

WORKSHOP MEETING
JANUARY 17TH, 2012

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL, 6:30PM

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Leanne Guier called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. (Pledge not needed)

2. ROLL CALL

Tren Walker
Leanne Guier
James McMahan
Josh Putnam
John Jones
Gary Hulseley
Clint Steiger

Staff present was, Jane Montgomery, Jim Morgan, Paula Wiech, and John Calkins.

The Council recessed to read the packet. - 6:32pm 15 minutes to read packet.

6:45pm- Council back in session.

3. CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Leanne Guier- Request to sponsor a proposed St. Patrick's Day Parade- will be item #A1.
2. John Jones- Requested an Executive Session to brief the Council on the latest from Police Department contract negotiations. This will be information only, 5 minutes.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Poet Laureate- Approval Of Term

Mayor Sun- brought a request to extend the Poet Laureate's (Gerald McBreen) term for another three years.

James McMahan stated he would like agenda cover sheet on all items.

Action Taken: Move it forward

A.1. Saint Patrick Days parade.

Carol Aguilar of the Pacific Partnerships addressed the Mayor and Council. She would like the City to co-sponsor the Saint Patrick's Day Parade on March 17th. The parade route will be from Alpac Elementary School down Milwaukee Blvd to the Senior Center. The Seniors want to sponsor a fund raiser and put on a meal of corned beef and cabbage at the end of the parade. There is no cost to the City. The Lions club will pay for the parade fee, and volunteers will block the road and provide manpower where needed. John Calkins was asked if he had any concerns. The Chief said no. There was a question posed about the possibility of using hotel /motel funds for this event. Leanne Guier will find out.

B. Waste Management Audit Recommendations.

Mayor Sun stated that the Waste Management contract expires in June of 2012 and The Franchise Agreement with Waste Connections (Murrey's Disposal) expires in August of 2012. It has been recommended by Bell and Associates that the current contracts are extended to allow for adequate time to establish a request for proposal for future services. It is also recommended that the billing and customer service be negotiated into the extension of the Waste Management contract. Mr. Bell recommends that the City extend the contracts for 2 years. The City wants to retain Chris Bell to negotiate an extension of the current agreements.

Action Taken: Move this forward to the next meeting, and also to the Solid Waste Committee which is composed of Clint Steiger, Tren Walker, and Josh Putnam, per 12-13-11 meeting minutes.

C. Ordinance No. 18XX- Amending the 2012 Adopted Budget and Salary Schedule Reflecting the City Clerk/Personnel Manager's Pay Range And To Authorize An Increase. 7:14pm

The Mayor and the Finance Director addressed the Council. They would like to change the range for the position of City Clerk/Personnel Manager to make the range consistent with the AWC Salary Survey. The City uses the AWC salary guide for all of its employees.

Action Taken: Move it forward to the next meeting and the Mayor needs to report on where the money will come from to pay this increase.

D. Ordinance No. 18XX- Amending Ordinance No. 1562- Water And Sewer Utility Leak Adjustments For Residential And Non Residential. 7:48pm

Mayor Sun discussed the changes to the old ordinance. The changes were recommended by the Finance Director. Changes need to be made to this and Council did not feel it was ready for passage.

Action Taken: Take this to the Finance Committee and then to the first workshop in February.

E. Resolution No. 11XX- Deeming Accounts Receivables Outstanding and Irrecoverable And Allowing Such Dept To Be Removed From The City's Financial Records.

The Mayor introduced this and Maria Pierce briefed the Council. There was discussion about trying to go to another collection agency to see if they could have success. Councilmember Steiger would volunteer his time to do this. Council discussed having checks and balances in place monthly.

Action Taken: Move it forward to the next meeting.

F. City Attorney

The Mayor told the City Council that he plans on terminating Al Abuan's contract and he would like to hire Kenyon Luce to represent the City. Mr. Luce has been a city attorney, and he currently has a civil and a criminal practice. Clint Steiger asked if Ken would represent the City or pass it off to someone else in his firm. Clint Steiger liked the idea of having an entire firm at the disposal of the City. Council would like to have Mr. Luce come to a meeting. There was discussion on the part of Council on whether the Mayor is allowed to pick an attorney or if he has to go out to bid. Per the Procurement policy the Mayor does not have to go out to bid.

Action Taken: Ask Mr. Luce to attend the Council workshop on February 6, 2012.

G. Veto Considerations- Police Copier Contract and Resolution No. 1144.
The Mayor told the Council that he does not want to approve the Police Copier Contract. There was discussion on whether or not the Mayor has the authority to not go forward on this because the Council approved it in 2011.

The Mayor told Council that he was not in agreement with Resolution No. 1144 which was passed by the Council in 2011. This is a supplement for engineering services on a road project. The Mayor said that he felt that previous staff and current staff had not watched the project. In response, Council said they took offense to the Mayor's comments about staff. The Mayor then explained the bid process and stated he felt that companies bid low and then bring the price back up by design and engineering changes. The Council stated that the Mayor was out of line to say that staff had not watched the project. They also told the Mayor that they thought his comments about design changes and how contractors do this to cheat the City, put the City at risk for a legal action by the contractor.

Action Taken: No Action

H. Police Vehicles

9:02pm

The Mayor told the Council that he had talked with Chief Calkins today about the purchase of replacement police vehicles. He and the Chief will be working together and will be talking to the dealer to reduce the costs. Per Maria Pierce the financing is approved. Council wanted to know what the Mayor's concerns were. There was discussion that the Mayor may not have legal authority to do this.

Action Taken: No Action

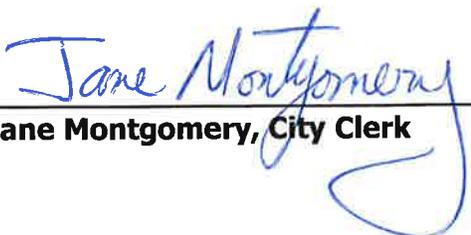
5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council adjourned to Executive session for 10 minutes to discuss the Police Department contract negotiations.

9:07pm- Adjourned

9:14pm- Meeting called back to order.

6. ADJOURN- The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm


Jane Montgomery, City Clerk