

**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF DE PERE, WISCONSIN –February 18, 2009**

The Common Council of the City of De Pere, Wisconsin, met in regular session at the Council Chambers in City Hall, on Tuesday, February 18, 2009.

Mayor Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Alderpersons James Boyd, Carl Castelic, Michael Donovan, Bob Heuvelmans, Paul Kegel, Dan Robinson, Kathy Van Vonderen & Bob Wilmet. The Opening Prayer was given by Alderperson Donovan and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Alderperson Kegel moved, seconded by Alderperson Wilmet, to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2009 Council meeting. Upon vote, the minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Mayor Walsh presented Municipal Commendations to the following 2008 retired City Employees: Timothy Agnew-Police Officer, Dane Nelsen-Detective Sergeant, Timothy Sowers-Police Officer, and David Younkle-School Liaison Officer.

5. Public Comment or other Announcements.

Mayor Walsh asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak during public comment and there was no one present who wished to speak.

6. Scott Stein from Leonard & Finco presented information on the Fox River Cleanup with the PCB removal. He also introduced his colleagues who attended the meeting with him. He stated the project is designed to reduce and cleanup the PCB's in the Fox River and the group comprises three paper companies including Appleton Papers, Georgia-Pacific, and NCR Corporation. He reported a subcontractor, Tetra Tech, is doing the bulk of the work and he turned the presentation over to Ray Mangrum, who stated this will be a nine year process. The project consists of 13.3 river miles and they will begin dredging in the Spring 2009 from approximately April to November working 24 hours a day, five days a week. He spoke on the two facilities where the staging site and processing will take place as well as the primary and secondary routes used. Scott Stein then stated the total expected cost is \$600-\$700 million with the majority of the workforce and building contractors from Wisconsin. He also provided the Fox River Cleanup Group contact information: www.foxrivercleanup.com and email: info@foxrivercleanup.com. It was noted information will be placed on Channel 4 for the residents and signs will be placed at the boat launches to explain what the buoys mean.

7. Alderperson Van Vonderen reported the Sister Cities International Board met on Feb. 12th where Alderperson Kegel provided a SEEDs Report and they moved into their strategic planning selecting six of their approximately nineteen goals to work on at this time including developing community awareness of the Sister Cities International Board, create a brochure for the community, coordinate efforts for a youth exchange between the two sister cities, participate in the Celebrate De Pere Parade and festivities, planning to celebrate mid summer which is a Swedish holiday, and set up another teleconference call.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

8A. Alderperson Donovan moved, seconded by Alderperson Heuvelmans, to approve bid to Broadway Automotive for the replacement of Truck 10 in the amount of \$34,058 less a \$600 trade for a total amount of \$33,458. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

8B. City Engineer Lee Schley reported on the proposed reconstruction of the Wisconsin and Chicago Street Intersection. He addressed public concerns brought up at the public hearing the night before indicating the primary reason for the proposed reconstruction is to improve safety at the intersection and the secondary reason is to provide additional parking.

Alderperson Donovan moved, seconded by Alderperson Robinson, to open the meeting. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Lori Sadewater, 407 S. Michigan, questioned the necessity of the reconstruction project and felt more research needs to be done and suggested looking into making a one-way street.

Eben Erhard, 407 S. Michigan, spoke on a 2006 Traffic Study indicating the volume of traffic and the reportable accidents in a three year period. He suggested a stop sign for westbound traffic would allow Chicago to yield and could create a solution.

Alderson Robinson moved, seconded by Alderson Wilmet, to return to regular order. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously. Discussion followed.

Alderson Robinson moved, seconded by Alderson Wilmet, to open the meeting. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Lori Sadewater, 407 S. Michigan, stated it was her understanding there was not a clear reason why this project is being done. She again urged more research be done.

Alderson Kegel moved, seconded by Alderson Van Vonderen, to return to regular order. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Upon further discussion, Alderson Donovan moved, seconded by Alderson Robinson, to authorize the project to go ahead and bring back in two weeks and if necessary before contract is awarded. Upon discussion and vote, motion carried unanimously.

9. Resolution 09-11 Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intention to Exercise Special Assessment Powers under Section 66.0703, Wis. Stats. (Storm Sewer & Storm Sewer Laterals from 438/440 South St. Bernard Drive northerly and westerly to Fox River Drive was presented. Alderson Kegel moved, seconded by Alderson Boyd, to approve the resolution.

Alderson Robinson moved, seconded by Alderson Van Vonderen, to open the meeting. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Tom Magnant, 410 S. St. Bernard, addressed the Council on the proposed assessment indicating he spoke with some of the neighbors and they can't afford this assessment and feel the street does not have to be done and do not want to attach to the laterals.

Dave Truckey, 425 N. St. Bernard, spoke in opposition to the proposed improvements and feels it isn't necessary during these economic times.

