

CITY OF CEDARBURG
COMMON COUNCIL
August 26, 2019

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UNAPPROVED

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Monday, August 26, 2019, at City Hall, W63 N645 Washington Avenue, second floor, Council Chambers. Mayor O'Keefe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present - Mayor Michael O'Keefe, Council Members Sherry Bubnitz, Jack Arnett, Kristin Burkart, Rick Verhaalen, and Rod Galbraith

Excused - Council Members Garan Chivinski, Patricia Thome

Also Present - City Administrator/Treasurer Christy Mertes, City Attorney Michael Herbrand, City Clerk Claire Woodall-Vogg

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

At Mayor O'Keefe's request, City Clerk Woodall-Vogg 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Council Member Burkart, seconded by Council Member Arnett, to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2019 Regular and Special meeting as presented. Motion carried without a negative vote with Council Members Chivinski and Thome excused.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

Citizens present were welcomed and encouraged to provide their input during the citizen comment portion of the meeting. No comments or suggestions were received.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2019-13 CREATING A COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE FOR THE 2020 CENSUS; AND ACTION THEREON

City Clerk Woodall-Vogg explained that the Census Bureau would like communities to establish Complete Count Committees for the purpose of developing and implementing a census awareness campaign that will motivate every resident to complete the census questionnaire in 2020 to ensure that all residents are counted, as well as advertise employment opportunities with the Census Bureau.

She suggested that a committee be formed and that it consist of members of the City Clerk's Office, Council Members, and other City staff who interact with the public. The Clerk's Office will serve as the lead and communicate via email with materials for distribution. The Committee will not be required to meet in-person. The City will release information to the press, put

information on the City website, have Census information available at City Hall and in other public buildings, and continue to provide meeting space to the Census Bureau in City Hall.

Motion made by Council Member Burkart, seconded by Council Member Bublitz, to adopt Resolution No. 2019-13 creating a Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census. Motion carried without a negative vote with Council Members Chivinski and Thome excused.

CONSIDER LICENSE/PERMIT APPLICATIONS; AND ACTION THEREON

Motion made by Council Member Galbraith, seconded by Council Member Bublitz, to approve new Operator License applications for the period ending June 30, 2020 for: Tyler J. Beck, Alexandra R. Marino, Joseph A. Sanchez, and Lisa B. Pauly. Motion carried without a negative vote with Council Members Chivinski and Thome excused.

Motion made by Council Member Galbraith, seconded by Council Member Bublitz, to approve renewal of Operator License applications for the period ending June 30, 2020 for: Elizabeth M. Bursten and Dennis Jaeger. Motion carried without a negative vote with Council Members Chivinski and Thome excused.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF BILLS DATED 8/9/19 THROUGH 8/16/19, TRANSFERS FOR THE PERIOD 8/6/19 THROUGH 8/20/19; AND PAYROLL FOR THE PERIOD 7/28/19 THROUGH 8/10/19; AND ACTION THEREON

Motion by Council Member Burkart, seconded by Council Member Bublitz, to approve payment of bills dated 8/9/19 through 8/16/19, transfers for the period 8/6/19 through 8/20/19, and payroll for the period 7/28/19 through 8/10/19. Motion carried without a negative vote with Council Members Chivinski and Thome excused.

ADJOURNMENT – CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Council Member Bublitz, seconded by Council Member Galbraith, to adjourn to closed session at 7:05 p.m. pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever, competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, more specifically, to discuss the cellular tower leases for location on the monopole constructed on Western Avenue. Motion carried on a roll call vote with Council Members Bublitz, Arnett, Burkart, Verhaalen, and Galbraith voting in favor and Council Members Chivinski and Thome excused.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Motion made by Council Member Burkart, seconded by Council Member Bublitz, to reconvene to open session at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote with Council Members Bublitz, Arnett, Burkart, Verhaalen, and Galbraith voting in favor and Council Members Chivinski and Thome excused.

