

## **ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**APRIL 21, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

Members Present: Ald. Hoy, Ald. Smith, Ald. Voss, Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Moede, Ald. Gering

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mayor Tracy Heron, Deanna Boldrey, Ron Henkel, Sue Smith, Marge Nitschke, Sally Kahlhamer, Sharon Chmiewlewski

### **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

### **Oath of Office of Mayor and New City Council Members.**

Deanna Boldrey, City Clerk, gave the oath to the newly elected officials.

### **Council Election for Council Representative on the Planning Commission.**

A nomination for Ald. Alan Voss as Council Representative on the Planning Commission was made by Ald. Pasbrig and a second by Ald. Hoy. Roll was taken with the following results: 3 yes, 1 no, 2 presents, Ald. Hoy, Ald. Pasbrig, and Ald. Gering voting yes, Ald. Moede voting no and Ald. Smith and Voss voting present. Motion did not Carry. A nomination for Ald. Robert Smith as Council Representative on the Planning Commission was made by Ald. Moede and a second by Ald. Voss. Roll was taken with the following results: 5 yes, 1 no, Ald. Smith, Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Voss, Ald. Gering, Ald. Moede voting yes and Ald. Hoy voting no. Ald. Smith was elected Council Representative on the Planning Commission.

### **Council Election for Council President.**

A nomination for Ald. Voss was made by Ald. Smith, there was no second. Motion did not carry. A nomination for Jerry Moede as Council President was made by Ald. Pasbrig and a second by Ald. Hoy. Roll was taken. Motion Carried 6-0. Jerry Moede was elected council president.

### **Mayor's Comments.**

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

### **Resolution 4299-2009 (Naming the Official Newspaper)**

Motion by Ald. Moede, second by Ald. Voss to approve the above resolution. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Resolution 4300-2009 (Naming Official Depositories)**

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Pasbrig to approve the above resolution. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Resolution 4301-2009 (Appointment of Weed Commissioner)**

Motion by Ald. Hoy, second by Ald. Moede to approve the above resolution.

Ald. Voss commented that he encouraged the weed commissioner to watch the weed growth. Comments were that the weed commissioner was appointed mid-summer last year. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Resolution 4302-2009 (Appointment of City Attorney)**

Motion by Ald. Hoy, second by Ald. Pasbrig to approve the above resolution. Discussion ensued with Ald. Pasbrig commenting that he has reservation due to the late responses with the development at the TID #3. We do not want late responses to jeopardize development at the industrial park. It was stated that the late responses could be due to the fact that there were two partners when first started and we were told that there was adequate office staff. Now the attorney is in the office on his own. Ald. Hoy mentioned that if approved she would like the attorney to come to the personnel meeting for a discussion. Mayor Heron mentioned that this discussion would demonstrate the reservations to approve. Roll was taken with the following results: 4 yes, 0 no, 2 present, Ald. Hoy, Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Gering, Ald. Moede, voting yes and Ald. Voss and Ald. Smith voting present. Ald. Smith stated that the City Attorney had not earned his vote. Motion carried 4-0-2.

### **Resolution 4303-2009 (Set Date & Time of Board Review)**

Motion by Ald. Voss, second by Ald. Moede to approve the above resolution. Motion carried 6-0.

## **APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

### **Resolution 4304-2009 (Appointment to Police & Fire Commission & EMS Commission)**

Motion by Ald. Pasbrig, second by Ald. Hoy to approve the above resolution. Ald. Voss questioned the Mayor if someone younger was not asked. Ald. Pasbrig commented that we do not discriminate. Ald. Smith restated the question and asked Mayor Heron if Jack Leder had been contacted and asked if he still wanted to be on the Commission. Mayor Heron commented that Jack Leder has given many years of service and still wants to be involved. Motion carried 4-2 with Ald. Hoy, Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Gering, Ald. Moede, voting yes and Ald. Voss and Ald. Smith voting no.

### **Resolution 4305-2009 (Appointments to Senior Center Board-Council Member)**

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Moede to approve the above resolution. Motion carried 5-1 with Ald. Hoy, Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Gering, Ald. Moede, Ald. Smith voting yes and Ald. Voss voting no.

### **Resolution 4306-2009 (Appointments to Senior Center Board)**

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Pasbrig to approve the above resolution. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Resolution 4307-2009 (Appointments to Planning Commission)**

Motion by Ald. Hoy, second by Ald. Moede to approve the above resolution. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Resolution 4308-2009 (Appointment to Library Board – Council Member)**

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Pasbrig to approve the above resolution. Motion carried 6-0. Mayor Heron mentioned that he will miss serving the Library Board.

