

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2010 - 6:30PM
CITY HALL BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council President Krause called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman Kehoe.

Roll Call. Present: Aldermen Hartz, Mott, Kehoe, Krohn, Tolar, Krause. Absent (excused): Aldermen Marsala and Fesenmaier.

Approval of Minutes from November 1, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting as distributed. Kehoe/Tolar motion to approve. Unanimously carried.

Presentation of Proclamations Commending Troop 235 and Troop 239 Boy Scouts on their achievement of scouting's highest award of Eagle Scout in the 100th Anniversary Year of the Boys Scouts of America.

Mayor Connors read a paragraph from the Boy Scouts press release about the 100 Year Anniversary; he had each boy state his name and describe what his Eagle project was. Trevor Mapes made a woodshed for Big Foot Beach State Park; Jackson Seeberg refurbished McKay Park in Pell Lake; Jordan Drohner refurbished a volleyball court at Big Foot Beach State Park; Logan Tenney made bat houses for Big Foot Beach State Park; Cody Heindl built a training prop for the Lake Geneva Fire Department and Nick Glass refurbished the St. Francis De Sales playground. The Mayor read what was written on the plaque and presented one to each Eagle Scout.

Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), except for public hearing items. George Hennerly of the Lake Geneva Chamber of Commerce read a brief letter on behalf of the Children's Christmas Parade Committee thanking the City for their support and assistance at this year's Parade.

Terry O'Neill, 954 George Street disagreed with the Council's plan to borrow about three and a half million dollars to buy a fire ladder truck, road repairs and some miscellaneous projects. He felt these are not emergencies so do not need to be borrowed immediately and the citizens should have the right to approve or deny the expenditure not just give an opinion at a public hearing. He requested a binding referendum be put on the spring ballot.

Marty Smith, 330 Oakwood Lane commented on what he has seen happening at Council meetings with Flat Iron Park. He suggested the Chamber continue to use their building to meet with tourists but don't build in our park to do web development, marketing and administration. He also asked any of the aldermen who are members of the Chamber and have a financial relationship with the Chamber to abstain from voting for your own building in our park.

Finance, License & Regulation Committee, Alderman Krause

Alderman Krause reminded all senior citizens that they will need to obtain new parking stickers by the end of January 2011 and that the tax bills would be in the mail by the end of next week. He also announced a special meeting this Saturday in Room 2-C to address capital budget items. He also reported that the Criterium Bike Race has not paid their bills from last summer's race and Administrator Jordan is sending it to collections. He has also asked the Clerk to help prepare some criteria to issue liquor licenses and have very clear guidelines as to how we issue them. He also mentioned that he asked the Clerk to discontinue including all the minutes from the past month in the Committee of the Whole packet. They already have minutes put in their boxes as they come in and it is a waste of paper.

Personnel Committee, Alderman Hartz

Alderman Hartz reported they are doing performance evaluations on members of the city staff.

Public Works Committee, Alderman Tolar

Alderman Tolar reported they discussed landscaping on Country Club Drive, the flashing stop sign for Sheridan Springs Road, and Flat Iron Park. They also recommended replacing the sidewalk and handicapped approaches on the south side of Seminary Park when the weather allows. It is out for bids now. They also discussed putting a recyclable container in Grant Park. He also noted the Riviera Fountain has been covered.

Piers, Harbors, & Lakefront Committee, Alderman Marsala

No meeting, no report.

Utility Commission, Aldermen Marsala & Tolar

Alderman Tolar reported they are trying to finish installing the remainder of the high-tech meters. They also discussed the 100 lead services in the city that have to be replaced. They elected officers with Mr. Brellenthin as President and Larry Magee as Secretary.

Tree Board, Alderman Fesenmaier

No report.

Police & Fire Commission, Alderman Tolar

Alderman Tolar said he was out of town for the last meeting but shared a Police report about accidents and the calls they take. For the month of October, the total number of complaints handled were 1,024; 1,244 reports; 240 arrests; 384 dispatcher calls; 493 people assisted at the window; and 133 9-1-1 calls.

Planning Commission, Alderman Hartz

Alderman Hartz said the Council has met and approved everything since the last meeting.

Board of Park Commissioners, Alderman Fesenmaier

Mayor Connors recapped the Park Board meeting. They are writing a green grant to try to get money for recycling. They discussed updating the Skate Board Park as a TIF project and are trying to schedule a webinar for December. They discussed the light policy at Veteran's Park, the possibility of creating a dog park, and are recommending renaming the park located within the business park in memory of Frank Fermano.

Library Board, Alderman Krause

Alderman Krause reported they have completed the budget. There was a lot of discussion about meeting the standards in order to stay current, with about \$70,000 of items that need to be purchased by the end of December. They talked about doing some upgraded lighting at the Library through a shared savings program with Alliant Energy. As normal, it remains a very, very active location. They hired Melissa Hubbuch as Administrative Assistant for 20 hours per week.

Historic Preservation, Alderman Kehoe

Alderman Kehoe reported the neighborhood would like to have an ice rink and will settle for it on the lake. Tara Trent is the new president of Maple Park District; they are working diligently on getting the Neighborhood Watch started.

Cemetery, Alderman Krohn

Alderman Krohn reported they met last month. They discussed the budget, the perpetual care fund and investments.

Parking Commission, Alderman Marsala

No meeting, no report.

Communications Committee, Alderman Fesenmaier

No report.

Ad Hoc Committee on Policy & Procedure, Aldermen Fesenmaier & Marsala

Mayor Connors reported they have been meeting and are trying to get through them. There are a number of chapters in their packets tonight for them to look over and bring them back to Council for the first meeting in January. Parking policies are going to the Parking Commission; some related to the Park are going to the Park Board. If there are comments, they can be emailed to the Mayor or City Administrator Jordan.

Chamber of Commerce, Alderman Krause

Alderman Krause said they are working on the budget and the next big event coming up will be Winterfest.

Lake Geneva Museum, Alderman (Vacant)

Mayor Connors reported they met on December 1. They had a fundraiser at Celebration on Wells in November and raised \$800. Their TIF projects are underway as are the ADA-compliant bathrooms. They are hosting a number of private parties and the facility is available if people are looking for a place to rent a very nice facility. They have a DVD for sale for \$12 which has photos of Lake Geneva with music.

Alderman Connors added that the state passed legislation to allow ATV's to plow snow. The requirements are they need to have a flashing yellow light attached, be registered, and have a valid training permit from the DNR if born after 1987. A copy of this information will be posted on the website. The police do not want to issue any tickets but will have to if people are not in compliance.

Lake Geneva Economic Development Corporation, Aldermen Mott & Hartz

Alderman Mott reported they gave a marketing report. They talked about a movement in Wisconsin called Be Bold Wisconsin; they also discussed the Traver Hotel. As the mayor indicated, they moved to name the recreation area in the park in memory of Frank Fermano.

Geneva Lake Environmental Agency, Alderman Fesenmaier

No report.

Geneva Lake Use Committee, Alderman Krohn

No meeting, no report.

Alderman Tolar mentioned Lake Geneva was recognized as a Bird City.

Alderman Mott requested looking into updating the bathrooms at the Chamber.

Kehoe/Krohn motion to adjourn at 7:08pm. Unanimously carried.

Transcribed from audio tape.

/s/ Artis Roenspies, Deputy Clerk