CONSIDER CELLULAR TOWER LEASE WITH AT&T FOR LOCATION ON THE MONOPOLE CONSTRUCTED ON WESTERN AVENUE; AND ACTION THEREON

Motion made by Council Member Arnett, seconded by Council Member Burkart, to approve the cellular tower lease with AT&T for location on the monopole constructed on Western Avenue, subject to staff and engineer approval of exhibits and a bill of sale to the City for the ground building previously occupied by AT&T at the water tower. Motion carried without a negative vote with Council Members Chivinski and Thome excused.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator/Treasurer Mertes received an email from Police Chief Frank about Country in the Burg. He said there were two citations for underage drinking issued, nine calls for service for disorderly conduct with three citations issued, and twenty-six intoxicated people received assistance such as calling a car service. There were no criminal arrests and he thought the event went well overall.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS – None

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Verhaalen reported that he had received complaints about all of Highland Road being closed for construction and accusations that it was just to allow construction workers to park their vehicles. Administrator/Treasurer Mertes said that it was closed entirely for safety reasons after a very close call that endangered the crew.

Council Member Verhaalen stated that he had received complaints about the road condition of the McKinley Boulevard and Garfield Street intersection and it had been suggested to him that construction vehicles had contributed to the deterioration. He will follow-up with Engineering and Public Works Director Wiza on the matter.

Council Member Arnett read aloud the following statement:

On Saturday, August 24th, Cedarburg hosted Country in the Burg at Cedar Creek Park which brought 3,500 ticketed visitors and several hundred volunteers to our City. The event was headlined by #1 hit country singer Kip Moore and Cedarburg native Josh Thompson. To hold this event, the park was closed for 42 hours from Friday morning until the end of the show Saturday. By Sunday morning, the fence was down and the park was open to the public. In my observation, many more of my constituents used the park this weekend than usual. The event benefited the Wounded Warriors Project, Children's Hospital, and Mel's Charities.

On Sunday morning, I walked along Washington Avenue and stopped in at about a dozen local businesses. I am happy to report that almost every single one of them reported higher foot traffic, more crowded stores, and higher sales than a typical summer Saturday. Both Inns were 100% occupied. (By the way...headliner Kip Moore sat at the middle high-top table at the Stilt House and staff there was thrilled to report that they

were “slammed” all day. Staff at Maxwells reported making “tons of tips” after the show.)

While it is hard to quantify, we hosted many out of town visitors. A neighbor had a large group of her girlfriends in from Iowa. One volunteer served a gentleman from Texas. I met a number of people who drove well over an hour to get here for the show.

Our protective services reported no major incidents. It is a country show...there was a lot of drinking, but again, nothing out of the ordinary happened.

Incidentally, if anyone asks, Country in the Burg paid for every penny of police overtime.

So, congratulations to Alex Uhen for pulling off an event many told him would be impossible. He had a lot of support from many sponsors and the community, including some local community members who stepped up financially to support this event. And thanks to Mikko Hilvo and his staff. Mikko was there all day Saturday working for free to help make this event good for Cedarburg. The Cedarburg Dawgs were at the park very early Sunday making it perfect again. Additionally, there are other City staff and the Cedarburg Fire Department which deserve recognition. I’m sure I am missing many others.

There are 12,000 people in Cedarburg, and we will always hear from 12 complainers on social media, but I will take that 1,000 to 1 “satisfaction ratio” any day!

Speaking of social media, the City got rave reviews from its visitors.

So thanks again to all involved as I believe this event was a real success for our City.

MAYOR’S REPORT

The Mayor congratulated Wilo Corporation as the Business of the Year and thanked them for their outstanding contributions to the residents and community of the City of Cedarburg through a proclamation.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member Arnett, seconded by Council Member Bublitz, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Council Members Chivinski and Thome excused.

Claire Woodall-Vogg
City Clerk