

## MEETING MINUTES

### FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE TUESDAY - July 3, 2007 - 6 p.m. COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Members Present: Romberg (Chair), Morack, Tate, O'Connell, Barrington

Others present: Toltzman, Herter, Way, Herminath, Hager, Villiesse, Miller, Radtke, Dresen, Rousseau, Connor, Sarna, Katerzynske

1. Chairman Romberg called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Morack/Tate to adopt agenda. Carried 5-0.

2. Dave Sarna and Carrie Katerzynske presented the Committee with an itinerary for Irish Fest and the following days activities in New London. County Clare officials expect to meet with New London City Officials off the grounds of Irish Fest. As County Clare will be appropriating funds to the Town Twinning arrangement County officials need to be assured of the City's commitment to this arrangement. The former Mayor of Killaloe and perhaps the new Mayor will then come to New London and over a four day period get acquainted with New London and the surrounding area, meet its citizens and tour various sites. At the end of the stay there will be a formal dinner. Members assured the Shamrock Club of their commitment to this process and the Mayor would be appointing members to work with the Club and to participate in the activities.

3. Pat Connor of MLG Commercial presented its quarterly update. Activity has been limited. He mentioned that he has recently been inducted into the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors. MLG has put a lot of effort into marketing and are heavily involved in all new industrial and commercial projects in the region. Members nevertheless were frustrated by the lack of sales, and directed the City Administrator to seek proposals from other agencies. Morack/O'Connell to recommend to Council that MLG be given a 90-day extension of their current contract (which expires July 17, 2007) and instructed the City Administrator to seek proposals from marketing firms. Carried 5-0.

4. Morack/Tate to go into closed session per 19.85(1)(c) WI STATS. to discuss compensation of the Wastewater Treatment Superintendent. Carried 5-0.

Morack/Tate to return to open session. Carried 5-0.

O'Connell/Tate to authorize the WWTP Superintendent to sever his official position, apply for retirement benefits and return to work after 31 days in the same capacity and standing. Carried 5-0. [This is a Personnel Committee duty and does not need to be ratified by the Council].

5. O'Connell/Morack to recommend to Council adoption of an Ordinance making Lincoln Court a one-way street from North Water Street to the Plaza entrance driveway. Carried 5-0.

6. Morack/Barrington to recommend to Council adoption of a Resolution continuing membership in the Local Government Property Insurance Program. Carried 5-0.

7. With the Senior Director retiring, and Waupaca County changing the way it administers the nutrition program; Staff has recommended that the City hire a full-time Director and contract with the County to perform the nutrition center duties. Members requested a job description, information on what the nutrition program involves, how the Senior Director spends her time, new program ideas, and how other Cities in the County are responding to the change.

8. Morack/O'Connell to recommend to Council that the Acting Parks & Recreation Director receive an additional pay increase of 15%. Carried 5-0.

9. With the Parks & Recreation Director taking a new position, members thought the structure of the Department ought to be reviewed. Mr. Morack presented his idea of transferring Parks and Buildings & Grounds to the Public Works Department, Cable to the Administrator and having a Recreation Supervisor oversee Recreation, the Pool & Senior Activities. He envisions that a combined Streets, Parks, Wastewater and Buildings & Grounds labor force could easily assign the properly trained and skilled personnel to whatever task was required of it. There would be no longer a need for Union members to be assigned to specific departments. Job titles would be maintained for now.

He asked that Staff respond to this proposal listing its benefits and detriments.

10. O'Connell/Tate to recommend to Council adoption of an Ordinance annexing Steel King's property. Carried 5-0.

11. O'Connell/Barrington to recommend to Council adoption of a Resolution amending the Council vacancy replacement process. Carried 5-0.

12. Budget Reports and Economic Development Report was distributed.

13. There being no further business, the Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Jim Villiesse  
City Clerk