



CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON, OZAUKEE COUNTY, WI
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024 AT 6:30 P.M.
Port Washington City Hall, 100 W. Grand Avenue, Port Washington, WI 53074

MINUTES

1. **ROLL CALL-** Mayor Ted Neitzke IV convened the meeting of the Common Council at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Alderpersons Deborah Postl, Paul Neumyer, Mike Gasper, Dan Benning, Jonathan Pleitner, Patrick Tearney, and John Sigwart. Also present was Interim City Administrator/City Clerk Susan Westerbeke, City Attorney Eric Eberhardt, ADA/HR Director Emily Blakeslee, Public Works Director Rob Vanden Noven
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG-** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - B. **Accept Monthly Invoice Report**MOTION MADE BY ALD. NEUMYER, SECONDED BY ALD. POSTL TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **MAYOR'S BUSINESS**
 - A. **Mayor's Updates-** The Mayor is participating in an upcoming ride-along with Deputy Fire Chief/EMS Services Director Joe DeBoer. The Mayor reminded the community that he is seeking individuals to serve on boards, committees, and commissions. The Mayor thanked members of the Police and Fire Commission for attending the meeting with regards to the Public Safety Building Presentation to be provided by Bray Associates-Architects.
5. **OFFICERS/STAFF REPORT-** Reports were distributed in writing.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES-** Ann Lorge- Requested a member of the Commission on Aging be included in any future panel which may be created to discuss upcoming Senior Center Facility needs.
7. **FROM STANDING COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
 - A. **GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**
 1. **Consideration and Possible Action on Two Agreements with Port Washington Main Street, Inc. to Paint Murals on the Jackson Street Retaining Wall at N. Wisconsin St. and on Lift Station 3, Located at 310 N. Lake St.-** Public Works Director Rob Vanden Noven was present to review the two agreements. Port Washington Main Street, Inc., has a program titled, "Paint on Port", by which murals and mosaics have been placed on private property for public viewing at several locations in the community. Project Manager Eileen Grace from Paint on Port and Head Artist Sheri Kultgen were both present to review the upcoming public art projects within the city. At this time, Paint on Port is proposing two locations that are on public property: the Jackson St. retaining wall at N. Wisconsin St., and the Lift Station 3, located at 310 N Lake St. The 2024 murals will be completed by art students from the Port Washington-Saukville School District. There are two separate agreements being proposed for these two locations which have been prepared by Port Washington Main Street and reviewed, edited and approved by the City Attorney.
MOTION MADE BY ALD. BENNING, SECONDED BY ALD. POSTL TO APPROVE THE MURAL AGREEMENT FOR LIFT STATION 3 AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION MADE BY ALD. BENNING, SECONDED BY ALD. POSTL TO APPROVE THE MURAL AGREEMENT FOR THE JACKSON STREET RETAINING WALL AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

8. FROM CITY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS- None.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation by Bray Architects on a Concept Plan for a Public Safety Building- Matt Wolfert from Bray Architects was present to report on the concept site plan regarding the Public Safety Building. Discussion was held and questions from Council were answered.

B. Discussion and Consideration Regarding Future Senior Center Facilities- The Mayor gave a presentation which included the 2022 Strategic Planning Goals for the community, staff, and Common Council. This included gathering information related to needs for a Community and Senior Center in the city. Potential strategic process and timeline were discussed.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES- Ann Lorge- Welcomed the public to visit the Senior Center for a tour and see what the current available programming offered.

Rich Procter- Commented regarding the budget and funding for the new Senior Center.

12. MOTION TO CONVENE In Closed Session Pursuant to § 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stat. for Purposes of Deliberating or Negotiating the Purchase of Public Property, the Investing of Public Funds, or Conducting other Specified Public Business, Whenever Competitive or Bargaining Reasons Require a Closed Session, to-wit: Discuss Financial and Other Terms and Conditions of Potential Purchase of 4.27-acre Parcel of Land Located at 1777 W. Grand Avenue, Port Washington (Tax Parcel #160301600700), and Devising Bargaining Strategies Regarding said Potential Purchase.- The Mayor read the closed session item. The City Attorney stated that he was informed today that there is a prior written Offer to Purchase (contract) for the sale of the former Aurora Clinic property on W. Grand Avenue, but the seller anticipates that contract will be canceled by means of a Cancellation and Mutual Release form. If the parties to that contract sign a written cancellation and release form, then the City could elect to prepare and submit its own Offer to Purchase. However, the seller did not provide such cancellation form to the City Attorney prior to this Council meeting. Therefore, as there is an existing contract to purchase the property, the Open Meetings Law [s. 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stat.] does not allow the Council to convene in closed session to formulate an Offer to Purchase or devise negotiating strategies, since no there are no competitive or bargaining reasons that would require a closed session. For these reasons, the City Attorney advised the Council it cannot lawfully convene in closed session this evening.

13. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION to take action relating to closed session discussions or deliberations, if any.- None.

14. ADJOURNMENT- MOTION MADE BY ALD. POSTL, SECONDED BY ALD. NEUMYER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:56 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan L. Westerbeke, City Clerk