Jairo Huilar, 432-434 N. St. Bernard, stated his water has increased, his taxes went up, and stated this proposed storm sewer and laterals should have been done during the street construction and asked to take into consideration how bad the economy is right now. It's a hardship for him to pay this right now. He asked the Council not to charge them for this project.

Scott Sorenson, 453-455 N. St. Bernard, repeated concerns of the unhealthy environment today and the City is going to saddle property owners with additional costs, which at this time nobody needs. He suggested postponing this project and wait for healthier economic times when the people in this area can better afford it.

Mike Selner, 456-458 S. St. Bernard, stated he would like to see information on the cost of this project. These are hard times and asked if everyone has to hook up to the laterals or just those who have problems. He also asked if there could be a ten-year installment payment plan.

Tom Magnant, 410 S. St. Bernard, asked what the proposed route is for the project stating everyone he talked to is against this and do not understand how this can go forward with such a minority for it. He also stated most people did not receive a letter regarding this assessment.

Alderson Donovan moved, seconded by Alderson Heuvelmans, to return to regular order. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Lee Schley, City Engineer, responded to concerns and questions brought up and also indicated everyone has one year to hook up to the laterals and currently the preliminary resolution has a proposed five-year installment

plan.

Alderson Kegel moved, seconded by Alderson Heuvelmans, to open the meeting. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Jairo Huilar, 432-434 N. St. Bernard, asked if the pipe is going to run in the middle of the street and City Engineer Lee Schley stated no. It will run in front of the curb line, terrace or southerly part of the street. It can't run in the middle because that is where sanitary runs.

Dave Truckey, 425 N. St. Bernard, asked why the property owner at 460 Wilcox didn't attend the meeting and speak. He stated if his property is the only one with an issue with water running in his basement he suggested he could just hook up and leave the other property owners alone if they are not having problems. City Engineer Lee Schley stated there are three to four properties on each side of St. Bernard experiencing issues.

Alderson Robinson moved, seconded by Alderson Boyd, to return to regular order. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Upon further discussion, Alderson Kegel moved, seconded by Alderson Robinson, to amend Page 2, Item 3B changing (5) annual installments to (10) annual installments. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Upon discussion and vote, as amended, motion carried unanimously. It was also noted the notice for the upcoming public hearing will go out to all affected property owners.

10. Resolution #09-13 Authorizing Amendment to Employment Agreement was presented. Alderson Wilmet moved, seconded by Alderson Castelic, to approve the resolution. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

11. Resolution #09-14 Amending city Rules & Regulations Regarding Vacation Benefits was presented. Alderson Donovan moved, seconded by Alderson Kegel, to approve the resolution. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

12. Resolution #09-15 Authorizing Agreement for Design Services Between the City of De Pere and Tweet/Garot Mechanical, Inc. (Police Department HVAC) was presented. Alderson Donovan moved, seconded by Alderson Castelic, to approve the resolution. Upon discussion and roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

13. Alderson Van Vonderen moved, seconded by Alderson Robinson, to approve the vouchers. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

14. Applications for Operator's Licenses were presented:

OPERATOR LICENSE APPLICATION Tabled AT FEBRUARY 3, 2009 MEETING					
Item#	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
1	DAVIS, ANTHONY	4070 FINGER RD.	GREEN BAY	WI	54311

OPERATOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2008-2010 LICENSING PERIOD					
Item #	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
1	ANNOYE, NICKLOUS E.	1414 CASS ST.	DE PERE	WI	54115
2	BARAC, MELISSA J.	1886 VERLIN RD., #11	GREEN BAY	WI	54302
3	GULLING, COLIN S.	340 COLLEGE AVE.	DE PERE	WI	54115
4	JANKIEWICZ, VERONICA L.	825 CORMIER RD., Apt. 2	GREEN BAY	WI	54304
5	KRUK, LESLIE A.	628 S. MONROE, #7	GREEN BAY	WI	54301
6	LEPP, DAVID E.	1403 QUINETTE LN.	DE PERE	WI	54115

7	MERVERDEN, SCOTT J.	2223 MAGNOLIA LN.	GREEN BAY	WI	54304
8	SCHEWE, DAVID J.	963 LIBERTY ST.	GREEN BAY	WI	54043

Alderson Heuvelmans moved, seconded by Alderson Castelic, to approve all Operator Licenses Applications listed above. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

15. Future Agenda Items: None.

16. Alderson Boyd moved, seconded by Alderson Van Vonderen, to convene in closed session at 10:25 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(e) to discuss a proposal to provide Police Services to Ledgeview. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Alderson Van Vonderen moved, seconded by Alderson Heuvelmans, to reconvene in open session at 10:43 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.83 and 19.85(2). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Alderson Kegel moved, seconded by Alderson Van Vonderen, to authorize the Police Chief to give proposal to Ledgeview. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Alderson Van Vonderen, seconded by Alderson Robinson, the Common Council unanimously adjourned at 10:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene M. Peterson
Clerk-Treasurer