

The meeting was called to Order by Mayor Heron with the following Roll Call at 7:00 p.m.:

Members Present: Ald. Nitschke, Ald. Liebenow, Ald. Voss, Ald. Hoy

Members Absent: Ald. McKinnon, Ald. Sabel

Others Present: Mayor Heron, Kathie Wild, Shelley Eilbes, Karen Christianson, Vern Hilker, Mike Kurutz, Ron Wellner, Brian Wendorff, Chuck Brockhaus, Ron Henkel, Sally Kahlhamer, Brian Paynter, Ryan Steitley, Jerry Moede, David Pasbrig, Bob Smith, Sue Smith, Andrew Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Vicky Wegmann, PJ Wegmann

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Citizen Comments.

None.

Consent Agenda.

Approve the Minutes of the March 10, 2008 meeting. Motion by Ald. Voss, second by Ald. Nitschke to approve the minutes of the above meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:**Mayor-Monthly Report.****A. Congratulate Miller Toll & Die on Expansion.**

The Mayor gave his report. Written report attached to minutes.

B. Financial Partnership Pledge for Horicon Marsh International Education Center.

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C. Congratulate New Council Members.

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D. Thank Outgoing Council Members.

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E. Announce Vacancy on Cable TV Advisory and Park Board.

If anyone is interested in serving on the Cable TV Advisory and Park Board please contact the City Clerk.

F. Discuss Prospective Offer for Mayville Golf Course in Light of Resolution 4183-2007 and Possible Amendment to the Resolution.

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Resolution 4214-2008 (Appointment to the Landfill Standing Committee).

Motion by Ald. Voss, second by Ald. Liebenow to approve Resolution 4214-2008 Appointment to the Landfill Standing Committee. Motion carried 4-0.

Comptroller-Treasurer - Monthly Report.**A. Financial Report.**

Shelley read the figures for March 2008. Shelley reported that Vern and she attended a FEMA meeting regarding getting reimbursed some money for the February 5th and 6th snowstorm. They have compiled all the data and will be getting \$14,190. They are predicting to receive the money in 6-8 weeks. She also received the grant notification for the recycling grant and we will be getting \$50,463.

City Clerk - Monthly Report.**A. April Committee Meeting Dates.**

Kathie reminded everyone that the April committee meetings will be held on April 28th and 29th. The extra week is needed to be able to have the new chairperson's of the committees in place to approve the committee agendas.

Discuss/Approve the following Operator's Licenses:

Brianne Del Ponte, Mayville

Ryan Fillion, Waukesa

Amanda Palmer, Mayville

Sandy Schone, Mayville

Dawn Bartsch, Oakfield

Motion by Ald. Liebenow, second by Ald. Nitschke to approve the operator's license for Brianne Del Ponte, Ryan Fillion, Amanda Palmer, Sandy Schone, Dawn Bartsch. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 4215-2008 (Approve the Results of April 1, 2008 Spring Election).

Motion by Ald. Liebenow, second by Ald. Nitschke to approve Resolution 4215-2008 Approve the Results of April 1, 2008 Spring Election. Motion carried 4-0.

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:

Personnel Committee:

Date and Time of Next Meeting is Monday, April 28, 2008, immediately following Public Safety.

Finance Committee:

Payment of Bills. (\$436,191.06)

Motion by Ald. Nitschke, second by Ald. Hoy to approve the payment of the bills. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 4216-2008 – (Approve Agreement with the Mayville Golf Club Inc).

Motion by Ald. Nitschke, second by Ald. Hoy to approve Resolution 4216-2008 Approve Agreement with the Mayville Golf Club Inc. Motion carried 4-0.

Date and Time of Next Meeting is Tuesday, April 29, 2008, immediately following Public Works.

Public Safety Committee:

Date and Time of Next Meeting Monday, April 28, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.

