

The Meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2005. It was noted that the meeting had been announced and a notice posted at City Hall.

Roll call was taken, with the following members present: Mayor Jim Bialecki, Ald. Mike Giese, Ald. Diane Oldani Wulf, Ald. Gary Gonczy, Ald. Jim Olson, and Ald. Bill Leathen. Also present were: City Clerk Cari Burmaster, Land Use & Development Director Jason Gilman, Public Works Director Ron Lund, Human Resources Specialist Liz Green, City Attorney Gerard O'Flaherty, and Parks & Recreation Director Dan Wick.

Item 2 - Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was declared.

Item 3 - Approval of minutes from previous meeting.

Motion by Ald. Gonczy, second by Ald. Leathen, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as printed and on file in the City Clerk's Office. On voice vote, motion carried.

Item - PUBLIC INPUT: (limited to 3 minutes/individual)

Mayor Bialecki turned the agenda item over to anyone wishing to provide input.

Gary Hanson, president of the Onalaska Snowmobile Club, addressed the Common Council. Mr. Hanson said, "I would just like to thank the Council for considering reopening our snowmobile trail through the City. It would be very beneficial for our club and for the area. And, I brought some supporters with me this evening. And again, I just want to thank you for considering reopening our trail".

Mayor Bialecki called twice more for anyone wishing to provide input. Hearing none, Mayor Bialecki continued on with the printed agenda.

Ald. Kim Smith joined the meeting.

Item 5 - REPORT FROM THE MAYOR.

A. Presentation of D.A.R.E. Essay award – Officer Lund.

Police Chief Randy Williams recognized D.A.R.E. Officer Terry Lund.

Officer Lund said, "As part of the culmination from D.A.R.A., Christina (Helgerson) had one of

the top D.A.R.E. essays. I submit those essays every year. And this is the second time in my ten years as D.A.R.E. officers that one of our students from Onalaska was one of the two or three in the State of Wisconsin”

Officer Lund presented Christina with a plaque and read the inscription into the record:

“Presented to Christina Helgerson in recognition of your D.A.R.E. essay being one of the best in Wisconsin’s 2004-2005 essay contest. Congratulations on behalf of all the members of the Onalaska Police Department”.

Officer Lund presented Christina with a plaque inscribed with her essay. Officer Lund presented Christina with a memento of recognition from the Wisconsin D.A.R.E. Officers Association.

Officer Lund recognized Christina’s parents.

Noting that there were those in attendance with an interest in Agenda Item 9D, Mayor Bialecki recommended that that item should be addressed next. There was no objection.

Item 9 – BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:

D. Coulee Snow Drifters request to reopen the snowmobile trail through the City.

Motion by Ald. Leathen, second by Ald. Wulf, to approve the proposed snowmobile trail with the understanding that all provisions, resolutions, policies and ordinances, be adhered to.

Under discussion, Ald. Giese recalled that the Board of Public Works also had recommended that signed statements should be received from all adjacent property owners.

Ald. Leathen recalled that it had been reported at the Board of Public Works that there were no objectors to the snowmobile trail and that the appropriate people had been contacted.

A representative of the snowmobile club reported that all signatures have been acquired with the exception of one resident. The club representative quoted the one exception as having said, “I’ve lived here 50 years and I don’t have to sign anything. My word is good”.

The club representative reported that club members met with the Mr. Hemker of Northwest Hardwoods and toured that property to demonstrate where the trail would run and where the signage would be located. The club representative said, “He’s fully in agreement with it”

Mayor Bialecki reported that he had discussed the proposal with Mr. Hemker who is in agreement with the trail and recommends that the issue should be reviewed in one year.

On voice vote, motion carried.

Ald. Gonczy requested that Agenda Item 10G be addressed next. There was no objection.

Item 10 – PLANNING COMMISSION:

G. PCID Amendment Determination requested by Nesnah Ventures, 3819 Creekside Lane, Holmen 54356, for the former Holiday Station site, 9432 STH 16, Onalaska (Tax ID # 18-3578-15).

1. Owner shall note that northernmost drive must be realigned if Farm & Fleet access is built. Owner shall pay for these improvements at the time this connection is made and enter into a development agreement insuring that Farm & Fleet access can be accommodated with the proposed site plan as submitted, reviewed and approved by City.

Motion by Ald. Giese, second by Ald. Gonczy, to approve with one condition the PCID Amendment Determination requested by Nesnah Ventures, for the former Holiday Station site. On voice vote, motion carried.

Mayor Bialecki recommended that Agenda Item 21 should be addressed next. There was no objection.

Item 21 - REPORT FROM TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

- A. Analysis of survey results and recommendations for Common Council.

Ald. Wulf turned over the item to Technology Advisory Committee Chair Chris Muller.

Chris reported that the Technology Advisory Committee is in the discovery phase of determining solutions for the maintenance of audio/visual equipment at City Hall. Chris anticipated that the Committee would make a recommendation by the end of the year.

Chris reported that the Technology Advisory Committee is beginning the process of developing a disaster recovery plan for the City of Onalaska technology. Chris reported that the goal of the plan is to restore computers, data and communications within 48 hours of any disaster. Chris noted that, with the help of IMS, the Technology Advisory Committee currently is reviewing plans from other organizations in the region.

Chris reported that the Technology Advisory Committee is continuing to analyze the results of the City Technology Survey.

Chris said, "One of the big things we found is that there needs to be a streamlining of the support process here at the City. One of the things that we've identified is an example that Kristi Abplanalp provided, where a support request was issued on September 12th, but it was not received by IMS until September 21st".

Chris reported that IMS has a web-based issue resolution system that "should help speed up the process".

Chris reported that it is the recommendation of the Technology Advisory Committee that the Engineering Department be directed to work with IMS to implement the system as a pilot program.

Ald. Gonczy reported that he has received telephone calls from individuals stating that the Common Council meetings can not be heard on the cable broadcast. Ald. Gonczy asked if there were a way to determine if the system is working before the start of the meetings.

Jason Gilman reported that there is a monitor in the control room adjacent to the Council chambers. Jason said, "I can usually here the audio coming out loud and clear on that. But, because there's speakers in here too it's not clear and people might have to turn their volume up a little higher".

Chris reported that the Technology Advisory Committee is seeking local support for audio/video issues.

Ald. Gonczy reported that he been told by constituents that the proceedings cannot be heard over the television even with the volume turned up to the maximum.

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR (continued):

B. Shop Location.

Mayor Bialecki reported that City of Onalaska had investigated the possible acquisition of 4.5 to 5 acres of land from the Wisconsin National Guard near the Armory site. The National Guard has informed the City that it does not intend to sell the land. Mayor Bialecki added that another piece of land on the Armory site was proposed but it does not have adequate space for the City Shop.

Mayor Bialecki reported that the City currently is planning to build on the original site on the north side of Onalaska.

Mayor Bialecki reported that the location and the City Shop proposal would be presented to the Board of Public Works through the Capital Improvements process.

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C. Jail Fees.

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Mayor Bialecki reported that a number of communities have expressed concern over the rapid rise of jail fees: from \$5/day in 2000, to \$15/day in 2003, to \$25/day in 2005, with a proposed 2006 rate of \$50/day or \$55/day.

Mayor Bialecki reported that this issue was discussed at the Joint Municipal Court Committee meeting. As a result, a subcommittee was designated to meet with the County Administrator and/or the County Board chair and related parties to discuss the issue.

Mayor Bialecki reported that he had attended a portion of that meeting. Mayor Bialecki said, "The long and the short of it is that at this time it appears that something else has come up here. Apparently the City of La Crosse and the City of Onalaska have been overcharged on jail fees, if I recall right, going back to the 1960s. I'm not sure what that amount is, but they are prepared to offer us credits which will substantially reduce next year's budget to way before the 2005 level.

"Nonetheless, we will not be paying that \$55 a day. I have yet to see the math and just how much we were overcharged over the years. (We'll) bring that back here to decide what we're going to do with that".

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D. 2006 Executive Budget and set up public hearing date.

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Mayor Bialecki read into the record his letter dated October 11, 2005:

October 11, 2005

**TO: THE HONORABLE COMMON COUNCIL
AND ONALASKA TAXPAYERS**

The 2005 General Fund Operating budget was \$6,740,724. Thus, to qualify for restraint dollars, the 2006 General Expense Fund Budget increase more than \$350,518. The proposed budget puts the City under the restraint cap. State funding in 2005 was \$203,168 compared to \$200,145 for 2006, a decrease of \$3,023.

The proposed tax levy for the City's General Fund Operating budget is \$3,963,787 for the year 2006 compared to \$3,771,131 for 2005, an increase of \$192,656.

The proposed tax levy for the City's Debt Service budget is \$2,535,409 for the year 2006 compared to \$2,276,022 for 2005, an increase of \$259,387. \$240,262 is being transferred from prior capital project issues to reduce the tax levy.

The proposed tax levy for the City's Refuse and Recycling budget is \$832,577 for the year 2006 compared to \$796,162 for 2005, an increase of \$36,415.

The proposed tax levy for the City's Onalaska/Holmen Shared-Ride budget is \$90,086 for the year 2006 compared to \$82,661 for 2005, an increase of \$7,425. Keep in mind that if services are extended to West Salem in the future, it will have minimal impact to Onalaska/Holmen.

The proposed tax levy for the City's Equipment/Replacement budget is \$102,758 for the year 2006 compared to \$92,078 for 2005, an increase of \$10,680.

The proposed tax levy for the City's Joint Municipal Court budget is \$34,858 for the year 2006, compared to \$23,242 for 2005, an increase of \$11,616. The cost of operation is prorated and shared by six other towns/villages.

The proposed tax levy for the Community Development Authority (C.D.A.) Omni Center budget is \$313,000 for the year 2006, maintaining the same tax levy amount.

