

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Liebenow at 6:38 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Sternat, Kathie Wild, Shelley Eilbes, Vern Hilker, Bill Linzenmeyer, Tom Poellot, Ron Wellner, Ron Guse, Roger Williams, Bill Stanke, Butch Wendorff, Brian Wendorff, John Hennig, Mike Kurutz, Sally Kahlhamer, Brian Paynter, Bob Smith, Sue Smith, Chuck Brockhaus

Item #2 – Approve the Minutes of the August 21, 2007 meeting(s).

Motion by Ald. Heron, second by Ald. Nitschke approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #3 – Citizen Comments.

None.

Item #4 – Treasurer’s Report.

**A. Finance Report Update.**

Shelley will put the August 31<sup>st</sup> reports in all the alderperson’s boxes after the meeting.

**B. 2008 Budget Process Update.**

Shelley reported that she had received all departments’ budgets except the library which will have to be approved through their board first. Currently, she only had received Graceland Cemetery’s request for funding. Shelley will be out of the office the rest of the week at a treasurer’s conference.

Item #5 - Golf Course Update.

**A. Nothing to report.**

Item #6 – Discuss/Approve 2008 K9 Youth Dances.

Bill explained that they would like to have four K9 dances in 2008. There also is a potential for two additional dances. The money raised goes into the K9 fund which funds the program. All the work for the dances will be done by volunteers. Motion by Ald. Nitschke, second by Ald. Heron to approve the 2008 K9 youth dances. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #7– Discuss/Recommend Schedule of Fees for 2008.

Kathie explained that with the recodification it was recommended that all the fees that were in our municipal code be taken out and put on a fee schedule that is reviewed every year for changes. She explained the layout of the spreadsheet and also the changes to the fees that are being requested. She gave the council a fee survey that she had put together regarding her support for an increase in Class A and Class B liquor license and cigarette license fees. She did a survey of what other municipalities were charging for those fees over the clerk’s network. The survey noted that what we are currently charging for those fees is below the average of other municipalities. Discussion took place that the council would like more time to look over the information. Motion by Ald. Heron, second by Ald. Nitschke to table item until next month. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #8 – Discuss/Approve Audit Management Agreement for Golf Course Audit.

Shelley explained she has received the agreement from Virchow Krause to do the audit for Mayville Golf Club Inc. The auditors will be here one day and it will take them approximately four weeks to do the report. Shelley would like approval to sign the agreement. Motion by Ald. Nitschke, second by Ald. Sabel for Shelley to sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Item # 9– Discuss/Recommend Capital Improvement Plan – 2008-2012

Shelley reviewed the changes that were done since the August meeting. The changes amounted to having to borrow \$53,715.00 less. Ald. Heron stated that he was not comfortable with the report or with borrowing. He wanted to know if we are able to keep borrowing at this rate. He knows that there is a hefty fee for borrowing. He expressed that we need to look more closely at what the auditors stated in the audit report about our negative fund balance and also our borrowing capacity. The Mayor recommended having Phil Cossen from Ehler's & Associates come in to do a training session on how the capital improvement borrowing affects the city and tax dollars. Ald. Heron expressed that he would like the auditors to come in again to explain our financial situation. The Mayor discussed some of the reasons for the 2006 audit report bleak numbers. He also agreed that we should have the auditors come back in to explain where we are with respect to other communities and also our community. Ald. Heron asked if we had any time constraints in approving the budget. Shelley explained that the only time constraint we have is to order the ambulance. The quote for the ambulance was only good for six months. Ald. Heron asked when we get hard numbers for the items on the capital improvement budget. Vern Hilker and Ron Guse both explained that we have to do a bid process. With some items being out two years before they can be purchased, they get proposals and try to estimate the cost within 2-3%. Ron explained that they have never been over budget. They will get the hard numbers when they do the bid openings and at that time the council will approve the bid. Ald. Heron expressed that he would like to bring Phil Cossen in from Ehler's & Associates for a training session. Motion by Ald. Heron, second by Ald. Nitschke to table item until further notice. Motion carried unanimously

Item #10 – Adjournment.

Motion by Nitschke, second by McKinnon to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathie Wild, City Clerk