

CITY OF SHULLSBURG, WISCONSIN
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 21, 2024
6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held August 21, 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- Laura Weiskircher, Karla Blackburn, Sue Burke, Cory Ritterbusch, Tim Shepherd, Janelle Schumacher.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes - *Motion by Swenson second by Mulcahy to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2024 meeting and July 31, 2024 meeting. All aye, motion carried.*

Committee Reports – Mulcahy reported the discussion about getting a second quote to put new doors on the East Shelter House in hopes that a donation would be made to cover the cost.

Reilly reported the new police vehicle had been delivered.

Police Chief Report – None Given.

Public Comment – None

Approve Bills – *Motion by Morrissey second by Reilly to approve the bills for General, Water, Sewer, Electric, Pool, Museum, Library & TIF Funds. All aye, motion carried.*

Capital Campaign Presentation for Lafayette County Hospital – Karla Blackburn and Sue Burke addressed the Council regarding a new capital campaign to raise funds for amenities at the new hospital. They described the history of the community involvement in helping develop the existing hospital and how the hospital aims to bring quality care to a rural area. The hospital is and will continue to be a leading employer in the region. The completion date is scheduled for February 2025 and they are hoping to raise a total of \$2 million dollars through the capital campaign. Morrissey asked how much money has been raised so far and which other municipalities they have met with. The presentation was concluded with a request for support by being advocates for the project and campaign as well as a request for money if funds are available. No action taken.

Extension of Premise Application Submitted by American Legion for October 5, 2024 – *Motion by Reilly second by Mulcahy to approve the Extension of Premise Application for October 5, 2024 submitted by the American Legion. All aye, motion carried.*

McCoy Library Drop Box – A brief discussion was held regarding the placement of the new dropbox. Morrissey commented that it doesn't go with the look of the building and maybe shouldn't be right out front. There was discussion about how it's currently being used. Library Director, Jen Detra, requested a cement pad be placed under it when the final location is decided on to make it easier to retrieve books from it. She commented that it's light weight and fairly easy to move so she can try putting it in other locations. Morrissey also expressed his concern about cars pulling into the driveway, blocking the sidewalk and then backing out into traffic. Reilly expressed his desire to hear the Police Chief's opinion on the placement of it. The decision was made to look at other possible locations around the building and discuss at the next meeting.

Advance Shullsburg's Use of Picnic Tables for Food Truck Fest – Morrissey requested on behalf of Advance Shullsburg the ability to use picnic tables from the park for the Food Truck Fest on August 31, 2024. He said they would take care of moving them. The Council confirmed that the new tables were not to be removed from the Park, but the 6 older wooden tables that are in the Gehrt pavilion could be used. *Motion by Morrissey second by Reilly to allow Advance Shullsburg to use the old wooden tables on August 31, 2024 and move them downtown for the Food Truck Fest. All aye, motion carried.*

Badger Park Improvement Committee – Cory Ritterbusch confirmed there are 18 members of the committee that have expressed their desire to be part of the group. Reilly and Morrissey both commented that they believe the Chair of the Park Committee should be included in this group. Mulcahy confirmed with the Clerk that this committee will be subject to having the agenda posted and minutes taken. There was brief discussion on the logistics of ensuring the agenda and minutes are taken care of. Ritterbusch offered to take the lead on those items. Mulcahy suggested having a recorder at the meeting for the minutes. Reilly asked about the timing of when the Council would have information from the group. Ritterbusch hopes to have substantial information by the end of February. The Council requested that Ritterbusch report back to the Park Committee, who will then report back to the Council. *Motion by Reilly to approve the Badger Park Improvement Committee, including the Chair of the Park Committee, with a review of the Committee’s progress at the end of February, second by Morrissey. All aye, motion carried.*

Designation of ARPA Funds – *Motion by Morrissey second by Reilly to use the remaining ARPA funds for engineering improvements to the Badger Park infrastructure. All aye, motion carried.*

Transferring Public Fire Protection to Utilities – The Council reviewed three resolution drafts to consider for moving the Public Fire Protection from the tax levy to the utility bills. Information was given to the Council by Laura Weiskircher, Utility Clerk, regarding the changes in rates for Utility Customers should this change take place. Morrissey questioned how this change would reduce the tax levy and expressed concerns about not being able to replace the funding in the budget. Reilly agreed the question should be asked to the Audit team. The discussion was tabled until a future meeting.

Certified Survey Map of Parcel 281.0579.0000 – Mayor Jackson updated the Council that the CSM has been approved by the Plan Commission and the next step would be to have it approved by the Council, then recorded. The property is 11.76 acres and the intended use is for increasing the existing industrial/commercial area along Bader Way. *Motion by Morrissey to approve the CSM of Parcel 281.0579.0000; Jackson called for a roll call vote: Mulcahy – yes, Reilly – yes, Swenson – yes, Morrissey – yes. All aye, motion carried.*

Certified Survey Map of Parcels 281.0447.0000 and 281.0445.0000 – Mayor Jackson updated the Council regarding these two maps stating a possible discrepancy the current owners may have found with the survey. Item will be tabled until the next meeting.

Future Agenda Items – Library drop box, revolving loan fund, public fire protection, Certified Survey Maps

At 7:49 p.m. a motion was made by Swenson second by Mulcahy to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Janelle Schumacher
Clerk/Treasurer