

**CITY OF CEDARBURG
COMMON COUNCIL
October 27, 2008**

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A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Monday, October 27, 2008 at City Hall, W63 N645 Washington Avenue, second floor, Council Chambers. Mayor Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present - Common Council – Mayor Gregory Myers, Council Members Chris Reimer, Steve Glamm, Noel Jepson, Paul Radtke, Michael Maher, Kip Kinzel, Amy Goyette

Also Present - City Attorney Kaye Vance, City Administrator/Treasurer Christy Mertes, Director of Engineering and Public Works Tom Wiza, Police Chief Tom Frank, Library Director Mary Marquardt, City Planner Jon Censky, City Clerk Constance McHugh, Plan Commissioner Brook Brown, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING – PRESENTATION OF THE 2009 CITY BUDGET

Mayor Myers declared the public hearing open on the proposed 2009 budget at 7:01 p.m. City Clerk McHugh verified that proper legal notice had been given with publication in the *News Graphic* on October 2, 2008.

City Administrator/Treasurer Mertes presented the proposed 2009 City budget. Highlights of the budget are:

- The equalized value rose 1.6% to \$1,205,045.
- The assessment ratio is 94.78%.
- The assessed value increased 1.2% to \$1,142,118,370.
- The proposed tax levy is \$7,417,975, up 2.9% or \$206,351.
- The proposed assessed tax rate is \$6.49/\$1,000 of value, an increase of 1.6% or .10/\$1,000 of value.
- The equalized tax rate is \$6.16, an increase of 1.2%.
- An assessed value increase of 1.2% only allowed for an additional \$92,201 in levy for the rate to remain the same.
- With the adjustment for the change in debt service the maximum State levy limit increase is 4.75%, or \$342,554, which equates to a .22/\$1,000 tax rate, or a 3.4% increase in the assessed tax rate.

- Over the last six years the tax levy has increased \$984,513, or 15%. This is an average increase of \$164,000/year, or 2.5%.
- State computer aids are decreasing 24.47%, or almost \$7,400.
- Building Inspection revenues are down due to the slowdown in the housing market.
- Interest income is decreasing 20.54% due to declining interest rates.
- On the expenditure side, salaries and benefits make up 65% of the total General Fund expenditures. The increase for salaries and benefits excluding health insurance is \$128,892.
- Health insurance premiums increased 5.7% and dental premiums increased 10.7%; however, with the change to a high deductible health insurance plan the amount budgeted for health insurance decreased by \$31,608.
- Contractual services is increasing \$143,961 due to the new refuse and recycling collection contract.
- The total fund balance is budgeted to be \$2.4 million, of which \$1.6 million is undesignated. According the City's policy, there should be a minimum of \$1.4 million in the fund balance and a maximum of \$2 million.
- The 2009 budget includes the use of fund balance in the amount of \$48,125 from the 2008 health insurance savings, \$16,916 for electronic voting equipment, \$23,000 for the fire department retaining wall, \$35,000 for street funding, \$7,000 for the overhead door on the shed at the garage, \$5,000 for a recycled oil furnace, and \$23,500 for partial funding of the police radios.

Highlights of the Capital Improvement budget are:

- A tax levy of \$980,000.
- \$800,000 in proceeds from borrowing for the Washington Avenue project in 2010, in conjunction with the library borrowing.
- A transfer from the general fund to partially fund the police radios, street projects, and the funding of the Fire Department retaining wall.
- Expenditures total \$1,816,650 and include \$475,000 in expenditures for street improvements, \$278,000 for Public Works equipment including a chassis for a garbage truck and a mechanical street sweeper, \$185,700 in stormwater improvements, and \$695,450 for Parks and Recreation equipment replacement and improvements, including a shelter for Zeunert Park, playground equipment at Cedar Creek Park, asphalt overlay of the south end of the interurban trail and \$492,450 for work on the Creek Walk.

Highlights of the Sewer Utility budget are:

- The flow rate will increase from \$4.42/1,000 gallons to \$4.63/1,000 gallons, or 4.8%.
- The septage hauler rate will increase from \$7.37/1,000 gallons to \$7.72/1,000 gallons, or 4.8%.
- The monthly charge will remain at \$12, the same since 2005.
- Operating revenues will increase 1.1%.
- Operating expenses will increase 2.7% to \$2.5 million.
- Capital projects total \$626,020 and coincide with the street and stormwater projects. Capital projects also include equipment replacement.

