

Meeting Minutes  
Finance & Personnel Committee  
Wednesday – May 8, 2013 - 4:30 p.m. Council Chambers

Members present: Romberg, Barrington, Morack, O’Connell and Tate.

Also present: Mayor Henke, Administrator Hager, Treasurer/Finance Director Radke, Alderman Besaw, Alderman Steinhorst, Engineer Jeff Bodoh (left at 5:15), Building Inspector Paul Hanlon, Cris Kringel (property owner 640 Spurr Road (until 4:41), Phil Cossen and Maureen Schiel with Ehlers and Mike McCoy with Benchmark Development.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Romberg. Motion made by O’Connell and seconded by Barrington to approve the amended agenda. (Item 2, a visit with Tom Nelson, Outagamie County Executive, moved to next month’s meeting) Carried 5-0.
2. A motion was made by O’Connell and seconded by Morack to approve an ordinance to Amend Sections 9.02, 9.04 and 9.28 of the Municipal Code to allow hunting on the parcel of land owned by Cris G. and Bobbi L. Kringel. Carried 5-0.
3. Phil Cossen from Ehlers updated the committee regarding the financial impact the City will experience upon the closure of Tax Increment Finance District 2. There are several options to consider all of which call for developing a plan. The committee will take this information and begin to prioritize and develop a strategy for the City’s financial future. It was noted that all future financial options are very positive given closure of the Tax Increment Finance District 2.
4. A motion was made by O’Connell and seconded by Morack to authorize Administrator Hager to include Mike McCoy from Benchmark Development in negotiations with Hillshire Brands on the alternatives for the acquisition of the Hillshire Brands Property where the City Maintains the “Welcome to

New London” sign. These negotiations are to be undertaken with the best interest of the economic development of the City in mind. Carried 5-0.

5. Building Inspector Paul Hanlon requested authorization to proceed with asbestos abatement on the former Simmons Property. A motion was made by O’Connell and seconded by Morack to allow Mr. Hanlon to complete Phase II of the Asbestos Abatement process as described. Carried 5-0.
6. Administrator Hager, and Building Inspector Hanlon, discussed options for the future of the two building the City owns immediately south of the Municipal Building. These options are
  1. Invest in improvements to the City rental house located at 204 McKinley Street and continue to rent the property; or
  2. Demolish both homes that the City owns on this block (204 McKinley Street and 613 W North Water Street) in order to provide additional parking for the Municipal Building.

Motion made by Morack and seconded by to Barrington to demolish both the homes and prepare the property for City parking. Carried 5-0.

7. Treasurer Radke requested the Group Life Insurance Resolution be updated to allow employees to insure their spouse and dependents. Employees would pay the cost of the additional insured. There will be no cost to the City of New London. Motion made by O’Connell and seconded by Barrington to recommend to City Council the passage of the resolution to allow the additional insured. Carried 5-0.
8. Administrator’s Report and Budget Reports were discussed.
9. There being no further business, Barrington/O’Connell to adjourn. Committee adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Judy M. Radke, Treasurer  
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