

CITY OF VERONA
MINUTES
COMMON COUNCIL
September 26, 2016
Verona City Hall

1. Council President Elizabeth Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call: Alderpersons Luke Diaz, Jack Linder, Mac McGilvray, Heather Reekie, Scott Stewart, Brad Stiner and Evan Touchett present. Also in attendance: City Administrator Jeff Mikorski, Police Chief Bernie Coughlin, City Attorney Bryan Kleinmaier, Public Works Director Theran Jacobson, City Engineer Jeff Montpas, Beth Steinhauer of MSA Consulting Services, and City Clerk Ellen Clark.
4. Public Comment:
None
5. Approval of Minutes from the September 12, 2016 Common Council meeting:
Motion by McGilvray, seconded by Reekie, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2016 Common Council meeting. Motion carried 7-0.
6. Mayor's Business:
 - 1) Proclamation: Halloween Trick-or-Treat Hours.
The official hours for trick-or-treating in the City of Verona will be between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2016.
 - (2) Police Department Update by Police Chief Coughlin.
The Special Community/Police Task Force is a collaboration between law enforcement and leaders of color, facilitated by the NAACP and United Way of Dane County. On February 19, 2016, the Special Community/Police Task Force recommendations for police use of force were released. Calls to action for each police department in Dane County were to share the recommendations with elected officials, budget for the implementation of recommendations, learn from a diverse group of community leaders, and improve the safety for all involved in police/citizen interactions. The recommendations include:
 - Change Key Policing Practices to Reduce Police 'Use of Force'
 - Police Academy Training
 - Engage and Educate the Community
 - Ensure Officer Well-BeingThe Verona Police Department has been practicing all of these recommendations. Several of the recommendations have been in place in the Verona Police Department for many years prior to the formation of this task force.
7. Administrator's Report:
 - (1) City staff is working on the 2017 budget.

8. Engineer's Report:

- Downtown Street Reconstruction Phase I – Church Avenue, S. Marietta Street and Grove Street:
Water main installation on Marietta Street is nearly complete. Construction of new manholes, collection line and services are scheduled to begin this week.
- CTH PD Reconstruction, Shady Oak Lane to Woods Road:
Construction is scheduled to begin this week. Initial work will be for the storm water pond located at the SW corner of Northern Lights and CTH PD.
- 2016 Street Rehabilitation Project:
The 2016 Street Rehabilitation Project is complete.
- Bike and Pedestrian Projects:
A pre-construction conference is being scheduled.

9. Committee Reports:

A. Finance Committee

- (1) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Payment of Bills. Motion by McGilvray, seconded by Linder, to pay the bills in the amount of \$622,961.18. Motion carried 7-0.
McGilvray announced budget meeting dates and times. The meetings will be held on October 3rd at 5 p.m. and October 5th at 7 p.m. in the large conference room at city hall.

B. Public Safety and Welfare Committee

- (1) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Ordinance No. 16-883 Amending Section 10-1-26 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Verona, to Restrict Parking in the Public Parking Lot at the Corner of Park Lane and South Franklin Street. The Public Safety and Welfare Committee tabled this item pending additional information. No recommendation was made to the Council, and no action was taken.

C. Public Works/Sewer and Water Committee

- (1) Discussion and Possible Action Re: An Agreement with Denner Trust to Purchase Lands for CTH PD/Northern Lights Transportation Improvement Project. Motion by Touchett, seconded by Diaz, to approve an agreement with Denner Trust to purchase lands for CTH PD/Northern Lights Transportation Improvement Project contingent upon final review and approval by the Public Works Director and City Attorney. The city is acquiring .207 acres of Fee Right-of-Way and .104 acres of Temporary Limited Easement for construction grading. The contract amount is \$34,160. DPW Jacobson stated there is a retainage of \$20,000 in this agreement to be used in the case of damage to the septic field and vents along the right-of-way. Motion carried 7-0.
- (2) Discussion and Possible Action Re: An Agreement with Maurer Family to Purchase Lands for CTH PD/Northern Lights Transportation Improvement Project. Motion by Touchett, seconded by Diaz, to approve an agreement with Maurer Family to Purchase Lands for CTH PD/Northern Lights Transportation Improvement Project contingent upon final review and approval by the Public Works Director and City Attorney. The city is acquiring 1.959 acres of Fee Right-of-Way. The contract amount is \$164,720. Motion carried 7-0.

Alder Touchett requested unanimous consent of the Common Council to hear the explanation and discuss items 9-C-(3) and 9-C-(4) collectively. There were no objections.

City Attorney Kleinmaier introduced Beth Steinhauer, of MSA Consulting Services. Kleinmaier stated that both items 9-C-(3) and item 9-C-(4) pertain to property in the Town of Verona owned by Pan Capital, LLC. The city needs to acquire some of this land for the CTH PD/Northern Lights Transportation Improvement Project. Staff has taken part in numerous negotiations with the property owner regarding this. A letter was sent to the property owner in July as part of the statutory condemnation process necessary if the city and the property owners cannot come to an agreement on the sale of the land to the city. City staff recommends that the Common Council move into closed session on items 9-C-(3) and 9-C-(4) for discussion on negotiations and the next steps in the eminent domain process. A counter-proposal was received from the property owners this afternoon. McGilvray stated that all of these purchases are being supported by the increment that is available from the TIF 7 closure.

- (3) Discussion and Possible Action Re: An Agreement with Pan Capital, LLC to Purchase Lands for CTH PD/Northern Lights Transportation Improvement Project. Motion by Touchett, seconded by McGilvray, to go into closed session as authorized by Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The Common Council may reconvene in open session and discuss and take action on the subject matter discussed in the closed session. On roll call: Alderpersons Linder, McGilvray, Reekie, Stewart, Stiner, Touchett and Diaz – Aye. Motion carried.
- (4) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Acquisition of Property Interests of Pan Capital, LLC for CTH PD/Northern Lights Transportation Improvement Project Under Chapter 32 Eminent Domain Process. Motion by Touchett, seconded by McGilvray, to go into closed session as authorized by Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The Common Council may reconvene in open session and discuss and take action on the subject matter discussed in the closed session. On roll call: Alderpersons McGilvray, Reekie, Stewart, Stiner, Touchett, Diaz, and Linder – Aye. Motion carried. Motion by Touchett, seconded by Diaz, to reconvene in open session on items 9-C-(3) and 9-C-(4). Motion carried 7-0. No action was taken in open session by the Common Council on items 9-C-(3) or 9-C-(4).

10. New Business

A. Discussion and Possible Action Re: Approval of Operator Licenses. Motion by Touchett, seconded by Reekie, to approve operator licenses for Thomas Kman for Mr. Brews Taphouse; Trevor Andre and Katie Peterson for Sugar River Pizza; Elizabeth Dobson for Wisconsin Brewing Company, and Tim McRoberts. Motion carried 7-0.

11. Announcements:

- Stiner announced that the City of Verona Library will be sponsoring an Autumn Color Ball fundraiser on Oct. 9th from 2 – 4 p.m.

12. Adjournment:

Motion by Reekie, seconded by McGilvray, to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Ellen Clark
City Clerk