

The meeting was called to Order by Council President Ald. Liebenow with the following

Roll Call at 7:00 p.m.:

Members Present: Ald. Nitschke, Ald. McKinnon, Ald. Liebenow, Ald. Voss, Ald. Sabel

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mayor Heron, Kathie Wild, Shelley Eilbes, Vern Hilker, Roger Williams, John Hennig, Mike Kurutz, Alixe Bielot, Bill Linzenmeyer, Bob Parduhn, Sally Kahlhamer, Brian Paynter, Steve Sabatke, Bob Smith, Susan Smith, Butch Wendorff, Sharon Chmielewski, Brian Wendorff, Danny Luehring, Carl Bandle, Maria Campbell, Ron Henkel, Dottie Hoy, Travis Smet

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Oath of Office for Mayor Tracy Heron

Kathie Wild, City Clerk, gave the oath to the newly elected Mayor Tracy Heron.

Citizen Comments.

Maria Campbell expressed the need for the council to amend 9.12 of the municipal code to allow for miniature horses as service animals. She wants the ordinance revised. The Mayor deferred this item to the next public safety agenda.

Carl Bandle who is the owner of Bears Legends expressed his opposition to the increase of liquor license fees that were going to be up for approve at this meeting. He didn't feel it was fair to raise the fees by 33%. He stated this was the second time the fees were raised since 1998. He believes the surrounding communities fees are already lower than Mayville's and feels that bar owners are taxed heavily. He would like to see the item tabled and be brought back for further discussion.

Consent Agenda.

Approve the Minutes of the October 8, 2007, October 16, 2007, and November 7, 2007, meeting(s). Motion by Ald. McKinnon, second by Ald. Voss to approve the minutes of the above meetings. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Mayors - Monthly Report.

Mayor Heron read a written statement with messages to Ron Sternat, the council, and to the people of Mayville. The statement is attached to the minutes.

A. Appointments to Finance & Personnel Committees.

Mayor Heron announced that to fill his vacancy on the Finance committee he is going to appoint Ald. Voss to that committee. He also appointed Ald. McKinnon as the chair of the Personnel committee.

Resolution 4188-2007 (Resolution to Appoint Bob Miller to the Cable TV Advisory Committee).

Motion by Ald. Voss, second by Ald. Liebenow to approve Resolution 4188-2007 to Appoint Bob Miller to the Cable TV Advisory Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

Comptroller-Treasurer - Monthly Report.

A. Financial Report.

Shelley read the figures for October 2007.

B. 2008 Budget Update.

Shelley reported that the budget hearing will be on November 27th at 6:00 p.m. with a council meeting to follow to approve the budget.

C. 2007 Property Tax Update.

Shelley reported that the taxes will be sent out by December 12th. People will be able to pay their taxes via credit card this year however there will be a 2.75% charge for that service. She will be including more information in all tax bills regarding this.

City Clerk - Monthly Report.

A. Discussion and Approval of Procedure for Filling Vacancy in Aldermanic District One.

Kathie reported that with Tracy being elected Mayor we now have a vacancy in aldermanic district one. According to state statues if the opening becomes available before December 1st a successor shall be elected for the residue of the unexpired terms on the first Tuesday of April. This means that a person will be elected in April to fulfill a one year term. Therefore, it is up to the council to decide how to handle the opening until the April 2008 Election. The council can either decide to leave it vacant or can fill the opening. In the past when there was an alderman vacancy, the opening was advertised for and anyone interested could fill out an application. Then the council would interview the candidates and make their decision. There was a discussion as to how soon they wanted to fill the position and the application deadline and date to interview the candidates. The deadline for the applications is December 3rd and the date to interview the candidates will be on December 4th at 6:30 p.m.

B. Spring Election Candidacy Papers.

Candidacy papers will be available December 3rd for the April 2008 Election. Wards up for election are Wards 2, 4 & 7, & 6. The Mayor is also up for election. Ward 1 will also be put on the ballot for a one year term to fill the vacancy of Tracy Heron.

C. November Committee Meetings Schedule.

Kathie reminded everyone that the November committee meetings are a week later than normal this month due to deer hunting and Thanksgiving. The meetings are on November 26th and 27th.

Resolution 4189-2007 (Approve the Results of the November 6, 2007 Recall Election).

Motion by Ald. Liebenow, second by Ald. Nitschke to approve Resolution 4189-2007 to Approve the Results of the November 6, 2007 Recall Election. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:

Personnel Committee:

Date and Time of Next Meeting is Monday, November 26, 2007, immediately following Public Safety.

