

CITY OF SHULLSBURG, WISCONSIN
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2024

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held October 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- Jason Weiskircher, Don Dickinson, Josh Jerry, Janelle Schumacher.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes – *Motion by Reilly second by Swenson to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2024 Council Meeting. All aye, motion carried.*

Committee Reports – Swenson gave a brief update from the Historic Preservation Commission regarding a Certificate of Appropriateness application.

Police Report - The monthly report will be emailed out soon. The new squad car is here and in operation. Morrissey questioned whether an invoice being paid was related to equipment needed for the new squad car and that was confirmed.

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.*

Public Comment – None

Temporary Beer and Wine Permit Application - *Motion by Mulcahy second by Reilly to approve the Temporary Beer and Wine Permit Application submitted by the Shullsburg Fire Department for the Halloween Dance on November 2, 2024. All aye, motion carried.*

Final Site Plans for the LCHA Project – Project manager Lynn Halverson presented information to the Council regarding the project. She addressed a concern brought to her by Water Supervisor Jose Trejo about valves in the main line and about hydrants on the property and said the engineering firm has plans to ensure the valves and hydrants are included in the plans. They have conditional approval from the state and their funding is fully secured. She expects the project to take 9-12 months to build and they tentatively plan to break ground in Spring 2025. *Motion by Reilly second by Swenson to approve the final site plans for the Lafayette County Housing Authority project with the changes as discussed. All aye, motion carried.*

A Bit of Yesteryear – The council considered an application presented by Advance Shullsburg for their annual A Bit of Yesteryear event. *Motion by Swenson second by Morrissey to approve the special event application for A Bit of Yesterday on November 30, 2024. All aye, motion carried.*

Emergency Generator Grant Award – Mayor Jackson updated the Council regarding an award letter the City received for a grant application from FEMA and the Wisconsin Division of Emergency Management to install an emergency generator at the Townsend Center. He has reached back out to Schmidt Electric to get an updated estimate.

Sale of Squad Car – The Police Chief has looked into sale options through Wisconsin Online Surplus. It can be taken to their sale location or left here. He recommends keeping it stored here until it sells. Morrissey questioned what the car is worth and there was brief discussion about setting a minimum bid amount for the auction. Chief Jerry will contact them to find out more information about setting a minimum amount. *Motion by Swenson second by Morrissey to approve the sale of the squad car after Chief Jerry calls to find out more information about what to set the minimum bid at. All aye, motion carried.*

Electrical Work at Jackson Pavilion – The Council considered an estimate from Ruf Electric to replace the lights and add more electrical capacity to the Jackson Pavilion. *Motion by Morrissey second by Reilly to approve the estimate for \$2000 as discussed. All aye, motion carried.*

Shullsburg Fund Grant – The Council discussed the use of the Shullsburg Fund Grant, given other funding for putting Pickleball Courts in Badger Park wasn't received. Dickinson spoke on behalf of some
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pickleball players stating they like playing at the Water Street Park and many are content with that solution. Weiskircher commented that the Shullsburg Fund Grant application can be amended. *Motion by Morrissey second by Reilly to amend the Shullsburg Fund Grant application to use the funds for the repairs done to the court at the Water Street Park. All aye, motion carried.*

Zoning Ordinance Violation – The Council briefly discussed a zoning ordinance violation letter that is to be sent from legal counsel. This had been previously requested and approved in a prior meeting.

Open Burn Dates – The Council briefly discussed setting Open Burn dates, however due to the ongoing dry and windy conditions, it's in the best interest and safety of the residents to postpone any opening burning until further discuss. The discussion will be moved to the next meeting.

Trick or Treating – The Council briefly discussed Trick or Treating hours. *Motion by Reilly second by Morrissey to set Trick or Treating hours on October 31 from 6pm – 8pm. All aye, motion carried.*

Christmas Light Contest – Advance Shullsburg is considering a Christmas Light Contest and asked about the City's involvement in it by partnering to offer 3 winners \$50 towards their utility bill. *Motion by Morrissey second by Reilly to approve \$75 towards a Christmas Light Contest with Advance Shullsburg. All aye, motion carried.*

Vibrant Spaces Grant – No further interest has been expressed regarding this. Potential requests from community members/business are welcome.

2025 Proposed Budget – There was brief discussion about the draft of the 2025 proposed budget. More discussion needs to take place.

Clerk/Treasurer Report – September financial reports had been emailed prior to the meeting. In person voting starts October 22. There is another After Hours Advantage Workshop being scheduled for November 14th in partnership with Advance Shullsburg.

Closed Session – *At 7:27 p.m. a motion was made by Mulcahy second by Reilly 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)(c) for the Purpose of Considering Employment, Promotion, Compensation or Performance Evaluation Data of any Public Employee over which the Governmental Body has Jurisdiction or Exercises Responsibility- Discussion of Union Contract, City Clerk Contract, Park Director Position, Waste Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Position.

Open Session – *At 8:09 p.m. a motion was made by Swenson second by Mulcahy to reconvene into open session.* Roll Call- Morrissey-yes, Swenson-yes, Reilly-yes, Jackson-yes, Mulcahy- yes. Motion carried.

Action on Closed Session – *A motion was made by Reilly second by Morrissey to make a counter offer to the Union Employment Agreement that was presented and discussed. All aye, motion carried. A motion was made by Morrissey second by Reilly to approve the City Clerk Contract as discussed. Roll call vote – Morrissey-yes, Swenson-yes, Reilly-yes, Mulcahy-no. Motion carried.*

At 8:13 p.m. a motion was made by Mulcahy second by Swenson to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Janelle Schumacher
Clerk/Treasurer