

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by Pasbrig with the following Roll Call:

Members Present: Pasbrig, Hoy, Nitschke

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Heron, Ald. Smith, Ald. Voss, Ald. Moede, Shelley Eilbes, Kathie Wild, Bill Linzenmeyer, Vern Hilker, Jerry Koepp, Ron Stadler

Item #2 – Approve the Minutes of August 18, 2008 meeting.

Motion by Nitschke, second by Hoy to approve the above minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #3 – Citizens Comments.

None.

Item #4 – Clerk’s Report.

A. Nothing to Report.

#5 - Discuss/Recommend Appointment of City Attorney for Representation of the City in Matters other than Prosecution of Ordinance Violations.

The Mayor explained that it was his and City Clerk Kathie Wild’s recommendation to appoint Ron Stadler to be the city attorney for representation of the city in matters other than prosecution of ordinance violations. The Mayor introduced Ron Stadler. Ron Stadler gave a brief history of himself. The Mayor then asked Ron some of the same questions that they had asked him during their interview. The Mayor asked him how accessible he was and if he had the capacity to take on the city. Ron explained that he is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. He has a blackberry and that people can always get a hold of him. He feels he is very accessible. He also feels he has the room to take on the city. He explained that his government rate is \$150 per hour and that for travel time he would bill half time. His clientele is 60% government 40% private. The Mayor explained that Ron was involved with Stadler, Centofanti, and Phillips which was the law firm that did our open meetings training last November. He represents our insurance carrier also. He also has labor law experience; he has represented cities for union negotiations. Ald. Pasbrig asked Kathie and the Mayor how comfortable they felt about his availability and also if reference checks were done. Both the Mayor and Kathie expressed that they feel very comfortable with Ron and feel confident with him. Kathie explained that she had done the reference checks with Oconomowoc and Cedarburg and that he was given rave reviews. Motion by Ald. Nitschke, second by Ald. Hoy to recommend to council the appointment of the Ron Stadler for representation of the city in matters other than prosecution of ordinance violations. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #6 – Discuss Conduct in Office by Elected Officials.

The Mayor’s written report is attached to the minutes.

Item #7 – Adjournment.

Motion by Nitschke, second by Hoy to adjourn at 7:12.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathie Wild, City Clerk

September 15, 2008

Mayor's Comments on Conduct in Office for Elected Officials

I asked that this item be added in order to make some general comments regarding how we as elected officials conduct ourselves in office. I would like to talk briefly about:

- Self Government
 - Especially for those granted authority.
 - To whom much has been given, much will be required.
- Public Perception
 - Each person's actions reflect on the whole body – and city as a whole.
 - How will each statement sound to the average person?
 - Take the high road.
- Rare Opportunity
 - To make a difference.
 - To make reforms.
 - To make the most of the power and authority vested in us by the state and federal government.

There are plenty of materials available that spell out conduct that is and is not allowed for elected officials – and you have most of it in your possession and you don't need more paper from me.

The composition of this council makes me extremely optimistic about this city's future.

- All have different gifts/abilities – provides balance critical to effecting change.
- Every action/comment is an opportunity to be an ambassador of the city.
- We are all ambassadors – and I want to say that I consider it a privilege to serve with each one of you. Let's renew our commitment to change our city for the better – and also our commitment to represent in a positive way the people who voted to put us here.