

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 15, 2008

A regular and open meeting of the New City of New London Common Council was convened on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 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: William Kopitzke, John Romberg, D. Thomas O'Connell, Mary Tate, Michael Barrington, Arien Herminath, David Morack, Dennis Herter.
Excused: Robert Way

Officers Present: Kent Hager, City Administrator; Dennis Resch, Municipal Judge; Earl Luaders, City Attorney; James Villiesse, City Clerk; Carol Radtke, Director of Public Works; Chad Hoerth, Director of Parks & Recreation
Excused: Kevin Wilkinson, Chief of Police; Stephen Thompson, Utility Manager

Others Present: Ron Steinhorst, Laurie Schneider, Lee Rousseau

Following roll call, Clerk Villiesse, administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Alderpersons, City Attorney, Municipal Judge and Mayor.

AGENDA: Kopitzke/Tate to adopt as distributed. Carried 8-0.

RULES: Romberg/Morack to adopt Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code as the rules by which Council Meetings will be conducted. Carried 8-0 [O'Connell requested that the Finance Committee review super majority voting requirements.]

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER: O'Connell/Barrington to designate the Press-Star as the official City newspaper. Carried 8-0.

O'Connell/Kopitzke to adopt Resolution No. 1205. Carried 8-0.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PUBLIC DEPOSITORY
AND AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL OF CITY MONIES

RESOLUTION NO. 1205

RESOLVED, that the following banking institutions:

First State Bank of New London, WI; Citizens Bank of New London, WI; Bank Mutual, New London, WI; Edward Jones & Company; Wolf River Community Bank; Community First Credit Union; Fox Communities Credit Union; B.C. Ziegler & Company; UBS Financial Services; Morgan Stanley; First National Bank – Fox Valley, RBC Dain Rauscher; and the Local Government Investment Pool of the State Treasurer, qualified as public depositories under Chapter 34 of the Wisconsin Statutes, shall be and are hereby designated, until further action, as public depositories for all public monies coming into the possession of the City of New London, Waupaca and Outagamie Counties, Wisconsin and any of its legal subsidiaries such as Floral Hill Cemetery, and the New London Utilities, etc. excepting the New London Housing Authority which has complete custody of its own funds, and

That withdrawal or disbursement from a demand deposit from any one of the above named depositories shall be by order check, as provided in §66.042 of the Wisconsin Statutes; that in accordance therewith all order checks shall be signed by the following persons: James R. Villiesse, Clerk or Judy M. Radke, Treasurer and countersigned

by Gary Henke, Mayor or, John E. Romberg, President of the Common Council, and shall be so honored.

The withdrawal or disbursement upon such demand deposits may also be made through electronic fund transfer and automated clearinghouse methods in accordance with §66.0603(lm). The withdrawal or disbursement of City funds held in any of the above named depositories in a demand deposit or time deposit to any other demand or time deposit in the same or other authorized depository may be accomplished by order check, electronic fund transfer or automated clearinghouse method by the Clerk or Treasurer, insofar as such demand or time deposit is under the sole authority and control of the City of New London, and its legal subsidiaries.

It is further resolved, that in lieu of their personal signatures, the facsimile signatures, which have been adopted by: James R. Villiesse, Clerk, Judy M. Radke, Treasurer, Gary Henke, Mayor may be affixed on such order checks, that any one of the above named depositories shall be fully warranted and protected in making payment on any order check bearing such facsimile notwithstanding that the same may have been placed therein without the authority of the designated person or persons.

In addition, the Council authorizes the Clerk and Treasurer to invest public monies at any of the above named public depositories, within the limits established by law acting to the best of their ability to ensure the safety of these funds, in compliance with the City Financial Policy adopted February 13, 2007, as amended. A certified copy of this resolution shall be delivered to each of above named depositories, and said depositories may rely on this resolution until changed by lawful resolution and certified copy of such resolution has been given to the cashier of the respective above named depositories.

Adopted this 15th day of April, 2008

BY: _____
Gary Henke, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
James R. Villiesse, City Clerk

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT: O'Connell/Kopitzke to nominate John Romberg as Council President. Kopitzke/Herter to close nomination. Carried 8-0. O'Connell/Barrington to cast a unanimous ballot for John Romberg as Council President. Carried 8-0.

REPORT OF OFFICERS –

Mayor –

First Henke thanked the voters for their support and commended his opponent on the clean, issues oriented campaign.

Next he made the following observations from which his term's agenda will be focused:

He wishes to step up economic development efforts, with discussions with the City Administrator on the "how's, when's, and why's". He seeks to promote the growth of local industries and to assist in any way he can to help the local retail businesses grow and prosper.

He wants to see new focus on the maintenance and building of our infrastructure and public buildings. Especially, the City Garage and Library.

He wishes to more effectively deliver our services making better use of personnel and technology.

Similarly, he wishes to have better communication with our citizens, making greater use of Cable 3 and perhaps a local newsletter. He would also like to see more explanations made during the Council meetings so that the public understands why the Committee believes the proposal under consideration is the best solution to the problem.

He also challenged the citizens to become more involved with their local government to call him or their Alderperson with observations, questions and suggestions.

He then announced that he will hold Tuesday office hours from 8 a.m. until noon.

Lastly, he announced the following Committees:

Appointments:

Finance/Personnel: Romberg (Chr), Morack (V Chr), Tate, O'Connell, Barrington

Parks & Recreation: Way (Chr), Herter (V Chr), Herminath, Romberg and the to be appointed 3rd District Alderperson.

Public Works: Herminath (Chr), Barrington (V Chr), Morack, O'Connell, Kopitzke

{Confirmed O'Connell/Kopitzke Carried 8-0}

Cable Commission: Kopitzke (Chr), Tate (V Chr), Way, Herter, and a to be appointed citizen member.

Board of Review: Henke, Villiesse, Romberg, Herter, Kopitzke
Alternates: Tate and Morack

City Clerk -

1. Villiesse explained that Henke, having accepted the position as Mayor, has resigned his position as Third District Alderperson, effective yesterday. This created a vacancy which will be filled according to our policy. Press releases have been issued asking for letters of intent for the position to be sent to the City Clerk's office. These are due on May 7th. A letter explaining the replacement procedure will be sent to each applicant. At the regular May Council meeting the interested candidate will introduce themselves, state their case for why they should be selected and answer questions from Council members. Following this the Council, by ballot, will vote on whom to seat. The person selected will be seated and sworn in that evening.

There being no further business, O'Connell/Barrington to adjourn. The New Council adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

James R. Villiesse
April 15, 2008