Highlights of the Debt Service budget are:

- A levy decrease of \$60,000 or 6.4%.
- Debt payments of \$1,158,310.
- Use of fund balance and swimming pool, library and police impact fees in the amount of \$210,325.
- The proposed assessed tax rate is \$0.74/\$1,000 assessed value, down from \$0.79/\$1,000 assessed value in 2008.

Highlights of the Special Revenue Funds are:

- All special revenue funds are self-supporting except for the swimming pool and library.
- The proposed library levy is \$428,454, an increase of 1.6%.
- A proposed transfer from the General Fund to the Swimming Pool fund of \$53,585.
- Total revenues, without the library building project, for the Special Revenue accounts are \$1.2 million.
- Total expenditures, without the library building project, for all Special Revenue accounts are \$1.4 million.

Highlights of the Internal Service funds are:

- The workers compensation modification factor will decrease from 1.19 in 2008 to 1.07 in 2009.
- Liability insurance premiums will increase in 2009.
- Property insurance rates will remain the same in 2009; however, property values increased.

City Administrator/Treasurer Mertes said that the only item on the unfunded list is the treatment of ash trees for prevention of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The revised figure for this is \$70,196.

Council Member Glamm asked how much has been budgeted for the fuel surcharge for the refuse and recycling contract.

City Administrator/Treasurer Mertes said that the budget originally included a 20% fuel surcharge; however, that amount was not adjusted for the new refuse and recycling contract. That number was reviewed and revised today to reflect a fuel surcharge of 12%. This is a reduction of about \$45,500. She said that she also decreased the amount the Public Works Department will spend on fuel by \$6,000 and the amount of the Police Department will spend on fuel by \$5,000. This amounts to an additional savings of \$11,000.

Council Member Radtke said that he will speak to City Forester Westphal about other ways to fund the EAB treatment, including possibly working with other communities or agencies.

There were no comments from the public on the proposed 2009 budget.

Motion made by Council Member Kinzel, seconded by Council Member Glamm, to close the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Council Member Jepson asks what happens to the assessed tax rate if the fuel savings are included in the budget.

Mayor Myers reminded the Council that for every additional \$11,000 that is included in the budget the tax rate increases by \$0.01.

Council Member Glamm said that according to his calculation the increase in the assessed tax rate with the revised fuel surcharge number would be about \$0.12/\$1,000 assessed value. In order to have a tax rate increase of \$0.10/\$1,000 approximately \$14,000 would need to be removed from the budget.

Mayor Myers said that he and City Administrator/Treasurer Mertes will continue going over the budget during the next two weeks. He encouraged Council Members to contact City Administrator/Treasurer Mertes if they have any questions, comments, or suggestions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Council Member Reimer, seconded by Council Member Jepson, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2008 meeting. Motion carried without a negative vote.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES - None

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

Jason Goyette, N67 W6926 Cleveland Street, said Council Member Goyette is an attorney by trade and uses her vast training and education to research cases, case law and statutes in that aspect of her life. Last April Council Member Goyette was elected to serve as a Council Member representing the 7th District. Since that time, she has researched and voted on issues before this Council including the Creek Walk project, use of neighborhood electric vehicles, action to deal with the problem of Emerald Ash Borer, and many others including the consideration of waiving of permit fees for the Cedarburg Festivals, which she opposed. She didn't feel it was appropriate to waive permit fees for Cedarburg Festivals, a local non-profit organization that has an annual attendance at the events well over 100,000, bringing in tourists from all around the region to experience Cedarburg and directly benefits the Cultural Center, the Garden Club and other non-profits based here in Cedarburg as well as many local business owners. He said Council Member Goyette is against waiving permit fees for a non-profit, non-partisan organization with a long history of benefiting Cedarburg.

Mr. Goyette said in order to determine if fees should be waived it was an agenda item that was brought before this Council, made up of 7 people who were elected to make these decisions on behalf of the people of their districts, who are taxpayers of the City. One person did not decide if the fees should be waived.