Finance Committee:

Payment of Bills. (\$622,015.14)

Motion by Ald. Nitschke, second by Ald. Sabel to approve the payment of the bills. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 4190-2007 (Approve the 2008 Schedule of Fees).

Motion by Ald. Sabel, second by Ald. Nitschke to approve resolution 4190-2007. Ald. Sabel expressed that he wished that people would come forward ahead of time such as at committee meetings to voice their opinions on issues instead of at council meetings when the council is ready to vote on the issue. Mayor Heron expressed that he is not against tax increases however he did mention something at the last Finance meeting about the large increases to the liquor and cigarette fees. Ald. McKinnon expressed that he is concerned that we always seem to be adding costs for businesses. Ald. Voss expressed that he didn't agree

with the increases. Motion failed 0-5. Ald. Liebenow recommended that this item be brought back to the finance committee for further discussion.

Date and Time of Next Meeting is Tuesday November 27, 2007, immediately following Public Works.

Public Safety Committee:

Monthly Report of Chief of Police.

A. Nothing to report.

Monthly Report of Emergency Government Director.

A. Nothing to report.

Monthly Report of Fire Chief.

A. Nothing to report.

Monthly Report of EMS Director.

A. Nothing to report.

Date and Time of Next Meeting Monday, November 26, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.

Public Works Committee:

Monthly Report of Director of Public Works.

A. Nothing to Report.

Date and Time of Next Meeting Tuesday, November 27, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission:

Vern stated that he would like to have one planning commission meeting for the months of November and December. At the current time he only had one item to put on the agenda. He would like to have the meeting either December 5th or 12th.

Water/Wastewater Commission:

Monthly Report of Utilities Director.

A. Golf View Lift Station Construction Update.

Ron Wellner was not able to attend the meeting. The Mayor read his written report.

B. Lake Country Sanitary Sewer Construction Update.

See attached written report.

C. Disconnection Notices.

See attached written report.

Date and Time of Next Meeting is December 4, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Park Board:

Monthly Report of Director of Parks & Recreation.

A. Parks & Facilities Report.

Mike Kurutz reported that grass cutting is finished and they are now working on leaf cleanup. They have worked on aerating all the ball fields and soccer fields and have winterized all buildings. The Avenue of Tress will be in the pavilion starting next Monday.

B. Recreation Program Report.

Softball season wrapped up on October 21st. For volleyball there are 11 women's teams for Monday night, 11 women's teams for Wednesday night and 10 co-ed teams on Saturday night. Yogo is underway on Wednesday nights. They began a preschool playtime at the Tag Center from 11:00-1:00 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

C. Tag Center Update.

The monthly member visits for October was 4,195. Walk-ins for the month were 909. The administration area is now an indoor spinning room. They have two spinning classes which are both full. They are looking at the lighting in the facility and looking for ways to reduce energy costs. The money will be used from the endowment fund. The Health and Wellness Fair was held on Oct 20. They had over 200 people attend in the three hour time frame. Membership sales are starting to pick-up with the colder weather. October 23rd was Erica Buechel's last day as Aquatic Director. Deb Noennig is overseeing the swim lesson program and they have found coverage for all shifts and water exercises classes.

Date and Time of Next Meeting is December 5, 2007, at 4:30 p.m.

Library Board:

Monthly Report of Library Director. –

A. Holiday Hours at the Library.

The library will be closed on Thursday November 22nd Thanksgiving but will be open their normal hours on Friday and Saturday.

B. Children's Book Talk at Heritage Fest.

For Heritage Fest the library will be having Santa from 10:00-1:00 and will also be having a book presentation from the author of the Garden Gathering.

Date and Time of Next Meeting is December 13, 2007, 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. 294 meals on wheels served, 340 meals at the Center, 272 people played cards, 41 people attended the open bingo, 61 people attended the members only bingo, and 1,077 people used the facility.

Date and Time of Next Meeting is November 13, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.

Golf Course Advisory Commission:

Monthly Report of Golf Course Manager:

A. Final Stage of Golf Course Preparation for Winter.

Bob Parduhn reported that they are still getting the course prepared for winter. They hope to have that completed either tomorrow or Wednesday.

B. Membership Dues for 2008.

There will be a membership increase of 3% for 2008. They did an evaluation of all the surround rates and found that we were low and are will still be below Rock River Hills after the 3% increase.

C. Banquet Hall Update.

There are a few dates left for 2008. They have 4 bookings already for 2009. They are booking out a year and a half for weddings.

Date and Time of Next Meeting will be Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Golf Course.

