

Meeting Minutes
Finance & Personnel Committee
Wednesday – October 7, 2009 6:30 p.m. Council Chambers

Members present: Romberg, Barrington, Morack, Tate, O'Connell

Also present: Henke, Hanlon, Hager, Radke, Herminath, Lee Rousseau, Herter, Way, Dresen, Besaw.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Romberg. Morack/Barrington. Carried 5-0.
2. Hanlon presented the draft noise ordinance. He updated the ordinance based on the discussion that occurred at the last Finance meeting. Morack requested that Hanlon bring the decibel meter to the next meeting so the committee could get an idea of what 65 decibels sounds like.
3. Status of Building Inspector/Fire inspector position was discussed. As the Fire inspector portion of the current position will now be handled by the fire department come January 1st, the committee is considering whether the duties of the new position call for full time employment status. Hanlon presented an estimate of the number of hours he worked on particular projects, including hours worked on fire inspections. He also stated that he would submit paper work to the state so that New London would become a certified city, allowing the City to collect the fees for performing inspections that are currently being done by the state. O'Connell made a motion to forego a decision pending a new detailed job description to be submitted at the next finance meeting. Seconded by Morack. Carried 5-0.
4. Hager updated the Status of former Simmons property. Attorney Luaders is in the process of preparing an order for the judge to sign. Once this happens, the City can go ahead with the clean up on the parcel. The City is also working closely with the financial institution holding the mortgage on the property.

5. Herter brought up for discussion the topic of a four-year term for City Council members and the Mayor. He felt that after two years a person just becomes acclimated with the procedures and adding 2 years would give them the opportunity to contribute more after becoming more familiar with the procedures. There was concern that the taxpayers should have the opportunity to re-elect someone after a two year term and that a 4 year term would discourage some from running for office because of the additional years of commitment. It was the consensus of the Committee to take this matter under advisement.

6. Consider request to extend Louis Dresen's contract one year. O'Connell made a motion to accept the request. Seconded by Morack. Carried 5-0.

7. Resolution Supporting the 2010 Census. Morack/Tate made a motion to recommend to City Council the adoption of the resolution. Carried 5-0.

8. Finance reports were discussed.

9. Administrator's report was discussed.

10. There being no further business Barrington/Morack to adjourn. Committee adjourned at 8:41p.m.

Judy M. Radke
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