Mr. Goyette said that in regards to the agenda items the Council will soon be discussing concerning visits from dignitaries and whether or not a bill should be sent for the visit Cedarburg received from Senator McCain and Governor Palin, the Council should remember that the true issue is not one of party affiliation and politics, it is a procedural issue. The City has a history of requiring organizations to pay permit fees for events held on the streets and to pay for costs incurred by

Public Works and the Police Department. Mr. Goyette said it is clearly in the best interests of the City of Cedarburg and the taxpayers of Cedarburg to send a bill to the McCain-Palin campaign.

Paul Hayes, N63 W5795 Columbia Avenue, said the City should have a policy covering how to pay for extraordinary expenses incurred when national political campaigns use the City as a backdrop, as the McCain-Palin campaign did this summer. He said it is unacceptable and unfair for the non-partisan Council to use tax money to subsidize the efforts of one party over another, as it would do if it absorbed the more than \$9,000 in costs incurred during the recent visit in September.

Mr. Hayes said perhaps the City should ask the campaigns to reimburse the City for expenses when it learns national candidates plan to stage an event here. He said the City policy should not restrain in any way lower-level campaigns, partisan or otherwise. The voting public is served and informed when such candidates appear in public to advance their causes in person and this should be encouraged.

Mr. Hayes further stated that for now the City should bill the McCain-Palin campaign for the costs of the visit. There is precedent for this in other places, according to the research done by Council Member Goyette. Apparently, the City of Springfield, IL billed the Obama campaign for his appearances. Mr. Hayes said that he appreciates Council Member Goyette's efforts to bring this issue before the public. He said it is exactly the kind of thing that Council Members should be doing to make sure that all points of view in this City are respected and that voters and taxpayers are informed about the issues.

CONSULTATION REGARDING THE PROPOSED SINGLE-FAMILY CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED TO BE LOCATED BEHIND W61 N378-N392 WASHINGTON AVENUE

City Planner Censky said the developer of the property located behind W61 N378-N392 Washington Avenue has been before the Plan Commission several times over the last 1½ years for his single-family residential cottage-type project. That input culminated in plans that the majority of Commissioners were satisfied with last July. Subsequent to that meeting; however, and in response to neighborhood concerns, Council Member Jepson met with the applicant and the Fire Department in an attempt to mitigate concerns in a way that would satisfy the neighborhood while maintaining acceptable fire protection. Two plans have resulted. One plan was supported by the Plan Commission on a 4 to 3 vote. The second plan is a compromise plan with a change to the roadway design that eliminates the proposed thru-street and instead proposes a turn-around directing all traffic to Washington Avenue. This plan eliminates direct traffic to Hilbert Avenue and instead provides emergency access only over the existing driveway on Hilbert Avenue. That plan was submitted to the Plan Commission on October 6. While it received some support, the majority of those Commissioners present favored the thru-street from Washington Avenue to Hilbert Avenue and voted to reaffirm their support of the original plan. Since the Common Council has final say over this project and the possible rezoning, the applicant is requesting feedback before he proceeds.

Tim Geschke of ASI General, representing the developer Robert Zellmer, said that before money is spent preparing engineering plans and drawings he would like clear direction from the Council in terms of which plan to proceed with.

Council Member Jepson said that this area has been considered for development for at least 30 years; however there has never been a plan that has been fully acceptable. Plans were turned down mainly because of neighborhood opposition to the proposed rezoning of the property. Council Member Jepson said that he believes the compromise plan is the one that should go forward. He said the owner has the right to develop the property. He also said the compromise plan is acceptable to the neighborhood.

Council Member Radtke said that he attended the October 6 Plan Commission meeting. He said that the developer should be allowed to develop the property because it meets most of the zoning requirements. He said that the hardest thing to do when developing a property is getting the neighbors to agree. He said that he doesn't have a problem with either plan, but probably prefers the compromise plan.

Council Member Maher said he is concerned with another road going to Washington Avenue. Another concern is potential stormwater problems. He said that he agrees with the Plan Commission's recommendation regarding the original plan.

Council Member Kinzel said he did not support reaffirming the Plan Commission's recommendation regarding the original plan. He said this project has evolved a lot over the years and it is amazing to have neighbors agree on something. He said the compromise plan is an easily acceptable plan.

Director Wiza said detailed stormwater computations have not been submitted; however, all stormwater plans must meet the City's stormwater ordinance.