Public Works Committee:

Date and Time of Next Meeting Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission:

Date and Time of Next Meeting Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

Water/Wastewater Commission:

Resolution 4217-2008 – (Award Bid for 4th Street Lift Station).

Ron Wellner explained that this was on their 5 year capital improvement plan.

Motion by Ald. Liebenow, second by Ald. Voss to approve Resolution 4217-2008 Award Bid for 4th Street Lift Station. Motion carried 4-0.

Date and Time of Next Meeting is May 6, 2008, at 7:00 p.m at the Water & Wastewater Plant.

Park Board:

Monthly Report of Director of Parks & Recreation.

A. Parks & Facilities Report.

Mike Kurutz reported that the parks are open for the season. The water has been turned on at the outdoor facilities except for Theiler Park. That will be turned on in the next couple of days. Work will begin on the Lincoln Lane Park as soon as the weather permits. The boat ramp has been ordered and the park is scheduled to be done by Memorial Day. Mike reminded everyone that April 25th is Arbor Day.

B. Recreation Program Report.

The winter volleyball leagues end on Wednesday. The summer brochure will be in the Mayville News this week. Registration is underway for the adult softball leagues. Emily Struck took 1st and Cassie Strook took 4th place at a basketball skills competition held at the Bradley Center.

C. Tag Center Update.

The Tag Center for the month of March had 5,723 swipes and 2,527 walk-ins for a total attendance of 8,250. Summers hours will take effect after Memorial Day. They are putting together a program for replacing all of the treadmills and elliptical cross trainers on a three year rotation. The money will come from the Bachhuber Endowment Fund. They received \$50,000 from the Bachhuber Endowment Fund this year. They have using half the money for a relighting project.

Date and Time of Next Meeting is May 7, 2008, at 4:30 p.m.

Library Board:

Date and Time of Next Meeting is May 8, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at the Library.

Senior Center Board:

Review of Activities/Attendance at Center.

Ald. Nitschke reviewed the activity from the past month. 329 meals on wheels served, 77 Easter dinners served, 251 people played cards, 35 people attended the open bingo, 44 people attended members only bingo and 1,015 people used the facility.

Date and Time of Next Meeting is May 13, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

Golf Course Advisory Commission:

Date and Time of Next Meeting will be Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Golf Course.

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Ald. Liebenow, second by Ald. Voss to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Kathie Wild, City Clerk

Mayville Common Council Mtg.

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Mayor's Report

A. Congratulate Miller Tool & Die on Expansion

You may have heard or read that there is yet another reason to celebrate in the Mayville business community. Mayville's own Miller Tool & Die is expanding their facility and I had the pleasure of meeting with Marc Trott, Jr. to talk about it and tour their facility.

Two additions totaling 5,600 square feet will soon be added to accommodate two new presses: an 800 ton hydraulic press and a 350 ton mechanical press. There will also be extensive renovations for office space and more space for production. It's great to see the direction in which this company is moving and to meet Mark Trott and Keith Nagel, and to learn that the laying off of employees is extremely rare and their very diversified customer base adds to the stability and financial success of the company.

So congratulations Miller Tool & Die – and thank you for your efforts to be so successful here in Mayville.

B. Financial Partnership Pledge for Horicon Marsh International Educational Center

By now most have probably at least heard about the construction project that is occurring between here and Horicon. What is it? Well when it's finished it's going to be more than just another pretty building!

The Horicon Marsh International Educational Center promises to be a state-of-the-art destination to which over a half million visitors will travel each year – starting this fall!

Tonight I would like to announce a financial partnership pledge of \$25,000 on behalf of the city of Mayville, which equals the amount already pledged by the city of Horicon. Dodge County has also approved \$20,000.

What are the benefits of the Center and some of the interior features?

