

Common Council Proceedings
City of Portage

Regular Meeting
Council Chambers
City Municipal Building

January 28, 2016
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, Klapper, Kutzke, Lynn, Maass, Monfort

Excused: Ald. Havlovic

Also Present: Mayor Tierney, City Clerk Moe, City Administrator Murphy, City Attorney Spankowski, Director of Public Works/Utilities Manager Jahncke, 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 recited.

4. Approval of Agenda

No changes.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by Klapper, second by Charles to approve minutes of the January 14, 2016 Common Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll.

6. Habitat for Humanity Presentation

Eleanor Chiquoine from Habitat for Humanity was present to inform the Council of Habitat's affordable housing program.

7. Consent Agenda

Reports of Sub-Committees, Boards, and Commissions

Historic Preservation Commission meeting of January 6, 2016

Library Board meeting of January 12, 2016

Business Improvement District Board of Directors meeting of January 13, 2016

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

License Applications

Operator license applications for Gerald J. McGowan, Muriah K. Mikolajczak, Jacquelynne S McGowan, Alesia M Royem, Susan M. Stearns

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

8. Committee Reports

Park and Recreation Board meeting of January 12, 2016

Finance/Administration Committee meeting of January 11, 2016

Legislative and Regulatory Committee meeting of January 13, 2016

Motion by Maass, second by Charles to approve the change of agent for Kwik Trip, Inc., Kwik Trip 653, 1223 East Wisconsin Street, Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class A" Cider License to Patricia J. Lintl. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll.

Joint Airport Commission/Plan Commission meeting of January 18, 2016

9. Unfinished Business

Ordinances

Ordinance No. 15-007 relative to Miscellaneous Offenses (Regulation of Smoking, E-Cigarettes) Tabled 05/14/15 until such time the State Legislature takes action on the proposed legislation. No action taken.

Ordinance No. 15-011 relative to Business Licenses (Alcohol Licenses) received its second reading. The questions brought up at the last meeting in regard to the applicability of the restroom requirements was current language in the Code, not any proposed change. The proposed Ordinance removes the restriction on the number of Class A licenses that can be issued. The questions in regard to the language on the restroom requirements will be referred to the Legislative and Regulatory Committee for review. Motion by Maass, second by Hamburg to pass Ordinance No. 15-011 relative to Business Licenses (Alcohol Licenses). Motion carried 7 to 1 on call of roll with Klapper voting no.

Ordinance No. 16-001 relative to Motor Vehicles and Traffic (No Parking Area in the 100 Block of West Franklin Street) received its second reading. Motion by Maass, second by Charles to pass Ordinance No. 16-

001 relative to Motor Vehicles and Traffic (No Parking Area in the 100 Block of West Franklin Street). Motion carried unanimously on call of roll.

Ordinance No. 16-002 relative to Alcoholic Beverages in Parks. The proposed ordinance was previously amended, and may be amended further, so it was suggested that the ordinance go back to the Board for further review prior to any action by the Council. Motion by Maass, second by Charles to refer Ordinance No. 16-002 relative to Alcoholic Beverages in Parks back to the Park and Recreation Board. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll.

10. New Business

Resolutions

Resolution No. 16-003 relative to Wage and Salary Schedule Covering Non-Union Personnel was read and adopted unanimously on motion by Klapper, second by Monfort and call of roll.

Resolution No. 16-004 relative to Petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid was read. Motion by Maass, second by Kutzke to adopt Resolution No. 16-004 relative to Petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport improvement Aid.

Ald. Dodd pointed out that if the City decided to close the airport or change use of the property; the City would need to pay back all the money, approximately three (3) million dollars; which is not currently in the City's capability to borrow. Ald. Dodd also stated that the Department of Transportation is slow in reimbursing, as the City must front the money. It was pointed out that the City just received the final reimbursement from the 2006 Canal project.

Ald. Maass stated that the Airport Commission's intention was to remain at the current location; and that an airport provides as important economic value for the city. According to Ald. Maass, the BOA and ~~FFA~~ FAA are not constructing **new** airports. She also stated that the Plan Commission is in support of the petition.

Ald. Kutzke stated that BOA lets the bids for the projects and funds 95%; the only cost the City pays is the 5% city-portion. City Administrator Murphy explained that the city fronts the money, which is reimbursed by BOA when the project is complete.

Ald. Lynn was in support of fixing the current airport; stating it is essential to economic development.

According to Ald. Maass there is currently \$333,000 in the entitlement account, which would cover the projects the Commission is currently looking at.

Motion carried 7 to 1 on call of roll with Dodd voting no.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Tierney commented that even though recycling numbers are

somewhat up; he would like to see more recycling.

City Administrator Report

Portions of the proposed sign ordinance revision have been rendered unconstitutional by the City Attorney in light of the recent decision by the Supreme Court finding that municipal regulations dictating what's on a sign violates free speech; so any changes are on hold.

There was a public input session last week sponsored by UW Extension regarding restructuring their office due to cuts in funding.

BID held its' annual meeting on January 25th.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation held a local officials and public information meeting on January 26th for the Highway 16/I-39 project; and will be holding a meeting on the Highway 33 corridor study on February 3rd.

Governor Walker will be the guest at the Chamber lunch on February 4th.

The City has met with BID to discuss snow removal efforts.

City staff is meeting to discuss improvements to snow removal efforts following a snow event.

The annual Chamber dinner was held January 27th.

There will be changes in the hours of operation for the snow shuttle.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Dodd, second by Charles to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll at 8:12 p.m.

Marie A. Moe, WCPC, MMC
City Clerk

**Highlighted portions were corrections approved at the February 11, 2016 Common Council meeting.