

**CITY OF ELKHORN
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2009
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 9 S. BROAD ST., ELKHORN, WI 53121**

The Common Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 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, Howie Reynolds, Julie Taylor, Kim DeHaan

Absent: Alderman Gerald Norton

Others present: City Administrator Sam Tapson, City Attorney Ward Phillips, City Clerk Darlene Igl, City Engineer Gary Welsh, Police Chief Joel Christenson, David Cole, Jim Howe.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Dunwiddie/Reynolds) to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2009 Common Council meeting. Motion carried.

BILLS PAYABLE

Motion (McClory/Reynolds) to approve the City and Utility Bills (Checks #76008 through #76360) for \$1,763,750.86. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Reynolds, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Administrator Tapson presented the proposed 2010 budget which included a tax levy of \$3,528,248, reflecting a 3.08% increase over the 2009 budget. Tapson stated that there were several key factors that contributed to an improved budget environment. These factors included decreased health care costs based on lower claims processed in 2009, unanticipated increased expenditure restraint and general transportation aids from the State and a favorable municipal cost index. The proposed tax rate for the City is \$6.03 per thousand. The 2010 budget public hearing is tentatively scheduled for November 16th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Judicial Committee

Alderman Taylor stated that the Committee had reviewed the Mann-Brummel Pre-Annexation Agreement and recommended approval to Council. The agreement includes language that requires Mann Bros. to enter into an access agreement and the City makes no representation that it will improve the extension of N. Church Street. Motion (Taylor/McClory) to enter into the Mann-Brummel Pre-Annexation Agreement. Motion carried.

Municipal Services & Utilities Committee

Alderman Reynolds reported that the Committee had reviewed and recommended Council approval of a request from Dan Carmody to vacate a utility easement east of 913 N. Church Street to allow for construction of a storage building. Motion (Reynolds/Dunwiddie) to approve the request for vacating the utility easement as requested. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion (Dunwiddie/Reynolds) to adjourn into closed session per State Statute 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining

reasons require a closed session. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Reynolds, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried. Adjourned to closed session at 6:20 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Meeting reconvened in open session at 6:40 p.m. Mayor Giese reported that the City will resubmit the first offer to Walworth State Bank for acquisition of 201 W. Centralia.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Dunwiddie/Reynolds) to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. Motion carried.

Darlene Igl
City Clerk