

**CITY OF CEDARBURG  
COMMON COUNCIL  
April 19, 2016**

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UNAPPROVED**

An organizational meeting of the Common Council of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at City Hall, W63 N645 Washington Avenue, second floor, Council Chambers. Mayor Kinzel called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present - Common Council: Mayor Kip Kinzel, Council Members John Czarnecki, Jack Arnett, Dick Dieffenbach, Rick Verhaalen, Mitch Regenfuss, Patricia Thome, Mike O'Keefe

Also Present - City Administrator/Treasurer Christy Mertes, City Clerk Constance McHugh, Assistant City Attorney Jonathan Woodward, interested citizens and news media

**STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

At Mayor Kinzel's request, City Clerk McHugh verified that notice of this meeting was provided to the public by forwarding the agenda to the City's official newspaper, the *News Graphic*, to all news media and citizens who requested copies, and by posting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings law. Citizens present were welcomed and encouraged to provide their input during the citizen comment portion of the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Council Member Thome, seconded by Council Member O'Keefe, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion carried with Council Members Czarnecki, Arnett, Verhaalen, Regenfuss, Thome, and O'Keefe voting aye and Council Member Dieffenbach abstaining.

**OATHS OF OFFICE**

Oaths of Office were administered to 1<sup>st</sup> District Alderperson John Czarnecki, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Alderperson Richard A. Dieffenbach, 5<sup>th</sup> District Alderperson Mitch Regenfuss, and 7<sup>th</sup> District Alderperson Michael J. O'Keefe by City Clerk Constance McHugh.

**COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS**

Bob Loomis, W75 N729 Tower Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Common Council for serving the City, said he is thrilled the Council is considering a possible subdivision on Sheboygan Road, and paid tribute to outgoing Council Member Art Filter. Mr. Loomis said he served 11 years on the Council with Mr. Filter and also served on the Zoning Board of Appeals with Mr. Filter in the early 1990s. He said Mr. Filter always has the ability to make people laugh, did a great job serving on the Council, and his heart is always in the right place.

**ELECTION OF COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Council Member Thome nominated Council Member O'Keefe as Council President. The nomination was seconded by Council Member Czarnecki.

There were no other nominations for Council President.

With Council Members Czarnecki, Arnett, Dieffenbach, Verhaalen, Regenfuss, Thome and O'Keefe voting aye, Council Member O'Keefe was elected as Council President.

**ELECTION OF COMMON COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO PLAN COMMISSION**

According to the City Code, the Council shall, by a two-thirds vote of its members, elect one of its members as a member of the Plan Commission for a period of one year.

Council Member Thome nominated Council Member Czarnecki as Council Representative to the Plan Commission. The nomination was seconded by Council Member Verhaalen.

There were no other nominations.

With Council Members Czarnecki, Arnett, Dieffenbach, Verhaalen, Regenfuss, Thome and O'Keefe voting aye, Council Member Czarnecki was elected as Council Representative to the Plan Commission.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-09 RECOGNIZING FORMER COUNCIL MEMBER ARTHUR E. FILTER**

Motion made by Council Member Thome, seconded by Council Member Dieffenbach, to adopt Resolution No. 2015-09 recognizing former Council Member Arthur E. Filter for his years of service to the community. Motion carried unanimously.

Former Council Member Filter thanked the Mayor and Council for the resolution.

**DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR ENSUING YEAR**

Motion made by Council Member O'Keefe, seconded by Council Member Czarnecki, to designate the *News Graphic* as the City's official newspaper for the ensuing year. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

City Administrator/Treasurer Mertes said plans for the Cedarburg History Museum are still in the works, which is to include the Jepson collection. Judy Jepson is still working on inventorying the collection and is willing to show the collection of Cedarburg history to anyone that is interested.

She said the Moody's rating call for the upcoming borrowing took place this week. The City's rating remained the same as in past years at Aa2.

**COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Dieffenbach introduced Linda Krieg, who was sworn in today as County Supervisor, District 17.

Council Member Dieffenbach said people have asked him why he selected to switch from County government to local government. He said he would like to work as an “ambassadee” – meaning he will be an ambassador for the City. He said he looks forward to working with Council, the citizens, and neighboring communities.

Council Member Thome said she has worked with and known Council Member Dieffenbach for a number of years. He will be an asset to the City.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Council Member Dieffenbach, seconded by Council Member Regenfuss, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Constance K. McHugh, MMC/WCPC  
City Clerk