### **Resolution 4309-2009 (Appointment to Cable TV Advisory Committee–Council Member)**

Motion by Ald. Moede, second by Ald. Smith to approve the above resolution. Ald. Smith questioned what the Cable TV Advisory Committee is. Ald. Hoy answered that at one time the committee met to decide where the Franchise Fees should go. At this time the Franchise Fees are budgeted revenue dollars. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Resolution 4310-2009 (Appointment to Cable TV Advisory Committee)**

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Moede to approve the above resolution. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Resolution 4311-2009 (Appointment to Park & Recreation Commission – Council Member)**

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Moede to approve the above resolution. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Resolution 4312-2009 (Appointments to Community Development Authority Committee)**

Motion by Ald. Pasbrig, second by Ald. Smith to approve the above resolution. Discussion ensued as to the last time the Community Development Authority Committee met. Ald. Hoy commented that the committee had last met two years ago. Mayor Heron noted the committee will meet when it can be funded and when it is needed. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Resolution 4313-2009 (Appointments to Administrative Review Appeals Board)**

Motion by Ald. Moede, second by Ald. Pasbrig to approve the above resolution. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Resolution 4314-2009 (Appointment to Golf Course Operations Committee - Council Members)**

Motion by Ald. Hoy, second by Ald. Smith to approve the above resolution. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Resolution 4315-2009 (Appointment to Extra-Territorial Commission)**

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Hoy to approve the above resolution. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Mayoral Proclamation Declaring April 24, 2009 as Arbor Day**

Mayor Heron Proclaimed April 24, 2009, as Arbor Day.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Ald. Hoy, second by Ald. Pasbrig to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Deanna Boldrey, City Clerk

## Mayor's Comments

It's a real honor for me to officially welcome Mayville's newest alderman, E. Jay Gering, to the Common Council. Congratulations E. Jay on your election victory – we all look forward to serving with you.

I would like to take this opportunity to share a few thoughts with you, alderman Gering, thoughts that are valid for me and everyone else at this table.

1. It's a tremendous privilege to serve other people – in any capacity – and even more so when you've been entrusted to serve the people of an entire city in the role of an elected official. The people of your ward elected you, however you will be regularly making decisions on matters that will affect all the people of the city.
2. Public office can also be a burden. Every word and every action are now fair game for intense scrutiny because of the trust that has been placed in you. Rest assured we will never make everyone happy with every decision, but if we are respectful to one another and especially respectful to the public whom we serve, only good things can come of our time spent here.
3. While no one is a fan of strife or contention at meetings like ours, I have to confess I prefer healthy debate or even lively controlled conflict that stems from strongly held beliefs – rather than someone being afraid to voice our concern or comments. It was Andrew Jackson who said, "One person with courage makes a majority." So please – don't be afraid to speak your mind – no one else here is afraid to speak theirs!
4. In front of you is a binder that is given to each new council member. While you will not be billed for all that material, there is a catch... you have to read it!
  - a. Inside you will find (among other things):
    - i. City Directory
    - ii. Ward Map
    - iii. Meeting Calendars
    - iv. Chapters 22 and 38 of the Municipal Code
    - v. Financial Trends and Comparisons report
    - vi. 2007 city audit – new one coming soon
    - vii. Non-Union Employee Handbook
    - viii. Staff List
    - ix. Wage List
    - x. Robert's Rules of Order – Revised Edition
    - xi. League of Municipalities Handbooks for elected officials

- b. I think these tools will help you get off to a good start.
5. A few favors to ask anew of all council members:
- a. If at all possible – when you know you are going to vote against a certain measure, please state the reason why you are voting that way. It just may be that your reasoning holds the right – or best – option, and by stating your reason you just may convince others to see it from your perspective. At the very least it helps keep the public informed of what is at the bottom of each issue.
  - b. I would like to request that you schedule some one-on-one time with each of the department heads within the next 30 days, to introduce yourself and to find out more about what they do within their departments. This communication will be critical to your success here.
  - c. Finally – I would ask that you approach your work here as if the future of the city depended on your individual efforts. Let’s not be remembered as a council that tried hard, but a council that got things done and moved the city forward in a positive direction, and most of all... were attentive to what the people of the city are saying.
6. Change in Committee Dates
- a. Survey was sent out to see if any had objections to moving the committee night from the third Monday to the Tuesday of the following week. Most had no objections. The purpose is to eliminate the overlap with the monthly School Board meetings. In the near future I will ask that a member of the council be named as School Board liaison, attend the monthly School Board meetings and provide a report at our monthly Common Council meetings.
7. City Clerk is Council Parliamentarian
- a. Deanna Boldrey is seeking additional training and certification in Robert’s Rules of Order in order to assist the council in procedural points.

May God bless all of our efforts here at city hall.

Respectfully submitted by Mayor Tracy A. Heron