Council Member Jepson asked Chief Frank to comment on the entrance onto Washington Avenue as opposed to an entrance and exit on Washington Avenue.

Chief Frank said access is not a problem for the Police Department. If the entrance to the cul-de-sac is blocked, officers can access the homes on foot.

Mayor Myers said the compromise plan is a very workable resolution to the problem and is a plan the neighbors agree to. The original plan calls for removing a home and placing a road within a few feet from the kitchen of a homeowner.

Plan Commissioner Brown said that this is not a new issue. He said that the neighbors should not be surprised by the plans. He said that the Plan Commission must do what is best for the City. Since 2004, the issues have always been the traffic on Washington Avenue and density. He said the Plan Commission voted in favor of the original plan in July of this year. Council Member Jepson talked to the neighbors and came up with the compromise plan. Commissioner Brown said that he believes the compromise plan is not a good one and is one that adds more traffic to Washington Avenue.

Council Member Glamm asked if there are engineering reports that indicate how many vehicular trips each house will generate per day.

Planner Censky said this information is available; however he does not have it with him. He said that single-family use has the lowest impact of all uses. The style of development indicates to him

that empty nesters will be attracted to this development. He said the traffic generated from six cottage-style homes entering Washington Avenue will have less impact than the traffic generated from the businesses on Washington Avenue south of Lincoln Boulevard.

Council Member Jepson said Mr. Zellmer and Mr. Geschke have listened to the residents in the area and have made a significant effort to find a way to satisfy the neighbors and make the project a reality. He said the Council owes it to the developers to move forward with the compromise plan.

Motion made by Council Member Jepson, seconded by Council Member Kinzel, to recommend the developer move forward with what is referred to as the compromise plan. The motion carried with Council Members Reimer, Glamm, Jepson, Radtke, and Kinzel voting in favor and Council Members Maher and Goyette voting against.

CONSULTATION REGARDING THE PROPOSED TWO-FAMILY USE OF THE PARCEL LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF PIONEER ROAD AND EVERGREEN BOULEVARD

Planner Censky said that Duey Stroebel is requesting a consultation with the Council to ensure that his proposed use of the parcel located at the northeast corner of Pioneer Road and Evergreen Boulevard in the Town of Cedarburg is acceptable if he annexes the site into the City. Mr. Stroebel is proposing to build three-two family homes on the site with driveways that have access onto Evergreen Blvd.

Planner Censky said a two-family project exists to the northwest of this property. To the south and east are single-family homes in the Town of Cedarburg. The property to the north is part of the City's TID #1 Business Park and is zoned M-3 Business Park. Sewer and water pipe were installed in the Evergreen Boulevard right-of-way. The result of this installation is a special assessment which is now close to \$80,000 payable by Mr. Stroebel to the City upon annexation. The fee can only be recovered if the property is annexed to the City. Planner Censky said the Plan Commission unanimously supported this project.

Motion made by Council Member Glamm and seconded by Council Member Reimer, to approve in concept Mr. Stroebel's plan for this property. Motion carried without a negative vote.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2008-22 DESIGNATING LIGHT & WATER UTILITY DEPOSITORIES FOR ENSUING YEAR

Motion made by Council Member Kinzel, seconded by Council Member Glamm, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-22 designating Light & Water Utility Depositories for the ensuing year. Motion carried without a negative vote.

CONSIDER POLICY RE: VISITS TO THE CITY BY DIGNITARIES

Council Member Goyette said that she asked that this matter be placed on the Council agenda. She said the Council and the residents need to understand that this is not a political or campaign issue, but rather a policy issue. She said what the Council does must conform with what the Council is suppose to do. She said the Council has been challenged on transparency. She said the City and the law demands transparency.

Council Member Goyette said Council Member Maher received an email from a resident regarding the costs incurred to the City related to the recent McCain-Palin visit and what was being charged to the campaign. She said she assumed the City was gathering costs and a bill would be sent. She said a decision to not bill the costs was not made with Council approval. She said she was informed by the City Attorney that the Mayor told staff not to bill for the costs; however the Mayor denied making decisions regarding billing.

