
**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
December 1, 2008**

**CITY OF ELKHORN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 9 S. BROAD ST., ELKHORN, WI 53121**

Mayor John Giese called the Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Roll Call.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor John Giese; Aldermen Ronald Dunwiddie, Scott McClory, Gary Payson Sr., Howie Reynolds, Julie Taylor, Charles Van Dyke

Also present: City Administrator Sam Tapson, City Clerk Nancy Jacobson, City Attorney Ward Phillips, Police Chief Joel Christensen, Fire Chief Rod Smith, City Engineer Gary Welsh

Others present: David Cole, Maureen Mayrand, Elkhorn Independent; George Devries, Veolia

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Giese reported that the City Clerk selection is in progress with 32 applicants, 6 interviews and second interviews offered to two applicants. The process should be completed with an appointment on December 15 with a starting date of January 5.

City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Tapson presented George Devries of Veolia to update the Council on leaf pickup. Devries said the leaf pickup has had difficulties. The City and Veolia has received numerous complaints about timeliness. Devries said the volume at one time was not anticipated which has caused them not to keep up. The recent snows have added to the problem. He told Council that they will spend as much time as necessary to make sure the leaf pickup is completed and the City will receive no invoices for the additional work. He asked that every call from residents with concerns be forwarded to Veolia. Changes will be made in 2009 to avoid the problems of 2008. Alderman McClory said he was not satisfied with the explanation and asked why it didn't get done. Devries said it just took longer. City Administrator Tapson said in the past field operations would communicate with Public Works pre- and post, but it didn't happen this year. If communication had taken place, Public Works would have been able to create a better understanding for the residents.

ACTION TAKEN

Building/Zoning Services Contract

Due to certain items in the Building/Zoning Services Contract needing clarification, approval of the contract will be forwarded to the December 15, 2008, meeting of the Common Council for action.

Banking Services Contract

Motion (Reynolds/Taylor) to approve the Banking Services Contract with JP Morgan Chase Bank for a 4-year term. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Payson, yes; Reynolds, yes; Van Dyke, yes; Taylor, yes. Motion carried.

N. Wisconsin Street Reconstruction Project: Trees

Motion (Payson/Dunwiddie) to direct staff to determine which trees located in the terrace of N. Wisconsin Street that can be saved at their present location or relocated and to remove the trees that cannot be saved. Motion carried by the majority present.

Ordinance No. 08-12: To Amend Chapter 7 Traffic Code/Speed Limits

Motion (Reynolds/McClory) to adopt Ordinance No. 08-12 to amend Chapter 7 Traffic Code allowing for a reduction in speed limits at specific locations on N. Wisconsin Street. Motion carried by the majority present.

Resolution No. 08-42: Relative to Adopting 2009 Budget and Tax Levy

Motion (Payson/Taylor) to adopt Resolution No. 08-42 relative to adopting the 2009 Budget and Tax Levy of \$3,422,964. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Payson, yes; Reynolds, yes; Van Dyke, yes; Taylor, yes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 08-43: Addendum to Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Agreement

Motion (McClory/Dunwiddie) to adopt Resolution No. 08-43 concerning an addendum to Mutual Aid Box Alarm System. Motion carried by the majority present.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Van Dyke/Payson) to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried by the majority present.

Nancy B. Jacobson
City Clerk