$93.82
Verizon	\$3,042.36
Weber Law Office	\$2,434.24
WI Dept of Justice	\$126.00

Xcel Energy		\$45,530.73
Zarnoth Brush Works, Inc		\$848.00
Zoro		\$173.59
4 Control		\$440.53
	TOTAL	\$309,427.88

Parking Utility Claims

City Treasurer		801.11
Skid Steer Guy, LLC		\$16,344.00
	TOTAL	\$17,145.11

LICENSES - MOTION made by Solberg, seconded by Cook, and carried to approve the following licenses:

OPERATOR:

Chelse G. Cockeram; Allison K. Wegner; Julia L. Rasmussen; Shelby L. Brunner; Bom B. Thapa;

MOTION to convene in closed session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c), & (e) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and for the purpose of 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 close session was made by Sweeny, seconded by Luther, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

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

MOTION made by Solberg, seconded by Sweeny, and carried to adjourn.

Cally Lauersdorf, City Clerk