

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016 – 7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

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

**Roll Call.** Present: Mayor Connors, Aldermen Chappell, Wall, Kordus, Hill, Kupsik, Hedlund, Howell. Absent (excused): Alderman Gelting. Also Present: City Attorney Draper, City Administrator Oborn and City Clerk Waswo.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Hill.

**Awards, Presentations, and Proclamations.** None.

**Re-consider business from previous meeting.** None.

**Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), limited to items on this agenda, except for public hearing items. Comments will to be limited to 5 minutes.** None.

**Acknowledgement of Correspondence.** On December 31, 2015 the City received an email from Charlene Klein requesting the Council form a task force to explore the option to purchase and redevelop the Hillmoor property. Maureen Marks emailed the City on January 2, 2016 requesting the Council form a general committee to examine all possibilities for the Hillmoor property.

**Approval of Minutes.** Kordus/Hedlund motion to approve the Special City Council Meeting minutes of December 30, 2015, as prepared and distributed. Motion carried 7 to 0.

**Consent Agenda**

**Street Use Permit for closure of Wrigley Drive during Winterfest on Friday, February 5, 2016 at 9:00am and approval to waive fees**

Kordus/Howell motion to approve. Motion carried 7 to 0.

**Items removed from the Consent Agenda.** None.

**Finance, License and Regulation Committee Recommendations – Alderman Kupsik**

**Kupsik/Wall motion to approve Resolution 16-R1, a wage resolution for Part-time Police Officers** (*recommended by the Police and Fire Commission on Jan. 7, 2016*). This is a non-union position which will be at a pay scale of 9 based on the latest wage salary that was approved. This wage should attract part-time officers.

Roll Call: Chappell, Wall, Kordus, Hill, Kupsik, Hedlund, Howell voting “yes.” Motion carried 7 to 0.

**Kupsik/Hedlund motion to approve parking agreement at 251 Cook Street**

A previous agreement was in place with the prior owner of these two parking stalls which is being transferred to the new owner. Roll Call: Chappell, Wall, Kordus, Hill, Kupsik, Hedlund, Howell voting “yes.” Motion carried 7 to 0.

**Kupsik/Chappell motion to approve sending request for charge back of rescinded or refunded taxes to the Department of Revenue pertaining to tax key ZLM 00003 and ZTT 00002, and authorizing payment for overages in the amount of \$1,862.91 and \$4,164.17**

City Administrator Oborn explained these were older building permits where the assessor assumed the houses were completed. One of them was only 10% complete and the homeowner received a tax bill assessed at full value. The taxpayer did get the notice of changed assessment, which was ignored. The amounts listed are the overages which the

City would pay to the County Treasurer and the request for chargeback would be submitted to the Department of Revenue. Assuming the DOR approves it, as there is no guarantee, the City would be reimbursed by the other taxing jurisdictions. There have been discussions on preventing this from happening again.

Discussion followed on holding the assessor accountable for the error. City Attorney Draper could look at the contract and see if there is an accountability error; however, there are usually limitations of liability that would prevent that sort of action. If there is not, the City would make Accurate advance the two overages instead of the City.

Email correspondence to the City Clerk explains the assessor admits there are notes in the database stating the home was only 10% complete during an onsite visit on 1/1/2015; however the home was assessed at 100%. It was suggested to withhold a portion of the City's payment to Accurate until the reimbursement is received. The DOR chargeback must be submitted by October, which means the City may not be refunded until sometime in December. Based on experience, Alderman Hedlund feels they are not easy to get a hold of and do not return phone calls. He had a similar circumstance and does not have confidence in them. There was concern this could happen again with the City held liable.

Mayor Connors suggested they split this into two items. File with the DOR and postpone the second half to the next meeting for staff to discuss with Accurate and look at the contract to see if there is any remedy.

Kordus/Hill motion an amendment to continue the authorization of payment of overages in the amount of \$1,862.91 and \$4,164.17 to the next meeting. Motion carried 7 to 0.

Roll Call on Main Motion with Amendment: Chappell, Wall, Kordus, Hill, Kupsik, Hedlund, Howell voting "yes." Motion carried 7 to 0.

#### **Presentation of Accounts – Alderman Kupsik**

Purchase Orders. None.

#### **Kupsik/Wall motion to approve Prepaid Bills in the amount of \$112.50**

Roll Call: Chappell, Wall, Kordus, Hill, Kupsik, Hedlund, Howell voting "yes." Motion carried 7 to 0.

#### **Kupsik/Kordus motion to approve Regular Bills in the amount of \$142,966.01.**

Roll Call: Chappell, Wall, Kordus, Hill, Kupsik, Hedlund, Howell voting "yes." Motion carried 7 to 0.

**Mayoral Appointments.** None.

**Adjournment.** Kordus/Hill motion to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried 7 to 0.

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/s/ Sabrina Waswo, City Clerk

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