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Ald. McKinnon, second by Ald. Liebenow to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Kathie Wild, City Clerk

November 12, 2007

Mayville Common Council Mtg.
Mayor's Report

I. Message to Ron Sternat

- a. No one here is a big fan of debt, but I would like to say that the people of the city of Mayville owe a large debt of gratitude to Ron Sternat for his 11 years of selfless service to his city. On behalf of the people of the city of Mayville I wish to thank Ron for his service and sacrifice.

II. Message to the Council

- a. This is a unique time in the city's history. It is the peoples' privilege to consider the direction they want their elected officials to take and, on rare occasions, reconsider their choice of elected officials before the expiration of that official's normal term.
- b. None of us at this table asked for this recall election, but it has happened. The result of this election affects each person differently. For some it has evoked strong emotions and has been divisive. For others it's been little more than a novelty – kind of a peculiar diversion in the local government process. And yet for others it is actually the catalyst that is uniting the citizens in their desire to take back their government and make themselves heard at their city hall.
- c. Six hundred ninety people did not vote for Tracy Heron. I don't *know* 690 people in Mayville. Some people – that I do know - voted for me. Others voted for their own personal reasons, some of which I have heard, many of which I have not. But it is safe to say that the majority of the people who voted had one thing in common: they are demanding *CHANGE*. And we need to be aware of that - we need to heed that message – all of us at this table – including me.
- d. The last time your boss or my boss at our place of employment wanted something different from us than what we were used to providing – what did we do? We changed what we were doing. Why? Because they're the boss! So what do the people of Mayville – who are our employers – want us to do differently? If there was one recurring theme in all of the discussions I've had with people – it's this: they want us to talk more about the future and make plans for it.
- e. Speaking of bosses – the mayor is not the “boss” of the council. Rather, the mayor is the facilitator of the process used to get things done for the people who pay for our seats. The people – they are the boss, and it is our job – now more than ever – to work together on some creative solutions to the real issues facing this city.
- f. I'm looking forward to working with all of you as we talk about and make plans for the future.

III. Message to the People of Mayville

- a. Thanks for voting!
- b. We hear you loud and clear!
- c. You want change – change you will get!
- d. As mayor I am announcing the following **Financial goals**:
 - i. Goal #1: State of the city report by January Finance committee mtg.
 1. work with comptroller/treasurer / staff.
 2. showing current trends.
 3. comparisons to various cities comparable in size.
 4. discuss findings in open session.

5. publish the findings in the Mayville News.
 6. will use this report to make recommendations.
- ii. Goal #2: Freeze capital borrowing for this year until plans are in place to rebuild the general fund balance and the undesignated fund balance.
 1. freeze was voted down – mayor Sternat broke the tie.
 2. borrowing still must be approved in order to proceed.
 3. contact your alderperson to voice your opinion.
 - iii. Goal #3: Reduce costs by attrition (personnel / finance).
 - iv. Goal #4: Reduce costs by consolidation (personnel / finance).
 - v. Goal #5: Reduce capital borrowing by requiring a separate written request for each item that justifies the need for that item.
- e. Also I am announcing the following **Marketing goals:**
- i. Goal #1: By February 2008 implement web-based marketing campaign to promote our new city website – due for completion by January.
 - ii. Goal #2: By March of 2008, work with Main St. Mayville and Chamber of Commerce to define the “Mayville Business Profile” in order to pursue “Niche Businesses” (Niche business is the term I use to mean a non-traditional business that is a good fit specifically for Mayville).
 - iii. Goal #3: I will begin a series of mtgs. with the CEOs and leaders of local businesses and industries to open and maintain a dialogue with them to ascertain their 5 and 10 year business objectives, and to recognize opportunities to help them stay here and grow.

IV. Housekeeping Items

- a. Although I have challenging hours – I work 8:00 – 4:30 – I will have office hours at city hall for anyone who wishes to come in and meet with me. Initially my hours will be 5:00 – 6:00 T – R.
- b. Phone number: City Hall or 920-382-7556 (since I’m not in the book).

November 12, 2007

Ron Wellner's Written Report to Common Council:

My daughter is having surgery this evening and I will be unable to attend the meeting so I am submitting a written report.

A. Golf View Lift Station - The lift station has been on line and operating for the past two weeks, blacktopping, landscaping and seeding is complete.

B. Lake Country Sanitary Sewer Construction- The project is complete.

C. Disconnection Notices -Due to the large sum of past due accounts, beginning January 1st, 2008 the Utilities will be sending disconnection notices after 60 days past due, not the current 90 days. This past month past due accounts exceeded \$56,000, and we must get a better handle on revenues. A notice will be posted on the November Utilities bill.

Date and time of the Next Meeting 12-4-07, 7:00 pm at City Hall, due to the anticipated attendance from Kekoskee/Leroy.