

City of Reedsburg Meeting of the Common Council

June 22, 2015

Present: Mayor Dave Estes, Alderpersons Dave Knudsen, Jim Heuer, Phil Peterson, Calvin Craker, Brandt Werner, Megan Cowan, Jason Schulte, David Moon, Bill Finnegan.
Absent: None.
Others: Ken Witt, Jim Gerlach, Tim Becker, Steve Zibell, Matt Scott, Brian Duvall, Brett Schuppner, Citizens, Press.

Mayor Estes called the regular session of the Common Council to order at 7:00pm in the Common Council Chambers.

Moved by Heuer and seconded by Craker to approve the consent agenda, consisting of Minutes from the Council meeting held on June 8, 2015; Operator Licenses for Jeffery Herschleb, Katrina Knight, Lonni LaBello, Carl Walz; Special Event Permit for Sacred Heart Church festival on September 12 & 13 in Oak Park; Mayor appointment of Nancy Lukes to the Library Board to fill school district appointment position and Tiffany Schulte to the Community Development Authority to fill a term ending in 2019. Motion carried 8-0 with Schulte abstaining.

Moved by Werner and seconded by Moon to approve CSM for parcel #030-0005 James Gavin Family Trust in the Town of Reedsburg. Motion carried 9-0.

Moved by Cowan and seconded by Heuer to set public hearing date of July 27, 2015 for Ordinance creating Section 17.44 Non-Metallic Mining.

Moved by Peterson and seconded by Craker to set public hearing date of July 27, 2015 for Ordinance rezoning 140 Eagle Street from I-1 Light Industrial to Government zoning district.

Administrator Witt reviewed \$10.7 million telecomm debt refunding options. Two applications are recommended for submittal. \$10.7 million GO Loan from State Trust Fund and \$5.0 million Revenue Loan from the State Trust Fund. The GO loan would be at 3.75%, less than the current 4.25% on the debt. The Revenue loan rate would be determined after a risk assessment. Once the comparable rate is known, a decision can be made on how much to do as GO and how much as Revenue. The City has a debt capacity of only about \$12 million currently available. Funding everything GO would use nearly all the borrowing capacity of the City. Revenue loans do not count against the borrowing limit of the City. **Moved by Heuer and seconded by Schulte to make a \$10.7 million GO loan application from the State Trust Fund and a \$5.0 million Revenue loan application from the State Trust Fund. Motion carried 9-0.**

Brian Duvall reviewed the Historic Preservation Plan. Chairman of the Commission, Alder Schulte, said they have been working on the plan for quite a while now and are pleased with the end product. **Moved by Cowan and seconded by Peterson to approve Historic Preservation Plan. Motion carried 9-0.**

Moved by Craker and seconded by Schulte to adopt Resolution 4221-15 Contribution in Aid of Construction Rates for Wastewater System. Motion carried 9-0. The resolution sets payment of fee at \$3000 per single family, plus \$100 per each additional unit on multi family developments.

Administrator Witt shared a presentation on the New Rural Reality. It shows demographic shifts in age as the baby boomer generation is aging. There is also an upswing in the Latino population, especially in the younger population segments. Future policy decisions as they relate to the changing demographic makeup of the community needs to be considered.

Committee Chairs gave background reports on the status of projects at the committee level.

Moved by Heuer and seconded by Finnegan to adjourn. Motion carried 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Witt
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer