

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, September 8, 2015

A regular and open meeting of the City of New London Common Council was convened on Tuesday, September 8, 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 Lori Dean, Mike Barrington, Ron Steinhorst, Rob Way, Dennis Herter, Dave Morack, Bob Besaw, John Romberg, Mary Tate, Tom O'Connell

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

Others Present: Ginger Arndt, Recreation Coordinator; Sandy Massonet, 7:20 pm

AGENDA: Dean/O'Connell to adopt agenda. Carried 10-0.

MINUTES: Steinhorst/Tate to approve the Council minutes of August 11 & 12, 2015 as written. Carried 10-0.

BILLS: Romberg/Morack to authorize the payment of invoices incurred during August 2015 in the amount of \$527,455.98. Carried 10-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS -

1. Minutes of September 1, 2015 were read by Barrington
2. Barrington/Steinhorst to approve the addendum of a five year financial forecast to the current wastewater rate study being conducted by Baker Tilly at a cost of \$10,000 to \$13,000 over the cost of the rate study. Carried 10-0.
3. Barrington/Herter to approve the proposal for engineering services for the Beacon Avenue and Wolf River Avenue Street projects from Martenson & Eisele, Inc., in the amount of \$26,778. Carried 10-0.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL -

1. Minutes of September 2, 2015 were read by Romberg.
2. Romberg/Tate to approve the increase in the Clerk of Court hourly wage from \$14.69 to \$17.69. Carried 10-0.
3. Romberg/Morack to approve the Municipal Property Insurance Company policy quote for an annual amount of \$41,675. Carried 10-0.
4. Romberg/Morack to adopt upon this second reading Ordinance No. 1318 which increases Building Permit Fees effective 1-1-2016. Carried 9-1 [O'Connell against]. This increase makes the City more consistent with fees charged by surrounding municipalities. Ordinance No. 1318 is published separately and printed in the Ordinance Book.
5. Romberg/Tate to approve the monthly License List. Carried 10-0.

SEPTEMBER LICENSE LIST

BEVERAGE OPERATOR LICENSES

Samantha A. DeMenter 730 E. Beacon Avenue #12, New London, WI 54961	VFW
Tyler B. Ward W10356 Spurr Road, New London, WI 54961	Coppershot
Brenda S. Maass N4553 Ferry Street, New London, WI 54961	Piggly Wiggly

Luke R. Jarchow  
700 W. Beacon Avenue, New London, WI 54961

VFW

PARKS & RECREATION –

1. Minutes of August 11<sup>th</sup> and September 1, 2015 were read by Way.
2. Way/Dean to approve the Service Agreement for Preparation of Management Plan with Jones Forestry, LLC, in the amount of \$1,800. Carried 10-0.
3. Way/Herter to approve Resolution No. 1298. Carried 10-0.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION  
TOWARDS AN URBAN FORESTRY GRANT

RESOLUTION NO. 1298

WHEREAS, the City of New London, is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of funding urban and community forestry projects or urban forestry catastrophic storm projects specified in s. 23.097(1g) and (1r), Wis. Stats.;

WHEREAS, the City of New London attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the grant application; and

WHEREAS, the City of New London requests a grant agreement to carry out the project;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of New London, will comply with all local, state, and federal rules, regulations and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share agreement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the applicant will budget a sum sufficient to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers Chad Hoerth, Director of Parks & Recreation, its official or employee, to act on its behalf to:

1. Sign and submit the grant application
2. Sign a grant agreement between applicant and the DNR
3. Submit interim and/or final reports to the DNR to satisfy the grant agreement
4. Submit grant reimbursement request to the DNR
5. Sign and submit other required documentation

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Henke, Mayor

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

PLAN COMMISSION –

1. Minutes of August 27, 2015 were read by Steinhorst

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE -

1. Minutes of August 25, 2015 were read by Morack.

REPORTS & MINUTES DISTRIBUTED:

1. Housing Authority – 6/24/2015
2. Library & Museum – 8/17/2015
3. Police & Fire Commission – 8/17/2015
4. Utility – 8/3/2015 & 8/18/2015
5. Cemetery Superintendent – August Report
6. Building Inspector – August Report

Mary Tate announced the Fire Department anniversary: Brandon Wittig – 3 yrs.

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

1. Mayor Henke announced that the City has a new Website and on the front page there is an “I have a Concern” button. If you have any concerns, please fill out the information and it will be addressed by the proper Department and Mayor.
2. Reminded citizens of the busy weekend coming up with Wheels on Water Street Car/Bike Show downtown Friday night and the Fall Family Fest on Saturday.

City Administrator –

1. Kent noted that there will be approximately 140 vendors showing off their wares at the Fall Family Fest.
2. Kent announced that the City received 4 proposals from Assessment firms bidding for New London’s contract to do a complete Revaluation in 2016 and Maintenance for the remaining three years.

Utility Manager –

1. Douglas Street substation is completely online and back in service.
  2. Electric rates will increase 2.11 % on October 1<sup>st</sup> - Last increase was 6 years ago.
  3. Line crews have been installing single phase power to the 3-12 unit apartments being constructed on Partridge Drive.
  4. Water crew has been repairing water leaks on N. Water Street and Pearl Street.
- Anniversaries: Mike Pinch 18 yrs; Tracy Strong 3 yrs.

Director of Public Works –

1. Invited the public to stop by City Hall and look at the Recycling containers that the City is contemplating on purchasing.
- Anniversary: Dale Wegner 37 yrs.

Parks & Recreation Director –

1. Tennis Court resurfacing has begun at Abraham & Pfeifer Parks.
2. Riverside Park Boat Launch piling reconstruction will begin soon.
3. Registration is open for Fall Programs.

There being no other business, O’Connell/Steinhorst to adjourn. Carried 10-0. Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Susan Tennie, City Clerk  
September 8, 2015