

**CITY OF CEDARBURG  
COMMON COUNCIL  
April 25, 2011**

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A regular and organizational meeting of the Common Council of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Monday, April 25, 2011 at City Hall, W63 N645 Washington Avenue, second floor, Council Chambers. Mayor Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present - Mayor Gregory P. Myers, Council Members Ron Reimer, Art Filter, Paul Radtke, Michael Maher, Douglas Yip, Bob Loomis

Excused - Council Member Chris Reimer

Also Present - City Attorney Kaye Vance, City Administrator/Treasurer Christy Mertes, Director of Engineering and Public Works Tom Wiza, City Clerk Constance McHugh, Police Chief Tom Frank, Assessor Cathy Timm, Building Inspector Mike Baier, Public Works Superintendent Jeff Boerner, Wastewater Superintendent Ron Clish, Public Works Secretary Judy Guse, interested citizens and news media

**STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

At Mayor Myers' 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.

**OATHS OF OFFICE**

City Clerk McHugh administered oaths of office to re-elected Council Members Ronald Reimer and Paul Radtke, and newly elected Council Member Douglas Yip.

**ELECTION OF COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Council Member R. Reimer moved to nominate Council Member Radtke for Council President.

Mayor Myers asked for any additional nominations.

Motion made by Council Member Filter, seconded by Council Member Loomis, to close the nominations and cast an unanimous ballot for Council Member Radtke. Motion carried unanimously with Council Member C. Reimer excused.

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

Council Member Radtke moved to nominate Council Member C. Reimer as the Council Representative to the Plan Commission.

Mayor Myers asked for any additional nominations.

Motion made by Council Member Filter, seconded by Council Member Loomis, to close the nominations and cast an unanimous ballot for Council Member C. Reimer. Motion carried unanimously with Council Member C. Reimer excused.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Council Member R. Reimer, seconded by Council Member Loomis, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2011 meeting. Motion carried with Council Member Radtke abstaining and Council Member C. Reimer excused.

**AWARD OF THE 2011 ANNUAL SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT AND CONCRETE REPAIR CONTRACT**

Director Wiza said the annual Sidewalk Replacement and Concrete Repair contract was re-bid. The low bidder was Venske Concrete and Construction in the amount of \$57,465.

Motion made by Council Member R. Reimer, seconded by Council Member P. Radtke, to award the 2011 annual Sidewalk Replacement and Concrete Repair contract to Venske Concrete and Construction in the amount of \$57,465. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with Council Member C. Reimer excused.

**DISCUSSION OF THE 2012 BUDGET CHALLENGES AND CHANGES**

Council Member Loomis said City Administrator/Treasurer Mertes requested staff get back to her by May 6 with budget suggestions and possible changes that would assist with the 2012 budget process. He said he is assuming she will prepare a memo to the Council in much the same way the Grafton Village Administrator presented to his Village Board.

Council Member Loomis suggested the Council come prepared to make some hard decisions at the May 9 meeting. He said the City will be facing cuts and must find ways to fund cuts and/or reductions in State aids. He said there may be a number of possibilities in terms of working with Grafton to reach efficiencies and some ability to look at health insurance premiums paid by employees.

Council Members Filter and R. Reimer expressed an interest in seeing the information prepared by City Administrator/Treasurer Mertes in the packet on the Thursday before the May 9 meeting.

**POSSIBLE MUNICIPAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE STATE BUDGET BILL**

Council Member Loomis said that he has the following two questions: 1) How would an extraordinary outlay be funded under the State budget bill; and 2) Would the City be required to go to a referendum to borrow for the library?

City Administrator/Treasurer Mertes said that the State budget bill, as currently written, will change how the debt service will affect the levy. If debt service increases in a year, the City is able to include the additional amount for principal and interest payments in the annual levy. Should debt service payments decrease in a year, the tax levy must then be reduced by the same amount for the year. If the City would issue debt in the future (i.e., library building or environmental remediation) the same rules apply – the increase in the debt service may be added to the tax levy.

Council Member Loomis suggested that a recommendation be made to Governor Walker and the Legislature that all employees be treated the same in the budget repair bill and there not be different classes (certain public safety employees) of employees that are exempt from the bill.

Motion made by Council Member Loomis that the Council recommend to Governor Walker and the Legislature that all employees be treated equally under the budget repair bill and that there not be different classes of employees. The motion was seconded by Council Member R. Reimer.

Council Member Maher said he understands Council Member Loomis' position, but personally he does not agree with what Governor Walker is doing and does not want to participate in this recommendation. He will submit his own comments to Governor Walker.

With Council Members R. Reimer, Filter, Radtke, and Loomis voting aye, and Council Members Maher and Yip voting nay, the motion carried with Council Member C. Reimer excused.

**DESIGNATION OF CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER(S) FOR ENSUING YEAR**

Motion made by Council Member Loomis, seconded by Council Member R. Reimer, to designate the *News Graphic* as the City's official newspaper for the ensuing year. Motion carried unanimously with Council Member C. Reimer excused.

**CONSIDER MEETING DATE TO CANCEL IN SUMMER**

Motion made by Council Member Filter, seconded by Council Member Maher, to cancel the July 25, 2011 Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously with Council Member C. Reimer excused.

Council Member Filter left the meeting at this time (7:30 p.m.)

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion made by Council Member Loomis, seconded by Council Member Yip, to approve the payment of the bills for the period 4/8/11 through 4/15/11, ACH transfers for the period 4/12/11

through 4/25/11, and payroll for the period 4/2/11 through 4/15/11. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote, with Council Members C. Reimer and Filter excused.

**LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

Motion made by Council Member R. Reimer, seconded by Council Member Loomis, to authorize issuance of new Operator's Licenses for the period ending June 30, 2011 to Nathan G. Peters, Trevor E. Timm, and Elizabeth M. Bursten. Motion carried unanimously with Council Members C. Reimer and Filter excused.

Motion made by Council Member Radtke, seconded by Council Member Maher, to authorize issuance of a 6-month Class B Beer license to C. Wiesler's Inc., Michael G. Jackson, Agent, for the Cedar Creek Park Concession Stand, N52 W5925 Portland Road, from May 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011. Motion carried unanimously with Council Members C. Reimer and Filter excused.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

City Administrator/Treasurer Mertes said she has copies of the Light & Water audit report if anyone is interested in reviewing it. It will be also be included in the City's audit report, which will be presented to the Council at the May 9 meeting.

**COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Maher said Thursday, April 28 will be Tech Night at the Library. He requested the opportunity to have a demo or brief presentation about this at a future Council meeting.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Myers issued proclamations for Telecommunicators Week (April 10-16), Municipal Clerks Week (May 1-7), and National Police Week (May 15-21).

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Council Member Radtke, seconded by Council Member Yip, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with Council Members C. Reimer and Filter excused.

Constance K. McHugh, MMC/WCPC  
City Clerk