Mayor Myers said he informed Council Member Goyette at least three times that he did not make any representations to anyone about whether a bill should be sent or not sent. He said that he received a call from the McCain campaign while traveling in North Carolina. The campaign informed him it was looking at having Senator McCain and Governor Palin visit either Cedarburg or Port Washington. He was asked if the City could accommodate such a visit. Mayor Myers suggested that the campaign contact Chief Frank. A quick decision in this matter needed to be made. He said that this visit was a part of America, a part of the democratic process, and part of history. Mayor Myers said he received a call three days later from Council Member Goyette accusing him of waiving the fees. He asked that Council Member Goyette suggest a policy for the Council to consider and not make accusations.

Council Member Goyette said that how the campaign visit came to Cedarburg happened and how information presented afterward is problematic. She said the fee for a street use permit was not paid and was authorized as not being paid. She said that the Republican National Committee (RNC) paid the \$100 street use permit fee to Sound Central, LLC, who is an independent contractor of the RNC in charge of setting up these events across the country. She said the City Administrator/Treasurer had the impression from the Mayor that a bill for this should not be sent.

Mayor Myers said again that he will not allow any more attacks on staff.

City Attorney Vance said that this visit was a unique situation for the City and is not something that is governed by an ordinance or policy. The street use permit application is really for block parties, not something like this. She said staff was looking for something that best fit this situation.

Mayor Myers pointed out that the Secret Service demanded that the streets be shutdown.

Chief Frank said that the Secret Service needed to set up metal racks for security for the event to happen.

Mayor Myers asked Council Member Goyette if she had a proposed policy for events like this in the future that the Council could discuss.

Council Member Goyette said that decisions like this should be made in consultation with Council, not by the Mayor. She also said that consideration should be given to any campaign regardless of party affiliation. She said her goal is to have discussion about this and have the Council have a say in the development of a policy.

Council Member Kinzel said this was a historic day for Cedarburg. It was the first campaign stop for McCain-Palin. He said it was a great honor for the City and a good thing for the City. He said in his opinion, the reason a mayor is elected is to make quick decisions like this. He said it would

have been problematic to get everyone together in 24 hours to have a meeting to make a decision. He said the Mayor is the best person to make these decisions.

Mayor Myers said the decision would have been the same regardless of which political party made the request. He did what was best for the City. He said this was part of the political process and was a part of history.

Council Member Jepson suggested a policy be drafted that in situations like this involving major political parties the authority as to how they should be handled be vested with the Mayor.

Attorney Vance said this was a unique situation. She said that sometimes common sense prevails.

Council Member Radtke said the City cannot have a policy for something like this that happens once every 30 years. He said this isn't something the City needs a policy for.

Council Member Glamm suggested that everyone keep in mind the historic nature of the event. He said this was a political event and political speech is what this country is found on. He also said this was a significant event in the lives of Cedarburg citizens. If Council Members had to get together for a meeting it is possible the City would have lost out in hosting such a historical event. Council Member Glamm said the Council should not put itself in a position of locking out opportunities by having a policy that is inflexible.

Council Member Goyette said she would like the same consideration given to any campaign or political party. She would like a policy that recognizes that the City opens its doors to host these types of events. She said the basis for these decisions should be in a policy, not in the hands of the Mayor.

Brook Brown, N25 W5060 Hamilton Road, applauded the Mayor for making the decision he did; however, his concern is the cost.

Council Member Maher said that he doesn't see a problem with treating this event like a festival. He said that he sees this as an opportunity to recover the almost \$10,000 in costs.

Council Member Reimer said a policy is not needed to recover costs. He said a policy that would inhibit the City from making a quick decision is also not necessary. He said a policy to cover an event like this probably cannot be written.

Council Member Goyette said that she talked to the Ozaukee County Republican Chair, who indicated that this was an RNC event, not a McCain-Palin campaign event. The RNC expected to pay for the costs associated with the visit.

Attorney Vance said that the City does open the doors when events like this are held. She said that these events create a public forum. She opined it is better that the City reserves the right to hold such events rather than have a policy that ties the City down. She said discretionary rights are taken away when something is written down.

Motion by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Jepson, to table this matter. Motion carried without a negative vote.

CONSIDER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MCCAIN-PALIN VISIT TO CITY AND SENDING A BILL TO THE CAMPAIGN FOR THOSE COSTS

Mayor Myers said that for the record he did not waive any fees or costs associated with the McCain-Palin visit to the City.

