

CITY OF SHULLSBURG, WISCONSIN  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
AUGUST 28, 2024  
6:30 P.M.

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held August 28, 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, Wayne Gehrt, Tom Lethlean, Janelle Schumacher.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment** – None

**Transferring Public Fire Protection to Utilities** – After being tabled from a previous meeting, a brief discussion was held regarding transferring the payment for public fire protection from the general fund to the utilities. Jackson questioned Morrissey regarding a phone call to Johnson Block Accounting Firm to inquire about the impact of this change on the levy. Morrissey confirmed that he, Schumacher and Weiskircher did talk to Shawn Roelli regarding this change. The money can be preserved in the general fund budget under a contingency fund or economic development fund. The average household, depending on their usage, may see approximately \$11.94 on their monthly bill for public fire protection. Jackson read Resolution 2024-17 Authorizing The City of Shullsburg to Direct Charge Public Fire Protection. *Motion by Morrissey second by Swenson to approve Resolution 2024-17 Authorizing the City of Shullsburg to Direct Charge Public Fire Protection. Reilly requested a roll call vote; Mulcahy – yes, Reilly – yes, Swenson – yes, Morrissey – yes. All aye, motion carried.*

**Tax Equivalent Payable to the City of Shullsburg by the Shullsburg Water and Electric Utility** – After a brief discussion regarding a resolution from November 4, 1997 that was passed to set the utility tax equivalent to zero and based on the recommendations of the City's audit team from Johnson Block, Mayor Jackson read Resolution 2024-19. *Motion by Reilly second by Swenson to approve Resolution 2024-19 Authorizing a Tax Equivalent Payable to the City of Shullsburg by the Shullsburg Water and Electric Utility. All aye, motion carried.*

**Closed Session** – At 6:52 p.m. a motion was made by Swenson second by Mulcahy to convene into closed session. Roll Call – Morrissey-yes, Swenson-yes, Reilly-yes, Jackson-yes, Mulcahy-yes. Motion carried. Closed Session is Pursuant to Wis. Stat 19.85 (1)(e) for the Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session including the consideration of purchase of city property.

**Open Session** - At 7:06 p.m. a motion was made by Swenson second by Reilly to reconvene into open session. Roll Call- Morrissey-yes, Swenson-yes, Reilly-yes, Jackson-yes, Mulcahy- yes. Motion carried.

**Action on Closed Session** – *Motion by Reilly second by Morrissey to approve the WB-40 Amendment to Offer to Purchase for Parcels 281.0579.0000, 281.0447.0000, and 281.0445.0000 and close on the purchase September 9, 2024. All aye, motion carried.*

**Certified Survey Map of Parcels 281.0447.0000 and 281.0445.0000** – The Council considered two Certified Survey Maps that have been approved by the Plan Commission. The property is a total of 21.11 acres and the intended use is to develop affordable housing lots. *Motion by Reilly second by Swenson to approve the CSM of Parcel 281.0447.0000 and 281.0445.0000. All aye, motion carried.*

**Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Property** – Mayor Jackson read Resolution 2024-16 authorizing the purchase of property to include 11.76 acres of land intended to develop into industrial and commercial lots with a purchase price of \$481,724.88 and 21.11 acres of land intended to develop into residential lots with a purchase price of \$224,350. *Motion by Reilly second by Swenson to approve Resolution 2024-16 Authorizing Purchase of Property. Morrissey requested a roll call vote; Mulcahy – yes, Reilly – yes, Swenson – yes, Morrissey – yes. All aye, motion carried.*

*At 7:10 p.m. a motion was made by Swenson second by Mulcahy to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.*

Janelle Schumacher  
Clerk/Treasurer