1. 500,000 potential annual visitors.
2. A panoramic view of the marsh that will be provided by floor to ceiling windows on the main floor.
3. An auditorium that will offer orientation and educational programs through media technology. The space will also offer a place for large group lectures, conferences, banquets, and seminars.
4. Touch tables that will give visitors a chance to learn about the marsh through interactive participation.
5. A library of conservation education information.
6. Will provide the potential for new business.
7. Increase employment opportunities.
8. A new local designation for residents.
9. Easier for non-profit groups to raise money for marsh-related activities.
10. Further enhancement and promotion of Dodge County quality of life.
11. Increased pride in Dodge County.
12. Establishment of an entry point for the Horicon Marsh.

So why should Mayville be on board with such a venture? Are we obligated?

A recurring theme of mine and of so many in the community is that Mayville needs to be marketed. We need to do “something” to attract families and businesses. Well that sounds good but as with anything else – it takes an investment in order to see a return.

This Educational Center is at once a tailor-made marketing vehicle for the city of Mayville – and Horicon, and Hartford, Iron Ridge, Theresa, Beaver Dam, and so on.... and I strongly believe that it is an opportunity that cannot be missed.

In addition to what it will “be” there’s also an on-going marketing opportunity that we can participate in once the Center is operating. We can create short video commercials that highlight specifically some of our local businesses and amenities – like our parks, the Tag Center, Golf Course, the river, etc. These will be played at the Center for visitors to see, and I believe we can see a direct return from that type of advertising.

The mayor of course, cannot promise funds from the city treasury without the approval of the council, and tonight I would like to ask this council – and the new members of the council - to consider approving this investment later this year, as I will enter it as a line item on the budget that will be submitted for your approval.

Two important things to remember:

1. We do not have to commit to the entire \$25,000 to be paid out in one year; we can commit to \$5,000 per year for 5 years, and
2. Once council approval is given for this amount, it will be immediately matched by the Bachhuber Foundation.

I do hope that you will take the time to consider this great opportunity for the city of Mayville.

C. Congratulate New Council Members.

I would like to thank all eight candidates that ran in the spring aldermanic election for races well run, for caring enough about your community and your local government to do something about it, and to congratulate the winners – Dottie Hoy, Dave Pasbrig, Jerry Moede and Bob Smith. I’m looking forward to working with all of you!

D. Thank Outgoing Council Members.

I would like to say a heartfelt thanks to those who, although did not win the race, have sacrificed their time for the good of this city.

Larry Liebenow – 12 years of service and your experience will be missed here at this table. I personally want to thank you for your strong opinions, your “tight-fistedness” with the taxpayers’ dollars and the fact that you’ve never been a follower, but a leader on this council. Enjoy your new freedom!

E. Announce Vacancy on Cable TV Advisory Committee and Park Board.

F. Discuss Prospective Offer for Mayville Golf Course in Light of Resolution 4183-2007 and Possible Amendment to the Resolution.

Less than 2 weeks ago the city of Mayville was approached by someone inquiring about whether or not the Golf Course is for sale. There is no “new offer” on the golf course or anything like that – there was simply a question asked.

It is my belief that the position of the city has not changed from when as recently as September of 2007 this very council passed a unanimous resolution stating that the golf course is not for sale and that no further “offers” will be accepted.

So if our position has not changed and if there is no offer, why place this on the agenda – especially on the same night as we have on the agenda the item to approve the new management agreement with the golf course?

Two reasons:

1. I want it on the table – in open session – and this is a perfect opportunity to inform the people in our city that unsolicited inquiries, and sometimes offers, do come into the city, whether it’s for land, equipment or what have you. If I were to have left this off the agenda and it got around that someone asked something and someone said something, then we run the risk of the same old rumors of mystery and intrigue. There is never a bad time to keep the public informed!
2. Secondly, this is basically a test of the resolution. If anyone on this council has any major concerns with the resolution that was passed in September, or thoughts about how we should handle unsolicited offers that come to us now is the time to voice them.

Respectfully Submitted by Mayor Tracy A. Heron