Council Member Jepson asked if the costs of the visit are covered by the 2008 budget.

City Administrator/Treasurer Mertes said the costs were absorbed by the 2008 budget.

Chief Frank said that 80 or so police personnel were involved in this event. Each agency that sent personnel covered that cost within their municipality as part of mutual aid agreements. When George W. Bush visited Concordia University four Cedarburg officers were sent to assist. A handful of officers were sent to Port Washington when Ronald Reagan visited.

Council Member Goyette said the contractor for the RNC received payment from the RNC for the \$100 street use permit fee. She said this was not the total cost of the event, nor was this a McCain 08 visit. It was a visit by the RNC. She understands it is customary procedure for the RNC to pay for these events. Council Member Goyette said she doesn't know why the City wouldn't send a bill as it is the fiscally responsible thing to do.

Motion made by Council Member Goyette, seconded by Council Member Maher, to send a bill to the RNC or the McCain-Palin campaign for the costs incurred by the City from the McCain-Palin visit, as tallied by City Administrator/Treasurer Mertes.

Council Member Glamm asked what other communities are doing in terms of paying for costs.

Attorney Vance said that according to the Municipal Attorney list serve, communities are not expecting reimbursements.

Council Member Kinzel said he doesn't believe a bill should be sent. He said there were great benefits to the City from this visit.

Council Member Jepson made a motion to terminate debate. The motion died due to a lack of a second.

Council Member Reimer said that this visit did the City a lot of good. He said he can't see billing for this.

Council Member Radtke said if the bill isn't paid it could backfire on the City and the City could lose all the good publicity.

Council Member Goyette said that the City may receive bad press if a bill is not sent.

Council Member Maher said that he doesn't want to see what other communities do. He sees no harm in sending a bill. One community has had success in collecting payment.

Council Member Glamm said that the harm is in the negative press and publicity. He said the decision was made with the best interests of the City at heart. He said the City would look foolish to send a bill after the fact and the positives that were gained would be greatly diminished by sending a bill.

With Council Members Maher and Goyette voting in favor and Council Members Reimer, Glamm, Jepson, Radtke, and Kinzel voting against, the motion to bill for the costs associated with the McCain-Palin visit failed.

Motion made by Council Member Goyette, seconded by Council Member Reimer, to send a bill for the \$100 street use permit fee to Sound Central, LLC. The motion carried with Council Members Reimer, Glamm, Maher, Radtke, Kinzel, and Goyette voting in favor and Council Member Jepson voting against.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - None

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY CITIZENS

Mr. Brown said the Council would be remiss by not sending a bill for the costs associated with the McCain-Palin visit. He said the City has a right to send a bill. If the costs are not paid he can accept that. He said the Council is making a huge mistake by not sending a bill and is setting a precedent.

Mr. Hayes said the discussion about the visit should have taken place in public. He said what Council Member Goyette did took courage and he admires her.

Mr. Stroebel said this was a good investment from an economic development standpoint. He said the benefits this visit brought to the community were huge.

Philia Hayes, N63, W5795 Columbia Road, said that the non-profits in the community are stressed for funds and Cultural Center must pay for police protection during festivals. She said the Council did not waive fees for the festivals. She said the non-profits are not getting the same consideration that the McCain-Palin campaign did. She thanked Council Member Goyette for bringing this issue to the Council.

Mr. Goyette said the Council has nothing to lose by sending a bill.

Deb Dassow, N73 W5341 Georgetown Drive, urged the Council not to dismiss the huge financial horriification of the last few months. She herself has lost 10 years of savings in the last few months. She said it is a dismissal of working people to think \$9,000 is not a big deal. She asked the Council to reconsider its decision not to send a bill regarding the costs of the McCain-Palin visit.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Jepson said he had the pleasure to attend the Mayor's Enhancement Award Ceremony on October 19. He said he thought the Enhancement Award Committee did a wonderful job in selecting beautiful properties for the awards. He said Mayor Myers' comments were from his

heart and right on target. Council Member Jepson said he appreciates what the Mayor and Committee did.

MAYOR'S REPORT

A Proclamation was issued by Mayor Myers recognizing Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery Day on November 2, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Reimer, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Constance K. McHugh, CMC
City Clerk