

Common Council Proceedings
City of Portage

Regular Meeting
Council Chambers
City Municipal Building

September 25, 2014
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Tierney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Ald. Charles, Dodd, Hamburg, Havlovic, Klapper, Kutzke, Lynn, Maass, Monfort

Also Present: Mayor Tierney, City Clerk Moe, City Administrator Murphy, City Attorney Spankowski, Manager of Parks and Recreation Kremer, Police Chief Manthey

Media Present: Craig Sauer from Portage Daily Register, Bill Welsh from Cable TV

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

4. Approval of Agenda

No changes.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by Klapper, second by Charles to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2014 Public Hearing and the Common Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll.

6. Consent Agenda

Reports of Sub-Committees, Boards, and Commissions

Business Improvement District Board of Directors meeting of September 9, 2014

Library Board meeting of September 9, 2014

Park and Recreation Board meeting of September 9, 2014

Board of Zoning Appeals meeting of September 10, 2014

Historic Preservation Commission meeting of September 16, 2014

Motion by Dodd, second by Maass to accept the reports. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll.

License Applications

Operator license applications for Kortney L. Koch, Gerald M. Reiffers, Tammy J. Shepard, Phillis J. Werning, and Kaitlin R. West.

Motion by Dodd, second by Maass to approve the license applications as presented. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll.

7. Committee Reports

Finance/Administration Committee meetings of September 8, 2014 and September 15, 2014

Motion by Dodd, second by Klapper to award Contract No. 14-30C05 Goodyear Park Restroom and Concession Building, and Contract No. 14-30C02 Lawton Field Restroom and Concession Building to Harmony Construction in the amount of \$495,103 with the options recommended by the Finance/Administration Committee. Concern over the high cost of the bids was expressed by Ald. Lynn and Kutzke, as well as Ald. Hamburg. Ald. Dodd explained that it was thought that by rebidding the Goodyear Park restroom, which was not awarded last year, with Lawton Field that the bids would come in more favorable, which didn't happen. The bids were double what was budgeted for the projects. According to Ald. Dodd, the bidding climate has changed and due diligence was done in investigating whether there were alternative options available for the projects. Ald. Council members agreed that restrooms were needed; but cost was the issue. Motion failed 8 to 1 on call of roll with Charles, Hamburg, Havlovic, Klapper, Kutzke, Lynn, Maass and Monfort voting no.

Motion by Dodd, second by Lynn to approve Change Order No. 1 to Patchinski Construction for Contract No. 14-20C12 East Albert Street in the amount of \$83,468.50. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll.

8. Old Business

None.

9. New Business

Resolutions

Resolution No. 14-041 relative to Exemption from County Library Tax was read and adopted unanimously on motion by Maass, second by Klapper and call of roll.

Resolution No. 14-042 relative to Authorizing the Use of Special Registration Deputies for Election Day Voter Registration was read and adopted unanimously on motion by Maass, second by Hamburg and call of roll.

Resignation

Motion by Dodd, second by Maass to accept the resignation of Chris Shadel from the Business Improvement District Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll.

Appointment

Motion by Dodd, second by Lynn to approve the appointment of Marlena Cavanaugh to the Business Improvement District Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll.

Renaming of the south side of Goodyear Park to "Gary O'Hearn Recreational Complex"

Motion by Maass, second by Charles to approve renaming the south side of Goodyear Park to "Gary O'Hearn Recreational Complex." Mayor Tierney warned of setting precedence if the established naming policy was not followed. Ald. Maass and Charles stated that the park was not being renamed, just the complex within the park. The piece of property proposed to be renamed was not part of the original park, but acquired from the school district. If the proposed area was renamed; it would not restrict any potential naming of the skate park. Ald. Havlovic questioned whether or not the policy was followed in regard to notifying the public of the proposed naming. City Administrator Murphy explained that the policy was followed as there was 30 days between the Park and Recreation Board meetings allowing for public comment. Motion carried 8 to 1 unanimously on call of roll with Havlovic voting no.

Bylaws for the Business Improvement Board of Directors

Motion by Maass, second by Dodd to approve the revised Bylaws for the Business Improvement District Board of Directors. Motion carried 8 to 1 on call of roll with Havlovic voting no.

Mayor's Comments

People placing banners were reminded to follow the established guidelines.

Voters were reminded that photo ID is back in place for the November election. Polls will be at the Portage Public Library.

There have been many Run/Walks for good causes.

The Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss P.A.T.H.S. will be Tuesday, September 30th at 7:00 p.m.

City Administrator's Report

Council was informed of that a number of deer hunting licenses have been issued, and the first deer harvested. Deer abatement at the airport will be conducted by police sharpshooters in the winter of 2015.

Closed Session

Motion by Klapper, second by Dodd to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(b) for the reconsideration of an Operator License for MacKenzie L. Barney. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll at 7:59 p.m.

Motion by Monfort, second by Lynn to approve an operator license for MacKenzie L. Barney. Motion carried 6 to 3 on call of roll with Dodd, Hamburg and Maass voting no.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Klapper, second by Charles to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll at 8:18 p.m.

Marie A. Moe, WCPC, MMC
City Clerk