

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013 - 6:30PM
CITY HALL BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Council President Kupsik called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Kupsik.

Roll Call. Present: Aldermen Hougen, Wall, Mott, Hill, Kehoe, Kupsik, Taggart and Lyon. Also present: City Administrator Jordan.

Hougen/Wall motion to approve Minutes from August 5, 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting as distributed. Unanimously carried.

Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), except for public hearing items.

Rick Steinberg, 1032 Williams Street, commented on the parking situation; don't modernize the City so it's only good for tourists. We need to keep our small town atmosphere.

Ellyn Kehoe, 222 Warren Street, reminded all that bins for donation of non-perishable foods are set up at the Fire Department, 7am to 7pm, Monday through Friday.

Pete Peterson, 1601 Evergreen Lane, expressed frustration with boat launch inconsistencies. He had to pay an additional \$8 to take his boat out of the water when he had already paid \$8 to launch in the spring; however, he observed kayakers launching for no fee at all when the sign clearly says \$6 for residents and \$7 for non-residents to launch kayaks. He asked that someone look into this because it is not fair or reasonable.

Jim Strauss, 246 Ridge Road, spoke against Kwik Trip coming to town.

Terry O'Neill, 954 George Street, requested that the repair of George Street be put on the City Council agenda and contact the County Board to discuss this. Repairs have been delayed because of a lack of agreement between the County and the City. A petition signed by 39 George Street residents has been mailed to both the County and City.

Mary Jo Fesenmaier, 955 George Street, added that the City Council needs to schedule a presentation to the Council by the County Chair so the information is available for the newspaper and the rest of the community to discuss.

Discussion on parking study/continued question and answer with Rich & Associates

Chair Kupsik opened up the floor for Council members to discuss and ask questions of Rich & Associates. Alderman Hougen asked for elaboration on bicycle and moped parking. There was discussion on converting a few parking spaces to bicycle and moped parking to encourage more people to bike and lessen congestion; difficulties in enforcing two-hour parking; the need for software updates to the handhelds for enforcement; smart cards and discounts; validation systems and other possibilities. The parking study unearthed another 51 spots without a new parking structure. Alderman Lyon expressed his belief that we can make small improvements with the current parking; but ultimately we have a capacity issue and with even a small amount of growth, we need a parking structure. Alderman Taggart said he was the chairman of the first parking commission in 1962 and they talked about the same things then that we are now; and we still don't have it settled. Chair Kupsik asked what the procedure is now. Administrator Jordan explained that once they finish the study, this will go to the Parking Committee and they will make their recommendation to the Council who can choose whether to go with the recommendation or not. Alderman Hill asked how we get to the final report. The response from Rich & Associates was that this presentation was meant to get the public input on the recommendations as they were given in the report as the preliminary step. The Council members all need to give their feedback and Rich and Associates will give a final draft to them. Someone would then read through it and very quickly return the final final.

Standing Committee Reports given:

Finance, License & Regulation Committee, Alderman Hill
Personnel Committee, Alderman Kupsik
Public Works Committee, Alderman Mott
Piers, Harbors, & Lakefront Committee, Alderman Wall

Committee, Commission and Board Reports given:

Utility Commission, Aldermen Hougen & Wall

Tree Board, Alderman Kupsik
Police & Fire Commission, Alderman Lyon
Board of Park Commissioners, Alderman Kupsik
Library Board, Alderman Wall
Cemetery, Alderman Taggart
Parking Commission, Alderman Hill
Communications Committee, Alderman Hill
Avian Committee, Alderman Wall

Other Boards and Committee Reports given:

Chamber of Commerce, Alderman Hill
Geneva Lake Museum, Alderman Lyon
Lake Geneva Economic Development Corporation, Aldermen Hougen & Kupsik
Geneva Lake Environmental Agency, Alderman Wall

Kupsik/Hill motion to adjourn at 8:25p.m. Unanimously carried.

Transcribed from audio tape.

/s/ Artis M. Roenspies, Deputy City Clerk

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