

SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

A special and open meeting of the City of New London Common Council was convened on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called. Presiding: Mayor Gary Henke

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

Officers Present: Hager, Tennie, Hanlon

Others present: Nathan Nick, EJ Metals; Jeremy Walker, Consolidated Construction

AGENDA: O'Connell/Tate to adopt agenda as distributed. Carried 9-0

The Council met to review the unstable soil conditions encountered at the construction site of the new EJ Metals building in the North East New London Business Center. Hager introduced Jeremy Walker, Construction Manager, for Consolidated Construction. Mr. Walker displayed a colored map indicating the areas of unstable soil that were found while constructing the driveways and excavating for the new building.

It appears that when Outagamie County had dug the drainage pond during construction of the Industrial Park, they used the excavated pond material to fill several low spots. This sedimentary material consisting of very fine particles, intermediate in size, between sand and clay was very wet. The material had not been dried out, nor was it properly compacted. Given this situation, the soils are not able to withstand the weight of the structure that EJ Metals plans to build.

Mr. Walker explained the various testing and procedures they have been conducting trying to find a suitable and cost effective solution to remediate this problem. One such solution would be to change the building footprint and construct the building on a floating slab so it would not be necessary to disturb the unsuitable soils below. A floating slab would eliminate the need for a conventional footings/foundation design.

The City has been asked for financial assistance to correct this situation. It was suggested to wait a week, for more engineering and architectural results regarding the situation, before deciding on a monetary contribution. A week would give Mr. Walker the chance to determine a strategy and arrive at a more accurate price. Dean/Herter to table the matter for further consideration. Carried 9-0. A special Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. to further consider this matter.

There being no other business, O'Connell/Morack to adjourn. Council adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Susan Tennie, City Clerk
April 27, 2010