The proposed incremental levy for the Community Development Authority (C.D.A.) Parking Ramp is \$122,289 for the year 2006 compared to \$6,007 for 2005, an increase of \$116,282. The incremental levy increase is due to strong growth in the Gundersen/Lutheran campus area.

Increased cost of petroleum products and Xcel Energy costs have adversely impacted all departments.

The proposed City of Onalaska overall tax levy is up 8.62% compared to 5.81 % for 2005. Based upon the estimated assessed valuation and the projected tax levy for the various City funds for the year 2006, the projected estimated mill rate would be \$6.343491 per \$1,000.00 assessed valuation, compared to \$6.25564 in 2005, an increase of .087851. Based on a \$100,000 home this would equate to an additional \$8.79.

I ask the Common Council to consider the establishment of a regional library system in the

upcoming years. This could be more cost effective and may be necessary if the State continues to mandate the property tax freeze and continues to lower funding.

I feel very strongly that these budgets carry out the wishes of the Common Council to stay within the expenditure restraints and demonstrate to the taxpayers that we are showing consistently strong financial operations, while keeping pace with the solid growth trends in the community.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed)

James S. Bialecki, Mayor

Mayor Bialecki noted that there is an attachment to the letter highlighting some areas of the budget.

Mayor Bialecki reported that the budgets as originally submitted were approximately \$1.5 million more than allowable. The department heads were asked to make any possible reductions. Mayor Bialecki said, "I'm very happy to say that Mr. Wick in Park & Rec. as well as Chief Menches of Fire Department did indeed respond to that very deeply".

Mayor Bialecki reviewed the significant changes in the 2006 General Fund Budget:

REVENUES:

- State Aid Shared Revenue – decrease of \$3,024
- Building Permit Income – increase of \$20,000
- Interest Income on Investments – increase of \$59,000

EXPENDITURE:

- Recommend eliminating one Fulltime Police Position
- Recommend reducing one of the three fulltime clerical workers to a half time position.
- Increase in Gas Usage of \$9,400 or 23.6%
- Increase in Electricity of \$11,350 or 11.4%
- Increase in Health & Dental Insurance Premiums of \$84,800 or 11.7%
- Increase in Contractual Attorney of \$33,000 or 49%
- Increase in Workers Compensation (due to adjustments in the Fire Department) of \$30,162 or 39.28%
- Increase in Unemployment Benefits of \$24,540
- Eliminate one seasonal position in the Inspections Department for a decrease of \$4,521
- Increase in Hydrant Rentals of \$5,700 or 2%
- Increase in Dog Pound Fees paid to County of \$5,231 or 13.65%
- Add one fulltime maintenance to the Parks & Recreation Department for an increase of

\$31,753 (effective May 1, 2006).

Mayor Bialecki noted that Dan Wick has eliminated three 1,040-hour positions.

- Add one fulltime firefighter to the Fire Department for an increase of \$10,302.

Mayor Bialecki noted that Chief Menches initially recommended hiring two fulltime firefighters. Mayor Bialecki reported that Federal grant dollars are possible for the firefighter position(s).

Mayor Bialecki said, "We're not certain that we're going to get those grants and therefore I'm not going to count on them. Yet, I do feel strongly that we do need to look at hiring one more person. And the rationale behind that is, I think Chief Menches – as well as his predecessor Chief Skogen – have done an incredibly good job of taking care of Fire Protection services in this city, with what is now up to a staff of eight fulltime firefighters and I believe we have 25 paid part-time employees.

"The difficulties are that the part-timers do have very complex lifestyles. There's also more and more mandates – primarily from OSHA - coming into fire departments. It's getting more and more difficult for them to make training sessions. And, I don't think that that's unreasonable if you were to compare the City to cities with populations of say 8,000 or more, you'll find that our staffing patterns are well in order here and it's probably necessary to do this.

"It's interesting, I had a question asked of me today, would we ever consolidate with the City of La Crosse Fire Department. That question was answered jointly by myself and Mayor Mark Johnsrud. In this case here, we have eight fulltime firefighters. The City of La Crosse staffs with 96 fulltime firefighters. In this case, their line staff are paid 40% more, upper management 25% more. While the ring of a joint department sounds nice, it would be definitely in the favor of La Crosse to do that, but a strong fiscal disadvantage for the City of La Crosse".

Mayor Bialecki resumed his summary of the significant changes in the 2006 General Fund Budget:

- Debt Service – new debt increase of \$195,000 or 7.58%
- Debt Service – used funds from Capital Projects to reduce debt for the past six years, decrease of \$240,262
- Increase in Refuse & Recycling of \$36,415 or 4.57%
- Increase in Shared Ride of \$7,425 or 8.98%
- Increase in Municipal Court (mostly new software) of \$11,616 or 50%
- Increase in the Equipment Replacement Fund of \$10,680
- Increase in Gundersen Lutheran Parking of \$116,282 (as a result of new valuation).

Mayor Bialecki reported that the budget will next be presented to the Finance & Personnel

Committee at a date of that committee's choosing. Mayor Bialecki reported that in the past the Finance & Personnel Committee has been considered on the first or third Wednesday.

Mayor Bialecki reported that in the past the Public Hearing on the Budget has been held as part of a Common Council, but one of the Council members might have a conflict with those dates. Mayor Bialecki suggested setting the public hearing on the budget for Monday, November 7, 2005.

Ald. Gonczy noted that he is the Common Council member with the scheduling conflict. There was discussion among the members regarding suitable dates.

Motion by Ald. Gonczy, second by Ald. Giese, to hold a public hearing on the 2006 budget for Monday, November 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. On voice vote, motion carried.

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There was discussion among the members regarding a suitable date for the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting.

It was decided that the Finance & Personnel Committee would hold a special budget meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2005.

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E. Fuel purchases.

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Mayor Bialecki reported that the City's refuse contractor had requested an increase in the contract due to the rising cost of fuel. Mayor Bialecki said, "That was rejected for two reasons. 1) there's not a provision in our contract. 2) Three and a half years ago when prices went way, way down, even to 99-cents a gallon for awhile, nobody came to the front door to cut prices either".

Mayor Bialecki reported that there had been discussion suggesting that the City of Onalaska could team with the School District to purchase petroleum products at a reduced rate for use in direct and indirect (Shared Ride and refuse hauling) services. Mayor Bialecki noted that this type of partnership could result in a credit or waiver of the Federal Excise Tax on fuel. Mayor Bialecki reported that he has mentioned this proposal to School District Superintendent John Burnett and Mr. Burnett has expressed some interest.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION FROM THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/BOARDS:

Noting that there were those in attendance with an interest in the Plan Commission Agenda Items, Ald. Gonczy suggested that those item should be addressed next. There was no objection.

Item 10 - PLAN COMMISSION:

A. Rezoning application filed by Barbara Althoff and John Damm, Jr., 11468 Arroyo Oaks Drive, Los Altos Hills, CA from R-1 Single Family Residential to R-4 Multifamily Residential for the purpose of a low-density, multifamily project at 190 - 200 Marcou Road, Onalaska, WI (Parcel #s 18-3621-1 & 18-3621-2).

1. Rezoning Fee of \$150.00.
2. Park Fee of \$1,120 per unit x 9 = \$10,080.00, or land dedication per approval of the Park Board.
3. Topo Fee of \$10.00 per acre x 2.58 = \$25.80.
4. Storm Sewer Fee of \$3,933.00 per acre x 2.58 = \$10,147.41
5. Owner/developer shall submit a map detailing the layout of proposed structures along with a construction limit line/no disturbance area. Rezoning shall be subject to review of this plan.
6. Owner shall be aware of future Marcou Road improvements and shall coordinate all improvements including sidewalks with Public Works Department.
7. Owner/developer must pay all fees and have all plans reviewed and approved by the City prior to obtaining a building permit. Owner/developer must have all conditions satisfied and improvements installed per approved plans prior to the issuance of occupancy permit.
8. Owner/developer must notify the City prior to any utility connection to public utilities.
9. All conditions run with the land and are binding upon the original developer and all heirs, successors, and assigns. The sale or transfer of all or any portion of the property does not relieve the original developer from payment of any fees imposed or from meeting any other conditions.
10. Any omissions of any conditions not listed in the Plan Commission Minutes shall not release the developer/property owner from abiding by the City's Subdivision Ordinance and Zoning Code requirements.

11. Owner shall place a deed restriction on property to insure development is developed as presented and approved by the Plan Commission. Rezoning shall be contingent upon this deed restriction being submitted and approved by the City.

Motion by Ald. Giese, second by Ald. Gonczy, to approve with twelve conditions, the Rezoning Application filed by Barbara Althoff and John Damm, Jr., from R-1 Single-family Residential to R-4 Multi-family residential for the purpose of a low-density multi-family project at 190 – 200 Marcou Road.

Under discussion, Mayor Bialecki noted that it was the recommendation of the Plan Commission that this item shall be approved conditioned on a deed restriction.

On voice vote, motion carried.

B. Conditional Use Permit filed by Barbara Althoff and John Damm, Jr., 11568 Arroyo Oaks Drive, Los Altos Hills, CA for the purpose of constructing multiple buildings on the property located at 190 - 200 Marcou Road, Onalaska, WI (Tax ID #s 18-3621-1 & 18-3621-2).

1. CUP Fee of \$150.00.
2. Owner shall abide by all conditions of Rezoning.
- 3. Roadway shall be 32' wide minimum.
4. Owner shall submit building elevations for review and approval by City.
- 5. Sidewalks required – entire frontage.
6. Owner/developer must pay all fees and have all plans reviewed and approved by the City prior to obtaining a building permit. Owner/developer must have all conditions satisfied and improvements installed per approved plans prior to the issuance of occupancy permit.
7. Owner/developer must notify the City prior to any utility connection to public utilities.
8. All conditions run with the land and are binding upon the original developer and all heirs, successors, and assigns. The sale or transfer of all or any portion of the property does not relieve the original developer from payment of any fees imposed or from meeting any other conditions.

9. Any omissions of any conditions not listed in the Plan Commission Minutes shall not release the developer/property owner from abiding by the City's Subdivision Ordinance and Zoning Code requirements.

Motion by Ald. Giese, second by Ald. Gonczy, to approve with nine conditions the Conditional Use Permit filed by Barbara Althoff and John Damm, Jr., for the purpose of constructing multiple buildings on the property located at 190 - 200 Marcou Road. On voice vote, motion carried.

C. Rezoning application filed by Gateway Property Management LLC, David Barth, 135 Marigold Lane South, West Salem, WI 54669 from B-1 Neighborhood Business to B-2 Community Business for the purpose of a heating and air conditioning company at 1008 Oak Avenue South (Tax ID # 18-948-0).

1. Rezoning Fee of \$150.00.
2. Green Fee of $\$246 + \$33.00 \text{ per acre} \times .61 = \225.87 .
3. Storm Sewer Fee of $\$5,506.00 \text{ per acre} \times .61 = \$3,358.66$.
4. Site Plan Permit required.
5. Owner shall disclose hours of operation, parking provisions and layout of project to minimize disturbance of residential area to the east.
6. Owner/developer must pay all fees and have all plans reviewed and approved by the City prior to obtaining a building permit. Owner/developer must have all conditions satisfied and improvements installed per approved plans prior to the issuance of occupancy permit.
7. Owner/developer must notify the City prior to any utility connection to public utilities.
8. All conditions run with the land and are binding upon the original developer and all heirs, successors, and assigns. The sale or transfer of all or any portion of the property does not relieve the original developer from payment of any fees imposed or from meeting any other conditions.
9. Any omissions of any conditions not listed in the Plan Commission Minutes shall not release the developer/property owner from abiding by the City's Subdivision Ordinance

and Zoning Code requirements.

10. Owner shall provide letter from BNSF Railroad for storm water drainage amendments.

Motion by Ald. Giese, second by Ald. Gonczy, to approve with ten conditions the Rezoning application filed by Gateway Property Management LLC, David Barth, from B-1 Neighborhood Business to B-2 Community Business for the purpose of a heating and air conditioning company at 1008 Oak Avenue South.

Under discussion, Mayor Bialecki asked if there were any items of concern with this project. Jason responded, "I think the only one that was a major issue was storm water drainage because the site really falls off to the west to the railroad property. And it's my understanding that the railroad will not sign a letter indicating that they want more drainage on their site because they do have some problems down below. Mr. Barth is aware of this. I talked to him just this afternoon, in fact, and he is exploring ways to handle storm water on site".

On voice vote, motion carried.

D. Rezoning request filed by Preferred Development LLC/David Clark, 2416 Cedar Crek Lane, John Lyche, 1820 Ironwood Place & James Warren, 2236 Evenson Drive from M-1 Light Industrial to B-2 Community Business District for the property located at 1447 Oak Forest Drive for the purpose of a trade and contractors office (Tax ID # 18-1002-2).

1. Rezoning Fee of \$150.00.
2. Green Fee of \$246.00 + \$33.00 per acre x 1.7 = \$302.10.
3. Storm Sewer Fee (per Eastgate deferral) of \$5,506.00 per acre x 1.7 = \$9,360.20.
4. Site Plan Permit required.
5. Owner to be aware of vision triangle requirements at Pinecrest and Oak Forest Drive.
6. Owner/developer must pay all fees and have all plans reviewed and approved by the City prior to obtaining a building permit. Owner/developer must have all conditions satisfied and improvements installed per approved plans prior to the issuance of occupancy permit.
7. Owner/developer must notify the City prior to any utility connection to public utilities.

8. All conditions run with the land and are binding upon the original developer and all heirs, successors, and assigns. The sale or transfer of all or any portion of the property does not relieve the original developer from payment of any fees imposed or from meeting any other conditions.
9. Any omissions of any conditions not listed in the Plan Commission Minutes shall not release the developer/property owner from abiding by the City's Subdivision Ordinance and Zoning Code requirements.

Motion by Ald. Giese, second by Ald. Gonczy, to approve with nine conditions the Rezoning request filed by Preferred Development LLC/David Clark, John Lyche, and James Warren, from M-1 Light Industrial to B-2 Community Business District for the property located at 1447 Oak Forest Drive for the purpose of a trade and contractors office. On voice vote, motion carried.

E. Conditional Use Permit request filed by Preferred Development LLC/David Clark, 2416 Cedar Creek Lane, John Lyche, 1820 Ironwood Place & James Warren, 2236 Evenson Drive for the purpose of constructing two structures on one parcel located at 1447 Oak Forest Drive (Tax ID # 18-1002-2).

1. CUP Fee of \$150.00.
2. Owner shall be aware of vision triangle requirements at Pinecrest and Oak Forest Drive.
3. Site Plan Permit required.
4. Owner shall submit building elevations.
5. Owner/developer must pay all fees and have all plans reviewed and approved by the City prior to obtaining a building permit. Owner/developer must have all conditions satisfied and improvements installed per approved plans prior to the issuance of occupancy permit.
6. Owner/developer must notify the City prior to any utility connection to public utilities.
7. All conditions run with the land and are binding upon the original developer and all heirs, successors, and assigns. The sale or transfer of all or any portion of the property does not relieve the original developer from payment of any fees imposed or from meeting any other conditions.

8. Any omissions of any conditions not listed in the Plan Commission Minutes shall not release the developer/property owner from abiding by the City's Subdivision Ordinance and Zoning Code requirements.

Motion by Ald. Giese, second by Ald. Smith, to approve with eight conditions the Conditional Use Permit request filed by Preferred Development LLC/David Clark, John Lyche, and James Warren, for the purpose of constructing two structures on one parcel located at 1447 Oak Forest Drive. On voice vote, motion carried.

F. Annexation Petition submitted by Elmwood Partners Limited Partnership, La Crosse Country Club, ASI Holdings LLP, National Decorating Products, TBD Investments and Town of Medary for 184.73 acres at the north end of French Road and the La Crosse Country Club (Parcel #'s 9-41-0, 9-36-0, 9-37-0, 9-10-2, 9-56-1, 9-10-0, 9-10-1, 9-9-0, 9-8-0, 9-49-1 & 9-12-2).

1. ACT 317 Fees due.
2. Park Fee of \$1,120.00 per unit.
3. Topo Fee of \$10.00 per acre x \$85.96 = \$859.60.
4. Storm Sewer Fee
5. Interim zoning of R-1 Single Family Residential.
6. Owner shall be aware of permanent zoning requirements for golf course – P-1 Public & Semipublic District.
7. Owner shall provide City with a utility infrastructure feasibility plan. Annexation may be contingent on plan.
8. Owner/developer must pay all fees and have all plans reviewed and approved by the City prior to obtaining a building permit. Owner/developer must have all conditions satisfied and improvements installed per approved plans prior to the issuance of occupancy permit.
9. Owner/developer must notify the City prior to any utility connection to public utilities.

10. All conditions run with the land and are binding upon the original developer and all heirs, successors, and assigns. The sale or transfer of all or any portion of the property does not relieve the original developer from payment of any fees imposed or from meeting any other conditions.

11. Any omissions of any conditions not listed in the Plan Commission Minutes shall not release the developer/property owner from abiding by the City's Subdivision Ordinance and Zoning Code requirements.

12. City shall pursue development agreement with Town prior to Council approval to extension of utilities on French Road. Annexation shall be conditioned upon City reaching agreement with Town.

Motion by Ald. Giese, second by Ald. Smith, to disapprove the Annexation Petition submitted by Elmwood Partners Limited Partnership, La Crosse Country Club, ASI Holdings, LLP, National Decorating Products, TBD Investments and the Town of Medary for 184.73 acres at the north end of French Road and the La Crosse Country Club.

Under discussion, Mayor Bialecki said, "It may be a good project but there's a lot of questions that we need to ask; first of all about infrastructure costs, booster stations, et cetera".

In response to a question from Mayor Bialecki Ron Lund confirmed that this item would come back before the Plan Commission at its next meeting.

On voice vote, motion carried.

H - Unified Development Code – Accessory Used/Misc. Standards.

Motion by Ald. Giese, second by Ald. Leathen, to approve the Accessory Use & Miscellaneous Standards section of the Unified Development Code. On voice vote, motion carried.

Item 6 – FINANCE COMMITTEE:

A. Vouchers.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Olson, to approve Vouchers No. 2248 through No. 2454, expended since the last Common Council meeting of September 13, 2005, in the amount of \$3,005,413.49. On voice vote, motion carried.

B. Recording Equipment for Interrogation.

Ald. Smith reported that Chief Williams made a PowerPoint presentation regarding this item to the Finance & Personnel Committee. Chief Williams has hardcopies of the PowerPoint presentation available for those who are interested.

C. Information and approval to purchase two digital cameras for evidence/accident investigations from Woodman's Donation Account.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Gonczy, to approve the purchase of two digital cameras for evidence/accident investigations, with the funds coming from the Woodman's Donation Account in an amount not to exceed \$1,250. On voice vote, motion carried.

D. Authorization for Grant of M-16 Rifles.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Leathen, to approve the application for a grant to purchase M-16 rifles with the cost not to exceed \$664.

Under discussion, Ald. Gonczy stated that he would vote against this motion. Ald. Gonczy reported that he had not attended the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting, but had watched it on television.

Ald. Gonczy said, "I know there was a lot of discussion about the cost of the training and how much the training was going to be, and there was discussion about going into overtime. And, the question I asked myself was, if we weren't receiving these free, would we purchase these. When I thought that through, I would say, 'No I wouldn't'. So if we're not purchasing them, do we really need them? And, as we get tightening up our budgets, we're going to have to look at things that we really need. And, does this community really need – I think it was - eight M-16s? Basically I think the thing was, 'We don't want to be outgunned'. I don't like to think of it that way. I like to look at is this something we really need. And, I think that's what we have to go through in the whole budget cycle; are these things we need or are these things we want? And, just because they're free – but what other costs that come? So, we're going to have training next year. We're going to have future training. So we're just adding another weapon to the arsenal. I'm not saying that that's not good, but I just don't think it's something we need now. And, if it's not something we were willing to go out and purchase ourselves, then I think it's something we should pass on".

Ald. Leathen said, "The reason I'm going to support this is because, as Randy described it, this will allow a broader range of responses on the part of the Police Department. And, in effect, there will be situations where the lethality of the force that's used by Police Department will go down rather than up. Randy mentioned the idea of using rubber bullets in some situations,

whereas right now they might not tend to do that because, for whatever reason, they feel they've got to go to their maximum ability to generate weapons. I'm thinking that the net effect of this is a decrease in the lethality of the force, and I think that's a good thing. That's why I'm supporting it".

Ald. Giese said, "I appreciate Councilperson Gonczy bringing up that issue of need and putting in perspective: If we had to buy them would we go get them? That does influence me. However, during the discussion with the Chief, I clearly asked for a response from him saying that was his administrator's advice; that he in his judgement felt it was best for the force – and also challenged the fact that that would incur costs going into 2006 as well. So, I'm really voting for this in deference to the wishes of the administrator of the department".

On voice vote, motion carried with one no vote from Ald. Gonczy.

E. Activate existing Onalaska Fire Department funds located in the Designated Fund Balance Account 100-34212 for two equipment expenditures valued at \$2,762.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Wulf, to activate existing Onalaska Fire Department funds located in the Designated Fund Balance 100-34212 for two equipment expenditures valued at \$2,762.

Under discussion, Ald. Giese said, "I'll be voting no on this item. Not because I don't believe the Fire Department needs the equipment. It's for budget discipline. It seems that this is something that could be handled through normal procurement channels and included in a normal operating budget".

Mayor Bialecki responded, "The only comment I have on that though is, I think the account that he's drawing from comes from donated funds from the private sector". Mayor Bialecki asked Fred if that were correct.

Fred explained that there are two sources of funds: 1) \$2,000 donation from Weyerhaeuser; and 2) dollars set aside from savings on past equipment purchases.

In response to a question from Ald. Giese, Fred reported that the savings on equipment purchases have been accrued over three or four years.

Ald. Giese said, "I have confidence that this will pass, so I can make a symbolic vote here. So I'll still vote no".

On voice vote, motion carried.

F. Interim Franchise Agreement between the City of Onalaska and CenturyTel Broadband, LLP.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Olson, to approve the Interim Franchise Agreement between the City of Onalaska and CenturyTel Broadband, LLP.

Under discussion, Mayor Bialecki explained that approval of this agreement would allow CenturyTel to begin marketing their broadband services in the City of Onalaska. Mayor Bialecki noted that this is a short-term agreement and is consistent with the agreement between CenturyTel and the City of La Crosse. Mayor Bialecki reported that the other members of the Mississippi River Valley Communications Commission are endorsing similar agreements.

Mayor Bialecki reported that in the past, municipalities have entered into long-term agreements with cable companies – from five to 20 years. Mayor Bialecki said, “It’s the intent here to not do that because technology is changing”.

On voice vote, motion carried.

Item 7 – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

A. Out-of-state travel request for Officer Peter Jakowski to attend International Law Enforcement Torch Run Conference on October 26 – 29, 2005 in Minneapolis, MN.

Ald. Smith reported that this item has been withdrawn by Chief Williams.

B. Job Descriptions.

1. City Clerk.
2. Office Clerical Support.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Wulf, to approve the job descriptions for City Clerk and Office Clerical Support.

Under discussion, Ald. Smith explained that the major change to these job descriptions is that the Office Clerical Support staff previously reported to the Finance Director and now will report to the City Clerk.

Mayor Bialecki noted that suggestions for changes to job descriptions could be made during the budget process.

On voice vote, motion carried.

Ald. Gonczy requested further discussion on Agenda Item 7A. Ald. Gonczy asked why Chief Williams had requested the withdrawal of this item.

Chief Williams responded, “Initially Officer Jakowski’s schedule was such that one of those four training days at the Law Enforcement Torch Run in Minneapolis would have been a working day. And, I had sought to have one of those days be a working day with the other days being his own. However, between my captains and Officer Jakowski, the schedule had been changed and three of those days were going to be work days. So, in looking at putting him back on the schedule on his normal rotation, and it would have been one day, he’s chosen not to attend”.

Ald. Gonczy said, “I would like to commend the police officers for their involvement in Torch Run. I’m also very involved with Special Olympics. And I don’t know how well you guys know and what you know they do, but they do a lot. And, to have one of our people go to this would have been wonderful and I wish it could have worked out, Chief. But, I’d like to praise your people for their involvement with Special Olympics. It’s quite a sight to watch. Not only our officers, but all the officers when they get together for the State games, and throughout the whole nation for what they do for these athletes. So, I’m kind of disappointed we don’t have anyone going”.

C. International Association of Firefighters Local 4169 Agreement 2006 – 2008.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Olson, to approve the International Association of Firefighters Local 4169 Agreement for 2006 to 2008.

Under discussion, Ald. Gonczy said, “My only concern is – and I know we’ve been through negotiation and everything and it’s the twelfth hour to bring this up – but I really think we should consider a one-year contract. The problem here is we’re committing ourselves to a – I think – 3% pay increase over three years. We don’t know what’s coming down from the State over the next two years. We get ourselves locked into a three-year contract, if we’re looking at insurance rates that went up this year 9 ½ percent, we can’t really do anything to control the biggest expense we have in all of our union contracts. And, I think going forward we need to just be doing one-year contracts until we know what the fiscal policy is.

“I’m going to vote no on the motion and if the motion does fail, recommend that we send back that we approve the contract but only do one year... I would love to do a three year, but I just think because of the fiscal restraints coming down, we don’t know what the future has to hold. I think we as a City need to look at it and I think the same with the local unions need to consider that some things need to maybe change next year or the year after”.

Ald. Wulf said, “I don’t mean to put anyone on the spot, but for those who were in the negotiations – once again, I just want to reiterate, I don’t want to put anyone on the spot, but – would Liz or Fred have any response to that. And, if you care not to respond I certainly respect that”.

Fred said, “We try to have good working relationships. We bargain, I think, in good faith. We felt we handled a lot of issues through these negotiations. This is the second phase of a contract. I’m very, very, very hesitant to start peddling backwards now and say that we’re going to back up to a one-year. I totally agree with Gary in the future that we look at that. And, we have contracts coming do that we do look at one-year contracts to look at just what you’re saying. But, I’m very, very hesitant to take this – because as far down as we have gone, as far as we have negotiated this contract in good faith, both sides, I don’t think it would be a very wise thing to do”.

Mayor Bialecki stated that both Ald. Gonczy and Fred had valid points.

Ald. Gonczy said, “Who knows, maybe next year we can give them even a better contract. But we still have, I think, the responsibility of what if we have to tighten our belts. I would rather be able to say next year, ‘Hey listen, we can’t give you a pay raise, but we can keep everybody’. Instead of saying, ‘Hey guess what? We’ve got to cut one person because we can’t afford it’. Because that’s the only option we have for the next two or three years, or tell the Chief we can’t have another person, even though we budget for it. Those are my only concerns just because of the bleakness of what could be coming down.

“We’re fortunate. We have a growing community. But what happens if the building stops? What happens if the economy goes bad and all of a sudden all these projects we think are coming don’t come? That’s the only reason. And I do appreciate the negotiations”.

Ald. Olson said, “I think Gary makes a good point. And I think we need to honor this particular contract because it was done in good faith. But, I totally agree with Gary that from this point forward that we start taking a real hard look at a lot of things that are going to impact the way we spend taxpayers’ money in the next couple of years. Because with the taxpayer out there having to realize the same things we are, I can’t believe they’re not concerned with some of the things they expect us to do here also”.

On voice vote, motion carried with Ald. Gonczy voting no.

D. Compensation Philosophy.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Gonczy, to approve the draft Compensation Philosophy.

Under discussion, Ald. Leathen asked what if the Compensation Philosophy were approved, but

the City were not able to follow it. Ald. Leathen asked if that would open up the City to legal challenges. Ald. Leathen said, “Or, is this just something, ‘Well it sounds nice’? There’s some onerous things in there if we really try to do what that policy says. I’m not objecting to the policy. It looks like it’s a very good thing say, but fiscally... the fiscal responsibility to meet it could be really staggering and I’m concerned about that”.

Various members noted that under consideration is not a Compensation Policy, but is a Compensation Philosophy.

Mayor Bialecki asked Human Resources Specialist Liz Green to comment.

Liz said, “What the Compensation Subcommittee was kind of looking for – and I think we discussed it in the Compensation Subcommittee meeting today – the motion out of F & P was a agreement in principle that the philosophy is a work progress and that we’re heading in the right direction. And the committee desired to get kind of an approval on that direction, so that we knew we were in the right ballgame going forward, before we put a lot of work in and came back with a plan... We’re kind of looking for direction more than anything and the concept in principle”.

Ald. Gonczy stated that his interpretation of the philosophy is, “We’re going to look for the best people, demand the most from them, have them perform at the highest standards, and because of that we’re going to reap the benefits of being the most efficient city in the area, and getting these people based on what they could make in this area...”

“I was happy to see (the philosophy) says ‘public and private’. So, as we look at that, I think we’re taking a step in the right direction, as long as we keep that in mind. I think we all want the best people to perform at the highest standards and have the highest expectations of their people...”

“If we could get people that can find ways to save us costs, then we should be able to operate so much more efficiently that it should be to the benefit of the taxpayers. That’s going to have high expectations of standards and people...”

On voice vote, motion carried.

Item 8 - ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

A. Approval of Operator’s Licenses

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of Application</u>
Alan D. Amundson	Cedar Creek	New/Provisional
Rita L. Hansen	The Wharf	New/Provisional

Candis A. Hayes
Jesse L. Hermann

Olive Garden
Hillside Inn

Renewal
New/Provisional

Motion by Ald. Gonczy, second by Ald. Wulf, to approve the Operators Licenses per the memorandum dated September 29, 2005. On voice vote, motion carried.

B. Review of fees for Weights and Measures Licensing.

Ald. Gonczy noted that the fees are listed on Agenda Attachment 8B. Ald. Gonczy reported that the Administrative & Judiciary Committee recommended approval of the 2006 proposal as outlined in Column 1 of the Agenda Attachment. Ald. Gonczy stated that he does not support that recommendation.

Motion by Ald. Leathen, second by Ald. Smith, to approve the 2006 Weights & Measures Licensing Fee at a rate of \$20 plus \$8 per device or \$5 per timer device.

Under discussion, in response to a question from Ald. Gonczy, Cari reported that the City is allowed to generate \$9,500 in fees. Ald. Gonczy noted that the proposed fees would generate an income of \$8,000. Ald. Gonczy said, "But, there's no allocation for the administrative costs. And we've been in the past always assigning administrative costs. So if we want to recoup some dollars that we charge back to the people that we're inspecting these on, that would be at the rate of 46 licenses at \$40, which brings us right back to the fee that we're charging currently. So, instead of reducing the fees, I think we should stay with what we currently have and basically compensate for the work we're doing on the administrative end".

Ald. Gonczy wished to apologize for not being present at the last Administrative & Judiciary Committee meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Ald. Wulf said, "I'm also going to vote against the committee that I serve on, our recommendation. There has been new information that has come to light since our A & J meeting of last week. My understanding is, when we started this... when it became our responsibility to start charging for this, we legally could not make money on this... But my understanding is, Fred has since talked with Cari and there's an administrative fee, kind of like with the burning permits, that there's a cost. From what I understand, this is extensively more labor intensive than issuing the burning permits and such... so I would urge my fellow Common Council members to support opposing what came out of committee last week because I do believe that we need to make sure that we recoup our administrative fee, which we are legally able to recoup. Because I do believe that this is something that the State has put upon the backs of the municipalities and we need to make sure that we recoup our administrative costs for this otherwise we're going to just keep going in the hole more and more an more".

On voice vote motion failed unanimously.

Motion by Ald. Gonczy, second by Ald. Wulf, to approve the 2006 Weights & Measures Licensing fees at the same rate as 2005.

Under discussion, in response to a question from Ald. Giese, Cari reported that the fees typically are reviewed each year just prior to budget time.

In response to a question from Ald. Smith, Cari explained that the 2005 fees include administrative costs and that those costs are not listed as separate line items.

On voice vote, motion carried.

C. Update on Recreational Burning.

Ald. Gonczy summarized the Update on Recreational Burning as it was presented to the Administrative & Judiciary Committee by Fire Chief Menches:

- 160 Recreation Burning Permits issued to date (or approximately 6.2% of dwellings)
- 9 complaints have been logged to date, three of which were from the same residence.
- Three warnings were issued, no fines were issued.
- Permits are fairly evenly distributed throughout the City.
- Most of the permits are clustered around the South Quincy Street and North Wilson Street area.
- The City has been divided into four quadrants.
- Chief Menches recommends no changes to the permit process.
- Chief Menches recommends no change to the \$40 permit fee.
- Chief Menches recommends no change to the permit requirements or citation process.
- Chief Menches recommends maintaining the burning season as March through November.

Ald. Gonczy read an excerpt from the minutes of the last Administrative & Judiciary Committee meeting, “Chief Menches stated that the recreational burning program exceeded his expectations”.

Motion by Ald. Gonczy, second by Ald. Wulf, to maintain the same Recreational Burning policies from 2005 to 2006 and to review the Recreational Burning program approximately one year from the date of this meeting.

Under discussion, Ald. Giese said, “I was pleased with the report that came out; not only for the way the program has been received by the citizens, but also for the way the Chief and the Fire

Department has administered that program. It's a good example – and this is what I'd like to commend publicly – it's a good example of what happens when citizens get involved. And the proponents of this program – the citizens – stayed with it for a number of months and a number of meetings to work through the bureaucracy of city government and the City is better for their efforts and the efforts of the Fire Chief”.

Ald. Wulf wished to commend and extend thanks to the Fire Department and Police Department for working together. Ald. Wulf stated that she was pleased to learn that no tickets had to be issued.

On voice vote, motion carried.

Item 9 - BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:

A. “No Parking” on the west side of 17th Avenue North.

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Ald. Leathen referred the members to an Agenda Attachment, which is a sketch of the proposed No Parking area on the west side of 17th Avenue North.

Motion by Ald. Leathen, second by Ald. Gonczy, to approve restricting parking on the west side from 16th Avenue North to a point 300' feet east and south on 17th Avenue North.

Under discussion, in response to a question from Mayor Bialecki, Ald. Leathen confirmed that the recommendation from the Board of Public Works had been to restrict parking for 250' east and south.

Ron reported that for the past week the curb has been marked at the correct distance. Ron said, “The comments I've had have been positive. The residents feel that's where the No Parking should occur too”.

On voice vote, motion carried.

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B. Request for City to cost share in driveway reconstruction at N4555 Marcou Road.

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Motion by Ald. Leathen, second by Ald. Gonczy, to cost share in the driveway reconstruction at N4555 Marcou Road, in an amount not to exceed \$606.50. On voice vote, motion carried.

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C. Request by CenturyTel to bury underground facilities.

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Motion by Ald. Leathen, second by Ald. Gonczy, to authorize the request from CenturyTel to

bury underground facilities at 2nd Avenue Southwest. On voice vote, motion carried.

E. Consider “No Parking” on the north side of Medary Lane in front of 1590 East Young Drive.

Motion by Ald. Leathen, second by Ald. Smith, to direct the Director of Public Works to send a letter to the resident of 1590 Young Drive East, informing that the Board of Public Works took no action on the request for No Parking as a parking area within the park recently has been defined and it is the belief of City staff that that parking area will rectify the resident’s concerns regarding parking; and that a copy of that letter shall be placed on file, and that the Board of Public Works shall revisit the issue if need be.

Under discussion, Ald. Gonczy said, “I’d like you to consider voting no on this motion. Again, I apologize, I wasn’t at the meeting. I’ve dealt with Mrs. Hayes on this matter. I’ve been down to look at it. It was party to do with the parking and it’s only on her area. I did talk with other people that live on there, and that’s the only block that they’re talking about.

“And the other concern which didn’t come up in the Board of Public Works – and again I’ll take the responsibility, I wasn’t there – was when they park there, they block, there’s a hill that they come down, the kids that ride down that hill, they can’t see when traffic comes around that corner. So, there was a safety concern also.

“I know the Park Department is going to stripe that parking area. But it’s not really a designated parking because it’s a grass area. I really don’t think we’re going to resolve it this way and I would like to consider that we give the No Parking because in reality she’s got her own signs up there anyways and she goes and yells at these people. And I think she’s right. We should make this No Parking for the safety end of it. And I don’t think we’re going to have the solution solved by striping it down there on the grass and directing people down. I just don’t think they see it as being a parking area.

“My argument is let’s block it off and make it No Parking and think about the safety end and that will help force the people to maybe go down there. It’s the convenience of staying up on the top”.

Mayor Bialecki recalled that in the past year an individual in the Mayfair Addition had requested a No Parking in front of their particular residence. Mayor Bialecki noted that the neighbors also had stated a desire for No Parking. Mayor Bialecki said, “On that one we said no. What would make this any different?”

Ald. Gonczy said, “This would be the safety of those kids coming down the hill”.

Ald. Smith said, “I think the main objection that the Board of Public Works had was that it was only the one resident that would have the No Parking. And that would be the reason why I would be against it at this point also”.

Ald. Gonczy responded, “My initial intentions when I went out was to increase (the amount of No Parking) because there was a lot of concerns. But when I talked to the people next to her and across the street, they didn’t see it as a problem of parking on their grass...” Ald. Gonczy stated that the neighbors identified the safety of the children as the primary concern.

Ald. Gonczy continued, “To address the Mayor’s concern, I don’t like setting precedence either, but we do have different areas where we designate it. We just did a 300-foot stretch for a safety reason. I think we need to look at each issue. In this case – and I know that came from the Fire Department – I think in this case it’s worth considering that we do block this off...”

Ald. Gonczy noted that the No Parking would force people down to the new parking area. Ald. Gonczy noted that the new parking area eventually would be paved, but currently is not and does not look like a parking area.

Ron suggested monitoring the situation for six months. Ron said, “If we were to put No Parking restrictions on everywhere we get a request to do that, we’d pepper the City. And signs are expensive. And I see this no different than a lot of other areas in town”.

Mayor Bialecki noted that if the situation were monitored for six months from this date, many of those months would have snow on the ground.

In response to a question from Ald. Giese, Ald. Smith reported that one of the residents in that area has provided orange markers, which the Parks & Recreation Department staff will install to delineate the new parking area. The Parks & Recreation Department plans to install signage in that area.

Ald. Leathen stated that it is his understanding that there are parking issues in front of other residences.

Ald. Gonczy responded, “Other residents that I talked to... they do not have a problem. They’re not parking there. If they did it wasn’t a concern. The concern that Mrs. Hayes has was they were parking on her spot. But also the concern, which was voiced by the other people I talked to said it was the safety factor; if they park there they can’t see the kids coming down. I’m just telling you what was told to me by people living across from her and next to her, which were the only two on Medary”.

In response to a question from Ald. Giese, Ald. Gonczy confirmed that only parking in front of Mrs. Hayes’ residence creates a safety concern.

Ald. Wulf said, "I guess my only concern is when I hear someone says, 'Let it sit for six months' or 'Sometimes problems resolves themselves' or what have you, sometimes when we have constituents – when they have to live with an issue day after day, week after week, month after months – they're the ones who are dealing with these issues, not us. Eventually there are times when their issues – obviously we all know – they sometimes become our issues and we start living with their issues, which is our role. And I think there are times if we do let time pass and some issues do resolve themselves – and I understand what Ron is saying, that if you just start going around and you just fill everyone's request we're going to be striping and signing everything and signs do cost money. My only concern is when people keep waiting and waiting and the issue keeps growing and growing, people get really irritated and they get really agitated, because they're dealing with these issues every day and they get more ticked off and more ticked off. They get more ticked off at the City. And they don't feel like they're tax dollars are being put to good use. And because we're not dealing with it on a daily issue and we're not having someone parking on our lawn every single day, we may not at time – I think – may not be as sensitive to those issues. So I think there may be times when maybe we do need to have issues kind of weighed out and maybe we need to make some issues kind of work themselves. But I hear what Gary is saying because I think sometimes we need to put ourselves in our constituent's place. And if we had that issue happening every day or every week – and then we had the City come back to use and say, 'Well let's give it another six months', it's a huge source of irritation to our constituents. So I need we need to think about those issues sometimes.

"I'm not really sure how I'm going to vote on this and I may have to abstain because I haven't made a decision and I won't vote unless I really have a firm stand. But I'm just adding that just for people to think about – if it's not our issue, maybe it's not a source of irritation for us, but we have to be I think very sensitive to our constituents because if we're not dealing with it, we don't know how irritating it is. But just think about what if it's happening to us".

Ald. Smith reported that at the Board of Public Works meeting, Jarrod Holter had noted that the street in question is not wide enough to accommodate both two-way traffic and on-street parking. Ald. Smith noted that there is no curb in that area. Ald. Smith said, "That's where I think the problem lies, is it's a substandard street to begin with".

Ald. Smith reported that a group of residents from this neighborhood had attended a meeting on a different subject, and when the parking issue came up the residents indicated that they were very aware of the problem. Ald. Smith said, "So it isn't just one resident that we're dealing with. It is a neighborhood problem.

"Personally I think that we need to do the signage and designating the parking area and try that. The reason why it was getting put out for six months is because looking at what time of year it is, it's already October. So if we send the Park Department down there tomorrow to put up those signs, we really aren't going to have a good indication until next spring going into summer because it's just not a high-use time. That was why it was being out for six months. Not because

we thought it took six months of study. It was just because there wasn't a lot of park usage".

Ald. Gonczy said, "We could do the No Parking right away and we still have some months that are good weather. People are going to use that park. I would ask that you vote no".

Ald. Leathen said, "You guys have convinced me. I'm going to vote no on this. But then I'd like the Park Department to evaluate what the other properties are. Like Kim said, There's other people that are concerned. And I would rather do it as a one lump sum deal. But with what you guys are saying, I'm very sympathetic to the landowner in the case. I know how I'd feel.

"The recommendation from the Public Works was more or less a statement to the Park Department to bring it all in as one piece, but I don't have to live with it that way at all. So I'm going to vote no".

Ald. Smith and Ald. Gonczy clarified that the other neighbors are not requesting that the No Parking be extended to the front of their properties, but rather are concurring with Mrs. Hayes' that parking in front of the Hayes residence is the issue.

In response to a question from Ald. Wulf, Ald. Gonczy stated that if No Parking were established in front of the Hayes residence, one sign would be installed at a cost of \$50.

Ald. Wulf requested that her fellow Common Council members oppose the motion.

On voice vote motion failed unanimously.

Motion by Ald. Gonczy, second by Ald. Wulf, to refer the item to the Administrative & Judiciary Committee with the recommendation that there be No Parking on the north side of Medary Lane from the front of 1590 Young Drive. On voice vote, motion carried.

F. Request from Pertzsch School to re-sign parking on 5th Avenue South – east side.

- Motion by Ald. Leathen, second by Ald. Wulf, to approve the request from Irving Pertzsch Elementary School to reconfigure No Parking on the east side of 5th Avenue South. On voice vote, motion carried.

- G. Request to place sidewalk on Marcou Road three (3) feet from front property line.

Motion by Ald. Leathen, second by Ald. Gonczy, to approve the request to place sidewalk on Marcou Road three feet from front property line. On voice vote, motion carried.

H. Selection of consultants to prepare PSE for Greens Coulee/East Main Street signalization.

Motion by Ald. Leathen, second by Ald. Gonczy, to select S.E.H. Consultants for a study for the Greens Coulee/East Main Street signalization project. On voice vote, motion carried.

I. Oak Forest Drive/Oak Avenue South area right-of-way acquisition.

Ald. Leathen reported that the Board of Public Works recommended approval of an agreement with the State of Wisconsin regarding the Oak Forest Drive/Oak Avenue South right-of-way acquisition, with the understanding that the City would be reimbursed for the cost of financing the project. Ald. Leathen noted that there was a great deal of discussion regarding the expenses the City would incur and the fact that the State might take as long as six months to reimburse the City.

Motion by Ald. Leathen, second by Ald. Gonczy, to approve the agreement with the State of Wisconsin regarding the Oak Forest Drive/Oak Avenue South right-of-way acquisition, with the understanding that the State of Wisconsin shall reimburse the City of Onalaska for any costs incurred.

Under discussion, Ron reported that since the last meeting of the Board of Public Works, Jarrod Holter has researched the issue and has found that it is not the State's policy to make such reimbursements.

Ron said, "Maybe this is a windfall in our favor. As the project started out, we signed an agreement that it was 75% paid by the State and Federal government, 25% City. What they neglected to share with us is that we were to pay all of the right-of-way costs up front and then be reimbursed our 75%. This was not explained to us properly. They had apologized for that. And now they have actually drafted a new agreement – that I think Jarrod shared with you – that they're willing to cap this project with a lump sum amount and it looks like we're going to save a lot of money; maybe well over \$100,000. So, I would think that would be a win-win situation for us and that we move forward to borrow the money needed for the extra right-of-way and proceed with the project".

Fred reported that he had discussed this issue with Mayor Bialecki. Fred stated that he believes Ron's estimate of savings of up to \$100,000 might be high.

Fred reported that at the Board of Public Works there had been discussion regarding the time period between the land acquisitions and reimbursement. Fred referred to a memo from Jarrod Holter, which states that Jarrod anticipates that the State would make every attempt to reimburse the City in from three to six months.

Fred said, "I'm optimistic that they will do that. I feel that we will be able to carry that without

having to borrow the dollars from existing Capital Project dollars. Granted we will be losing some interest income on that... but in the long picture, as Ron had indicated, there is a cap on it and there are other costs that continue to rise as this project goes on. With this agreement that caps us at the \$181,250, which we know for a fact has moved up since that has been signed, which is a good thing”.

Ron added that the original estimate for the City’s share was approximately \$320,000 rather than \$181,250, a cost savings of approximately \$140,000. Ron said, “They’re (the State) willing to do this as a result of what has happened. So I think they’re really giving us a deal here.

Motion by Ald. Gonczy, second by Ald. Giese, to approve the agreement with the State of Wisconsin for the Oak Forest Drive/Oak Avenue South right-of-way acquisition with the terms as outlined in the memo dated October 11, 2005 from Assistant City Engineer Jarrod Holter, which caps the City’s expenditures at \$181,250.

Ald. Leathen and Ald. Smith noted that there already was a motion on the floor.

Ald. Gonczy withdrew his second to the original motion. Ald. Leathen withdrew his original motion.

Ald. Giese said, “I commend the State for being willing to work on this and I do realize that the realities of what this came in at motivates us to not get picky. I will get picky though when I hear an estimate at \$725,000 and then it comes in at \$1,370,000 – which is \$645,000 (or) 88%, 89% over estimated amount. I’m pleased to say that we don’t have that kind of performance by the administrators in the City when they estimate a project, because I would be very upset. I just wonder if anybody – if Ron or somebody – can explain how that can happen; how we can have an estimate that’s off by that amount”

Mayor Bialecki recalled the last time he had seen such a significant discrepancy from the State was approximately twelve years ago relating to the Highway 16 on/off ramps.

In response to a question from Mayor Bialecki, Ron confirmed that the lump sum amount would be the final figure.

Ron reported that at that next Board of Public Works meeting he would present for approval a signed agreement to include lump sum figures.

Mayor Bialecki called for the vote on the new motion. On voice vote, motion carried.

J. Sale of steel extension from old street sweeper.

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Ald. Leathen reported that Ron had requested from the Board of Public Works authorization to sell the steel extension from the old street sweeper as that accessory is not used.

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Motion by Ald. Leathen, second by Ald. Olson, to approve the sale of the steel extension from the old street sweeper. On voice vote, motion carried.

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K. Increase chlorination at Well #9.

Motion by Ald. Leathen, second by Ald. Gonczy, to approve the purchase of a device to increase chlorination at Well #9, in an amount not to exceed \$1,329 plus freight. On voice vote, motion carried.

L. Bids received for 2005 Sewer Slip Lining Project.

Motion by Ald. Leathen, second by Ald. Gonczy, to award the 2005 Sewer Slip Lining Project to Visu-Sewer Clean & Seal, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$139,244.00. Ald. Gonczy

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M. LB White/YMCA Radius Encroachment on Mason Street.

Ald. Leathen reported that this item has come up since the last Board of Public Works meeting and was not addressed at that meeting.

Ald. Leathen reported that upon laying out the street, it was learned that the radius would encroach on the LB White property. Ald. Leathen reported that the options would be to change the radius of the turn, or to acquire some land from LB White at no cost to the City.

Ron reported that he had discussed this issue with City Attorney Sean O'Flaherty. Ron requested approval from the Common Council to proceed with the 45-foot radius around the curve with written permission from LB White, and to ultimately prepare a legal description of that area to allow LB White to dedicate the corner to the City of Onalaska.

Ron reported that LB White has agreed to this proposal. Ron stated that he would have a signed letter from LB White before the curb & gutter are installed. Ron estimated it would take two weeks to have a legal description prepared and get it recorded. Ron reported that it would be preferable to install the curb & gutter by the week of October 17, 2005.

Motion by Ald. Leathen, second by Ald. Olson, to authorize the Public Works Director to proceed with the acquisition of land from LB White to allow for a 45-foot turn radius on Mason

Street, to authorize the Public Works Director to secure from LB White, a letter regarding the acquisition, with the understanding that the acquisition would be completed at no cost to the City.

Under discussion, Ald. Gonczy asked if the City Attorney approves of this action.

Gerry O'Flaherty responded, "Yes. The letter agreement with LB White – even though it's not customary – you'd like to have a deed in hand before you put in the improvements. But it has been a past practice of proceeding in face of engineering projects that need to go forward. And as long as we get it in writing and there's no expenditure or anything to negotiate – the agreement is going to say it's going to be given – there would be detrimental reliance after the curb & gutter are in. So it would be an enforceable. If the deed is refused, we could bring a action for specific performance to force the deed to be given because of detrimental reliance in the curb & gutter being put in to make the 45-foot radius".

On voice vote, motion carried.

Item 11 - JUDICIARY COMMITTEE:

A. Ordinance No. 1237-2005 – to amend Section 12-4-4(a) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Onalaska relating to annexation fees (Third and Final Reading).

Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Ald. Smith, to give **Ordinance No. 1237-2005** its Third and Final Reading. On voice vote, motion carried.

B. Ordinance No. 1238-2005 – to amend Section 8-4-3(b)(c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Onalaska relating to purchase of cemetery lots and grave openings (First and Second Reading).

Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Ald. Leathen, to give **Ordinance No. 1238-2005** its First and Second Reading. On voice vote, motion carried.

C. Ordinance No. 1239-2005 – to amend Section 9-4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Onalaska relating to Cable Television (First and Second Reading).

Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Ald. Gonczy, to suspend the rules to give **Ordinance No. 1239-2005** its First, Second and Third Reading. On voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Ald. Gonczy, to give **Ordinance No. 1239-2005** its First, Second and Third Reading. On voice vote, motion carried.

D. Ordinance No. 1240-2005 – to rezone the property located in Section 11, Township 16, Range 7, in the City of Onalaska, La Crosse County, Wisconsin from R-1 Single-family Residential to R-4 Multi-family (First and Second Reading).

Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Ald. Smith, to give **Ordinance No. 1240-2005** its First and Second Reading. On voice vote, motion carried.

E. Ordinance No. 1241-2005 – to rezone the property located in Section 8, Township 16, Range 7, in the City of Onalaska, La Crosse County, Wisconsin from B-1 Neighborhood Business District to B-2 Community Business District (First and Second Reading).

Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Ald. Leathen, to give **Ordinance No. 1241-2005** its First and Second Reading. On voice vote, motion carried.

F. Ordinance No. 1242-2005 – to rezone property located in Section 9, Township 16, Range 7, in the City of Onalaska, La Crosse County, Wisconsin from M-1 Light Industrial to B-2 Community Business District (First and Second Reading).

Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Ald. Leathen, to give **Ordinance No. 1242-2005** its First and Second Reading. On voice vote, motion carried.

Item 12 - LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE:

No meeting this month.

Item 13 - UTILITIES COMMITTEE:

No meeting this month.

Item 14 - MASS TRANSIT COMMITTEE:

A. Onalaska/Holmen Public Transit.

1. Regarding increase in fares by \$0.25.

Ald. Giese reported that at the last Mass Transit Committee meeting a public hearing was held regarding the fare increase. Ald. Giese noted that the meeting had been properly noticed and posted. Ald. Giese reported that no one from the public chose to speak either for or in opposition to the fare increase.

Ald. Giese reported that the proposed fare increase is \$0.25 across the board. This would increase the fares as follows:

- Adult Standard Fare from \$2.75 to \$3.00
- Student Fare from \$2.25 to \$2.50
- Seniors from \$2.25 to \$2.50

Ald. Giese noted that reduced fares are offered to the disabled.

Ald. Giese reported that the proposed increase, based on 2005 ridership, would generate approximately \$6,000 in additional revenue.

Motion by Ald. Giese, second by Ald. Olson, to approve the \$0.25 fare increase for the Onalaska/Holmen Public Transit, to be effective January 1, 2006. On voice vote, motion carried.

2. Financials for August 2005.

Ald. Giese reviewed the financials for August 2005

- August 2005 total trips = 2,119; compared to 1,953 in August 2004 (an increase of 166)
- August 2005 Holmen calls = 628 calls
- August 2005 Onalaska calls = 1,491 calls
- August 2005 ridership up 8.4% over August 2004.
- The first half of 2005 shows a ridership increase across the system of 16.3%

Ald. Giese reported that there is nothing unusual with the financials.

Motion by Ald. Giese, second by Ald. Wulf, to receive and place on record the Onalaska/Holmen Public Transit financials for August 2005.

Under discussion, in response to a question from Ald. Gonczy, Ald. Giese reported that in August 2005, 186 MTU passes were issued. Year-to-date 1,684 passes have been issued.

Mayor Bialecki recommended closely watching the number of passes now that the three area colleges are back in session.

Ald. Giese noted that the number of passes reported are those from Shared Ride to MTU. Ald. Gonczy requested a report on the number of passes from the MTU to Shared Ride, as well as the

cost-per-passenger.

Ald. Smith said, “We did look at these numbers before. And there’s several issues that make it not a real clear cut thing to observe. One of them is that from the MTU’s point of view, I think the only one they consider at truly Onalaska bus is the Shopper Shuttle. There are several other MTU buses that come into Onalaska, but they’re going back and forth to La Crosse and so they don’t count. It’s difficult to know who from Onalaska happens to be on which bus. And so it makes it more unclear what statistic you’re interested in”.

Ald. Gonczy responded, “I’m just trying to figure out how many residents in Onalaska benefit from us having the MTU and does the MTU ridership benefit from connecting up with Shared Ride. I’m just getting down to do we really need – which I argue every year – do we really need the \$47,000 contract with the City of La Crosse to provide bus service. Who’s benefiting? I don’t have any problem with them using our streets. They can bring the buses in. I just don’t know whether we should be paying them to do it. I don’t know if our citizens benefit from that...”

On voice vote, motion carried.

Ald. Giese stated that the would try to provide the requested figures in the budget process, rather than for the next Utility Committee meeting.

3. Status on Shared Ride Services to West Salem.

Ald. Giese stated that he is pleased to learn West Salem would be joining the system in the summer of 2006. Ald. Giese said, “I think that gives us an opportunity to expand service, but more importantly to us who are running the service already to have economy of scales. We’re going to distribute the burden of overhead to more riders and also add to the value. So this 18% that we saw in the first half of this year may increase more than that because of the change in the level of service”.

Item 15 - PARKS & RECREATION BOARD:

A. Request for a parking lot in Holiday Heights Park.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Gonczy, to approve delineating a parking lot on the grassy area at Holiday Heights Park and to install appropriate signage. On voice vote, motion carried.

B. Request from Commerce and Tourism to possibly use Community Center as a temporary Office.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Leathen, to approve the request from Commerce & Tourism to use the Community Center as a temporary office. On voice vote, motion carried.

C. Request to use \$1,110 from Aquatic Center Budget to insulate attic in concession building.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Gonczy, to use \$1,110 from the Aquatic Center Budget to insulate the attic in the concession building.

Under discussion, Ald. Olson asked why the building had not been properly insulated in the first place.

Dan Wick explained that the building in question is the original shelter. Attic insulation was in place, but it was compressed by foot traffic from the contractors who were in the attic installing utilities for the Aquatic Center.

Dan reported that in recent years there have been problems with water pipes in the attic freezing.

Ald. Smith noted that three bids were received and the low bid was accepted.

On voice vote, motion carried.

Item 16 – SWIMMING POOL BUILDING COMMITTEE:

A. Pool Update.

Dan reported:

- The punch lists for R.J. Jurowski and Splashtacular have been completed. The City is awaiting final paperwork.

- Badger Swim Pools is on site. Badger has made the necessary changes to the grading around the pool. Awaiting State approval

B. Change Order #1, Kammel Excavating, Inc. Concrete Deck removal and disposal for pool slide footings \$296.25.

Ald. Wulf noted that the minutes of the October 4, 2005 meeting of the Pool Building Committee suggest that the motion on this item was not voted on.

Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Ald. Smith, to approve Change Order #1 from Kammel Excavating, Inc. for concrete deck removal and disposal for pool slide footings in the amount of

\$296.25. On voice vote, motion carried.

C. Close out design contract with Aquatica Design, LLC.

Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Ald. Smith, to pay Aquatica Design, LLC a total of \$519.08.

Under discussion, Ald. Wulf asked Fred if all of the conditions have been met.

Fred reported that at the Pool Building Committee meeting there had been discussion of meetings between Fred, Mayor Bialecki and City counsel. Fred said, "We wanted to keep this thing moving... so the Mayor had given tentative approval contingent on the Pool (Building Committee) and the Council ratifying the agreement. The final touches were being put on it prior to and after the discussion at the pool level..."

"Everything is contingent on Aquatica receiving a Claims Made policy through August 21, 2011. He (Bill Rollins) has withdrawn and payments with the exception of the \$519.08 that is due to him".

Gerry O'Flaherty said, "The other important point, and I think a major savings element, is that he has agreed to provide continued review services on situations that might come up that require further action and to provide expert witness testimony if necessary at no charge to the City. I guess one of the big points in trying to close out his contract was to get the time clock turned off so he doesn't continue to run up a significant tab. And I think we saved thousands of dollars with this settlement and avoided a lot of future expense".

In response to a question from Ald. Wulf, Gerry reported that the agreement has been agreed to in principle, but has not yet been signed. Gerry explained that the agreement would be circulated for signatures upon Common Council approval.

Ald. Gonczy asked if the motion should be reworded. Gerry responded, "I think the motion should be more expansive to include the settlement agreement and mutual releases as drafted, which includes the \$519 payment.

Motion by Ald. Gonczy, second by Ald. Smith, to amend the original motion to require that the settlement agreement and mutual releases shall be signed.

Under discussion, Ald. Giese referred to Paragraph F of the Agreement, which deals with breeches of the settlement agreement. Ald. Giese stated that this condition would be reciprocal – applying to both parties. Ald. Giese said, "I just want to be absolutely sure that it doesn't open up on the part of Mr. Rollins the ability to resubstantiate some of these claims. In other words, is there any way – does that turn that back – to creating standings for the various claims that he's

making?”

Gerry responded, “No. The settlement agreement and release are inclusive of all of his claims. He’s settling those for \$519.08. It doesn’t allow him to go back and reopen claims. That language was specifically added – which includes a provision for specific performance, and that relates to his services, his agreement to provide the expert witness testimony and the review services and some of the other provisions such as maintaining the claims-made insurance coverage. So really, the only obligation of the City under this settlement agreement and mutual release, is to pay the \$519. If you don’t pay the \$519, then you leave yourself open for a claim for enforcement or for breach. But all the other obligations in this agreement are by Mr. Rollins back to the benefit of the City”.

On voice vote, motion carried to amend.

Mayor Bialecki called for the motion as amended. On voice vote, motion carried.

Item 17 - TOURISM COMMISSION

No report.

Item 18 - JOINT COOPERATIVE COMMISSION:

No meeting this month.

Item 19 - SENIORS COALITION:

No report.

Item 20 - REPORT FROM LIBRARY COMMISSION:

A. Development of a written agreement with La Crosse County.

Ald. Smith reported that the subcommittee is proceeding with the written agreement with La Crosse County. Ald. Smith said, “Everything is going well and I hope to have the written agreement by the next Council meeting.

B. Development of a written agreement with Onalaska Historical Society.

Ald. Smith reported that representatives of the Onalaska Historical Society have requested that this item be deferred until November 2005.

C. Recommendation to make an initial contact with a local contractor for a site analysis regarding library expansion.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Leathen, to make an initial contact with a local contractor for a site analysis regarding library expansion at no cost or obligation to the City. On voice vote, motion carried.

D. Report on Library programming and usage.

Ald. Smith presented the Library Usage Report for September 2005:

- Internet Usage = 4,437
- Gate Count = 20,904

Item 22 - REPORT FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

A. Report on Events.

Ald. Leathen said, “Since the last Council meeting, the OmniCenter has played host to the RSVP Banquet, Kidfest – which was attended by over 3,000 parents and kids, Careers on Wheels, two wedding receptions, a Hmong banquet, Lifeline screening, the TAP Tool Sale, the UW-L Inventor’s Fair, and Park & Rec. activities. We also coordinated our 7th Annual Fall Gift & Craft Show and had over 5,000 in attendance, which pleased the 100 plus exhibitors that were there.

“Upcoming events include the DNR Public Hearing, Be Free From Smoking Teen Dance, Ultimate Combat Sports event, a three-day international circus, and the Rotary pancake breakfast. Ice is also starting in Building 2 on October 8th and will begin on October 28th in Building 1.

“The fundraising campaign kicked off on September 30th with donations totaling \$200,000 and the announcement of Barb Skogen as the campaign chairperson. Barb’s goal is to complete the campaign by the end of this year so we can move forward with the construction phase and get the project completed in a timely manner. Brochures were also sent out in the mail this week in the sewer bills and donations have begun to come in as well.

“The CDA also wants to announce that after ten-plus years of service, Tammy Netwal, the OmniCenter’s Assistant Manager & Event Coordinator is leaving after Thursday to work with La Crosse County in the UW Extension Program. Tammy was responsible for coordinating every event that went through the building as well as managing the two craft shows that were held annually. Her dedication and hard work will be missed and hard to replace. We want to extend our sincere appreciation for her years of service and sacrifices and the efforts she put into making the OmniCenter into the success story that it is”.

Item 23 - REPORT FROM POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT LIAISON:

No report.

Item 24 - REPORT FROM THE SHOP RELOCATION COMMITTEE:

A. Status of Armory Site.

Ald. Leathen noted that this item was covered under the Mayor's Report.

B. Update/revisit current status of site location, building space needs, etc.

Ald. Leathen reported that the building space needs have been reviewed and reduced slightly. Some of the office areas were consolidated. Ald. Leathen explained that the space needs are based on a 10-year plan, not a 25-year plan.

C. Review proposal on floor plan and building elevations.

Ald. Leathen reported that the office space was reduced by combining the lunchroom with the meeting room. Ald. Leathen reported that the structure would be a simple metal building with a pitched roof. The building will include heated and unheated storage, one large service bay and several small service bays.

D. Cost estimates.

Ald. Leathen reported that the estimated cost would be \$3,578,255. Ald. Leathen noted that the estimate is based on recent similar projects done by S.E.H. with estimates for increases in some areas.

Item 25 – REPORT FROM THE SAFETY COMMITTEE:

No meeting this month.

Item 26 - REPORT FROM LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:

A. Introduction of a joint agreement with the City of La Crosse for the creation of a regional bi-annual recycling brochure.

Jason reported that the purpose of the joint agreement is to implement a new recycling brochure for the City of Onalaska in cooperation with the City of La Crosse. Jason explained that this would increase the number of units from approximately 7,000 to 32,000. In doing so, the City

would reduce the number of mailings to two per year at an estimated savings to the recycling program of between \$3,000 and \$8,000 the first year, and approximately \$3,000 each year thereafter. Jason noted that the savings could be greater if the City becomes eligible for a recycling efficiency grant.

Jason said, "Working with the City of La Crosse we become eligible for this grant and that money can then be used for our recycling contract".

Jason distributed to the members examples of the type of newsletter that would be distributed. Jason reported that preliminary cost estimates have been secured from five local printers. Jason reported that the large quantity of brochures can be printed at less cost than the one the City currently distributes four times each year.

Jason reported that a January 2006 launch is desired. Jason reported that three things are to be accomplished with the brochure:

- Unify the recycling message so that all of the terminology is the same between communities.
- Try to promote home composting and mulching.

Jason said, "That's a major issue for the City because it seems like annually we have an increase in tonnage of leaves and the amount of labor that's expended in raking and bagging and hauling it away and then dumping it. I think we can save a lot of money in the City by getting people to do more home composting and mulching in their lawns. It's good for the soil too".

- Use the brochure as an opportunity to announce new services.

End of Tape 1. Audio resumes with discussion of Agenda Item 32.

B. Cooperating Recycling Efficiency Agreement.

C. Cooperating Recycling Efficiency – Resolution 31-2005.

RESOLUTION 31-2005 COOPERATING RECYCLING EFFICIENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Onalaska desires to promote and enhance recycling education for its residents, and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse may apply for a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for entering into a cooperative recycling agreement with another municipality, and

WHEREAS, joint educational efforts will decrease the overall cost of sending brochures to all City residents, and

WHEREAS, a unified recycling message between the two municipalities will eliminate some confusion from residents who move between the two municipalities and gain recognition of recycling educational brochures throughout the two municipalities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Onalaska that the attached Cooperative Recycling Efficiency Agreement between the City of La Crosse and the City of Onalaska is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Onalaska Planner is authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate said agreement.

Introduction only.

Item 27 - REPORT FROM THE ALDERPERSONS:

- A. Onalaska's Schools Food Pantry – November 4th – Ald. Wulf.
- B. Comments on the 2006 Budget – Ald. Olson.
- C. Comments on the OmniCenter Fundraising Campaign – Ald. Olson.

Item 28 - REPORT FROM THE FINANCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR:

Item 29 - REPORT FROM THE CITY CLERK:

- A. Trick or Treat hours – Monday, October 31, 2005 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Item 30 - REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

Item 31 - Closed Session - To consider a motion to convene in Closed Session under Section 19.85 (1) (c) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose considering compensation/negotiations of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (Local 150). If any action is required in Open Session, as a result of the Closed Session, the Committee will convene in Open Session to take the necessary action and/or

continue on with the printed agenda.

Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Ald. Gonczy, to convene in Closed Session as is stated in the agenda. On roll call vote: Ald. Wulf – aye; Ald. Gonczy – aye; Ald. Olson – aye; Ald. Giese – aye; Ald. Leathen –aye; Ald. Smith – aye, motion carried to convene in Closed Session.

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