

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, July 14, 2015

A regular and open meeting of the City of New London Common Council was convened on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called. Presiding: Mayor Gary Henke

Members Present: Alderpersons Tate, O'Connell, Dean, Barrington, Steinhorst, Herter, Morack, Besaw, Romberg Excused: Way

Officers Present: City Administrator Hager; City Attorney Luaders; City Clerk Tennie; Parks & Recreation Director Hoerth; Utility Manager Thompson  
Excused: Director of Public Works/City Engineer Bodoh; Chief of Police Schlueter

Others Present: Ginger Arndt, Recreation Coordinator; Julie Blohm, Larry Zehner, Jim & Sandy Massonet, Jerry Jaeger, Deb Silvers, Jo Collar, Barry Juneau

AGENDA: O'Connell/Morack to adopt amended agenda per the following:  
1. Delete #2 under Parks & Recreation [This item was listed twice on the agenda]. Carried 9-0.

MINUTES: Steinhorst/Dean to approve the Council minutes of June 9, 2015 as written. Carried 9-0.

BILLS: Romberg/Morack to authorize the payment of invoices incurred during June 2015 in the amount of \$583,533.21. Carried 9-0.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A Public Hearing was held at 7:03 pm to amend Chapter 17-03-2(4) of the Municipal Code – to allow increasing the time permitted for Temporary Structures, only by approval of the Plan Commission, on a case to case basis. No participants. Hearing closed at 7:04 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS -

1. Minutes of July 7, 2015 were read by Barrington
2. Barrington/Herter to adopt Resolution No. 1294. Carried 9-0.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2014  
COMPLIANCE MAINTENANCE ANNUAL REPORT FOR WWTP

RESOLUTION NO. 1294

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of New London, Outagamie and Waupaca Counties, Wisconsin, informed by the Department of Natural Resources that the following actions were taken by the Common Council.

1. Reviewed the 2014 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report, which is attached to this Resolution.
2. Set forth the following actions necessary to maintain the effluent requirements contained in the WPDES Permit.
  - a) Support the Director of Public Works and the Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent to meet its WPDES Discharge Permit and to maintain the Wastewater Treatment Plant Facilities in the highest possible condition.

Adopted this 14th day of July, 2015

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Henke, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Tennie, City Clerk

3. Barrington/Tate to approve proposal from American Pavement Solutions for the 2015 Asphalt Crack Filling project in the amount of \$7,160. Carried 9-0.
4. Barrington/Herter to adopt Resolution No. 1295. Carried 9-0.

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT COALITION

RESOLUTION NO. 1295

WHEREAS, local government in Wisconsin is responsible for about 90% of the road miles in the state; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's diverse economy is dependent upon county and town roads as well as city and village streets and transit systems across the state; and

WHEREAS, according to a report commissioned by the Local Government Institute of Wisconsin (LGI) the condition of Wisconsin's highways is now in the bottom third of the country; and

WHEREAS, state funding for local roads in Wisconsin has failed to keep up with costs over the past several decades which has adversely affected local transportation finances. According to the LGI study, municipal transportation spending has declined from \$275 per capita in 2000 to \$227 in 2012. In only two states did local transportation spending increase less than in Wisconsin during 2000-2011; and

WHEREAS, levy limits do not allow local government to make up for the deterioration of state funding; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's over-reliance on bonding eats away at the state's segregated funding sources – the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees – which increasingly go pay debt service rather than fund local transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, safety is a primary concern and responsibility of local governments across Wisconsin. Unfortunately, according to TRIP, a national non-profit transportation research group, Wisconsin had 347 non-interstate, rural road fatalities in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the New London City Council recognizes that our state highway and interstate system is the backbone of our surface transportation system and plays a vital role in the economy of Wisconsin. Both local *and* state roads need to be properly maintained in order for our economy to grow; and

WHEREAS, from a competitive standpoint Wisconsin motorists pay significantly less than any of our neighbors when you combine the annual cost of the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Finance and Policy Commission, appointed by the Governor and Legislature clearly found that if Wisconsin does not adjust its user fees, the condition of both our state and local roads will deteriorate significantly over the next decade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New London City Council to urge the Governor and Legislature to agree upon a sustainable solution: one that includes a responsible level of bonding and adjusts our user fees to adequately fund Wisconsin's transportation system. Furthermore, the City Council directs the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to our State Legislators and to Governor Scott Walker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that every month that state and local repairs are deferred increases the cost to the taxpayers.

Adopted the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Henke, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Tennie, City Clerk

5. Barrington/Dean to approve the Earthwork and Site Utilities bid for the City Garage project from MCC, Inc. in the amount of \$235,007.33. Carried 8-1 [O'Connell against].

FINANCE & PERSONNEL -

1. Minutes of July 8, 2015 were read by Romberg.

2. Romberg/Morack to approve participation in the Connect Communities Program. This participation would help with resources and assistance for the downtown mural project. Carried 8-1 [O'Connell against].
3. Romberg/Morack to approve the use of Downtown/Economic Development designated funds to pay for the first phase of the mural project, at an estimated cost of \$20,560. Carried Yes-7; Abstained-2 O'Connell and Romberg.
4. Romberg/Tate to approve monthly License List. Carried 9-0.

PARKS & RECREATION -

1. Minutes of July 7, 2015 were read by Besaw
2. Besaw/Steinhorst to give approval to the Veteran's Group to proceed with the creation of a Veteran's Memorial at Taft Park. Carried 9-0.

PLAN COMMISSION -

1. Minutes of June 25, 2015 were read by Steinhorst
2. Steinhorst/Tate to accept the first reading of an Ordinance which is to allow additional time for temporary uses only by approval of the Planning Commission. Carried 9-0.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE -

1. Minutes of June 30, 2015 were read by Morack.

REPORTS & MINUTES DISTRIBUTED:

1. Housing Authority - 4/29/2015
2. Library & Museum - 6/15/2015
3. Police & Fire Commission - 6/15/2015
4. Utility - 6/2/2015 & 6/16/2015
5. Cemetery Superintendent - June Report
6. Building Inspector - June Report

REPORT OF OFFICERS on recent events and announcements to the Public -  
Mayor -

1. Mayor Henke read the "July is Parks & Recreation Month" proclamation.

City Administrator -

1. Kent explained the Leadership Waupaca Program through the County Extension office. Applications are currently being taken for the 2015-16 nine-month program.
2. Reminded everyone of the North Shawano Street detour while that road is being rebuilt.

City Attorney - Nothing to report.

City Clerk -

1. Reminded citizens of the second half payment for real estate property taxes that is due and payable to the County Treasurer by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Utility Manager -

1. Rehab continues on the Douglas Street substation rebuild that was damaged in a fire in March. Hope to have it back in service the first week of August.
2. Water crews are working on curb box locations.

Anniversaries: Missy Schultz 12 yrs; Jeremy Helser 1 yr; Vance Peters 3yrs.

Parks & Recreation Department -

1. Announced that the new Playground at Hatten Park is officially open.
2. July is Parks & Recreation Month - encouraged everyone to go out and take advantage of the numerous recreational and park services the City has to offer.
3. Annual Kids Day will be held on August 5<sup>th</sup> at Hatten Stadium from 4-7 pm.

There being no other business, O'Connell/Dean to adjourn. Carried 9-0. Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Susan Tennie, City Clerk  
July 14, 2015