

CITY OF SHULLSBURG, WISCONSIN
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 16, 2024
6:30 P.M.

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held May 16, 2024 in the Community Room of the Shullsburg Community Townsend Center, 190 N. Judgement Street, Shullsburg, Wisconsin. Mayor Verne Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Notice of the meeting was posted at the Townsend Center, Shullsburg Post Office and Turpin's Home Town Grocery. Roll Call- Gloria Swenson, Emmett Reilly, Cheryl Mulcahy, Dan Morrissey - Present. Others present- Eric Russell, Amber Russell, Roxeanne Schwartz, William Martin, Jenny Jacobsen, Casey Fennell, Pat Doyle, Travis Lyne, Jeff Russell, Kiel Martin, Chad Allendorf, Wayne Gehrt, Jason Weiskircher, Mark Doyle, Cory Ritterbusch, Janelle Schumacher.

Pledge of Allegiance

Beer Garden Application for Kinglsey Crossing – The Council considered a Beer Garden application submitted by Kinglsey Crossing, LLC. Owner Jenny Jacobsen was present. Mulcahy questioned why the applicant is required to submit names and addresses of residents within 100 ft of the property. Clerk replied that city ordinance requires a letter of notification be sent to all property owners within 100 ft of the property to notify them of the pending application. *Motion by Swenson second by Mulcahy to approve the annual beer garden for Kinglsey Crossing as described in the application. All aye, motion carried.*

Badger Park Improvements – Mayor Jackson began the conversation by stating he would like to clear up any confusion that there is no intention of eliminating football or any other existing activities from Badger Park. Morrissey commented that he is not in favor of moving the field but that he would like to decide in the very near future what to do. He stated that back in the 1990's a group of people decided that the field should be moved for certain reasons, which we don't know now, but he believes they made the decision for a reason and it should not be changed. Morrissey commented again that the size of the original committee is too small to make the decisions that are being made. Weiskircher agreed that it's a small committee, but it's what was needed to get the process started. Kiel Martin told the committee that he believes the first step is to decide whether to move the field or not. Morrissey commented that the school did not approach the city and complain that changes need to be made. Will Martin addressed the council and told them he wants the park to be the best it can be and that he's thankful for the football program and wants to see it continue. Morrissey questioned the mayor about which projects the city is going to prioritize and requested, again, that the city auditors come meet with the Council to give a report on the financial status. No action taken.

Budget Amendments and Designated Fund Balance – Morrissey questioned an email that was received by the Clerk on March 28, 2024, but not sent to the Council until May 3, 2024 regarding the fund balance and asked if the transfer of money discussed in that email was reflected in the current budget amendments. Clerk confirmed that it was. *Motion by Reilly second by Morrissey to approve the 2023 Budget Amendments and Designated Fund Balance. All aye, motion carried.*

Traffic Route Ordinance – The Council reviewed an ordinance to re-create Section 42.11 Related to Weight Limits and Heavy Traffic Routes. Morrissey commented that he is not in agreement with the ordinance. Pat Doyle addressed the Council and said he approached Chief Jerry about this and from a safety stand-point, doesn't believe heavy equipment should be driving on Water Street. Doyle stated the heavy equipment is causing damage to the streets and the buildings and he believes semi's are a detriment to the downtown vibe. Mulcahy commented that she is concerned about sending the heavy equipment by the school because of the safety issues of having them drive around the school. Reilly stated he is in favor of the ordinance, but he would like to talk to Chief Jerry about it first and would like to table the item until he can be present at the meeting to talk about it. Swenson commented that she does believe it's a safety issue to have them on Water street because the street is so narrow, specifically in front of the grocery store.

Loader Tractor Repairs/Quotes – Morrissey updated the Council on the two options for either replacing or repairing the loader tractor and given the cost and the other projects the city has pending, believes the best option is to replace the loader at the price given by Ritchie's of \$12,500. He stated he did go to Blackburn's, but they couldn't compete with this quote. *Motion by Morrissey second by Reilly to approve the repairs to the tractor by replacing the loader. All aye, motion carried.*

EMC Insurance Policy Renewal - The Council reviewed the policy information and minimal premium increases. *Motion by Swenson second by Reilly to approve the EMC Insurance policy renewals. All aye, motion carried.*

Preliminary Resolutions for Special Assessments – The Council reviewed Resolutions 2024-07 & 2024-06 which declares the intent of the city to exercise special assessments for additional sidewalks on Judgement Street, specifically the 500 Block of South Judgement Street and 200 Block of North Judgement Street. *Motion by Reilly second by Swenson to approve Resolution 2024-07. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Swenson second by Morrissey to approve Resolution 2024-06. All aye, motion carried.* At 7:22 PM a motion was made by Mulcahy, second by Reilly to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Janelle Schumacher
Clerk/Treasurer

