

City of Reedsburg Meeting of the Common Council July 27, 2015

Present: Mayor Dave Estes, Alderpersons Dave Knudsen, Jim Heuer, Phil Peterson, Calvin Craker, Brandt Werner, Megan Cowan, David Moon, Bill Finnegan.
Absent: Jason Schulte.
Others: Ken Witt, Jim Gerlach, Tim Becker, Steve Zibell, Sue Ann Kucher, Brian Duvalle, 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 Craker and seconded by Heuer to approve the consent agenda, consisting of Minutes from the Council meeting held on July 13, 2015; Operator Licenses for Glenn Laurenz and Mary McShane; Temporary Class “B” license for International Association of Jim Beam Bottle and Specialties Club for Flea Market & Crafts event at Voyageur Inn parking lot on August 29-30th; Mayoral appointment of Scott Larson to the Police and Fire Commission for a term ending in 2018. Motion carried 8-0.

Public hearing on Ordinance 1807-15 Non-Metallic Mining, creating Section 17.44 and deleting Section 17.13(4)(A)-(D). No public comments. **Moved by Craker and seconded by Werner to adopt Ordinance 1807-15 Non-Metallic Mining. Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.**

Public hearing on Ordinance 1808-15 Zoning Change, 140 Eagle Street is zoned I-1 Industrial and would be changed to G- Government. No public comments. **Moved by Heuer and seconded by Craker to adopt Ordinance 1808-15 Zoning Change. Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.**

Public hearing on Ordinance 1809-15 Garage Sales, creating Section 12.025. One resident spoke against the limit of 4 garage sales per year. They requested it be amended to two per month. **Moved by Werner and seconded by Knudsen to amend limit of 4 garage sales per year to 6 garage sales per year. Motion to amend was defeated on a roll call vote 3-5 with Knudsen, Werner and Finnegan voting for the motion and Heuer, Peterson, Craker, Cowan, Moon voting against. Moved by Knudsen and seconded by Cowan to amend limit of 4 garage sales per year to 1 per month. Motion to amend was approved on a roll call vote of 7-1 with Craker voting against. Moved by Heuer and seconded by Werner to adopt Ordinance 1809-15 Garage Sales as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-2 with Moon and Craker voting against.**

Public hearing on Ordinance 1810-15 Library Board, amending Section 1.108 to match State law composition of the Library Board. No public comments. **Moved by Peterson and seconded by Finnegan to adopt Ordinance 1810-15 Library Board. Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.**

Public hearing on Ordinance 1811-15 Budget, amending Section 3.03 to update budget process to match current practice. No public comments. **Moved by Moon and seconded by Craker to adopt Ordinance 1811-15 Budget. Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.**

Public hearing on Ordinance 1812-15 Special Peace Officers, deleting Section 4.06. One citizen requested additional police assistance in her neighborhood because of a suspected crack house. The Special Peace Officer ordinance had granted police powers to Alderpersons, but had been repealed by State law in 1983. The ordinance is only correcting City ordinance to match State law. **Moved by Werner and seconded by Cowan to adopt Ordinance 1812-15 Special Peace Officers. Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.**

Public hearing on Ordinance 1813-15 Bicycle Registration and Control of Operation to allow bicycles on sidewalks except in the downtown two block area between Webb and Park. No public comments. Council debated the two block limitation of the riding in the downtown. **Moved by Peterson and seconded by Finnegan to adopt Ordinance 1813-15 Bicycle Registration and Control of Operation. Motion carried 6-2 on a roll call vote with Heuer and Craker voting against the motion.**

Resolution 4222-15 sets a repayment date of October 1, 2015 for \$10.7 million of outstanding Telecommunication debt currently at a 4.25% interest rate. **Moved by Werner and seconded by Heuer to adopt Resolution 4222-15 Authorizing the Redemption of the City's Communication Utility System Mortgage Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012A, Dated February 15, 2012 and Communications Utility System Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2012B, Dated March 15, 2012. Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.**

Resolution 4223-15 refinances \$8 million of the Telecommunication debt at 3.75% interest rate. This will leave the City with \$5.5 million in borrowing capacity. **Moved by Werner and seconded by Peterson to adopt Resolution 4223-15 Authorizing the Application to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, State of Wisconsin, for a General Obligation Loan of Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000) from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin for the Purpose of Refinancing Communication Utility System Mortgage Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2012A and 2012B. Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.**

Resolution 4224-15 refinances \$2.7 million of the Telecommunication debt at 4.75% interest rate. The combined refinancing rate averages 4%. **Moved by Werner and seconded by Cowan to adopt Resolution 4224-15 Authorizing the Application to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, State of Wisconsin, for a Revenue Loan of Two Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,700,000) from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin for the Purpose of Refinancing Communication Utility System Mortgage Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2012A and 2012B. Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.**

Public Works Director Zibell reviewed the annual CMAR report for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. **Moved by Craker and seconded by Knudsen to adopt Resolution 4225-15 CMAR. Motion carried 8-0.**

Budget amendment would allocate an additional \$90,000 to the CDA for USDA housing project lot acquisitions, 134 Eagle Street roof repairs to school rehab house project and 140 Eagle Street shop repairs for building preparation as commercial business serving 400 Trail. **Moved by Werner and seconded by Cowan to amend 2015 budget to allocate an additional \$90,000 to the CDA from reserve fund balance. Motion carried 8-0.**

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

Moved by Knudsen and seconded by Heuer to go into closed session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(e) for deliberating by the Council on specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session – determining union negotiation strategy for WPPA contract expiring December 31, 2015. Motion carried 8-0.

Moved by Werner and seconded by Moon to adjourn. Motion carried 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Witt
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer