

**CITY OF MUSKEGO
FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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**Tuesday, February 9, 2010
Muskego City Hall, Aldermen's Room**

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Present: Committee Members Ald. Fiedler and Werner, City Engineer Simpson, Deputy Clerk Blenski, and Ald. Borgman, Schneider and Schaumberg. Committee Member Snead was absent. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Deputy stated that the meeting was noticed in accordance with the open meeting law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ald. Werner moved for approval of the January 25, 2010 minutes. Ald. Fiedler seconded; motion carried.

LICENSE APPROVALS

Ald. Fiedler moved to recommend approval of a regular Operator's License for Gabriella D'Amato, Ashley Ottow, Trevor Pickart, Jodi Ristow and Crystal Thounlasenh subject to the licensing requirements being completed prior to issuance. Ald. Werner seconded; motion carried.

Lori Saskowski was present on behalf of the St. Leonard Home & School organization. A St. Patrick's Day Fest is planned for March 13, 2010, and an application for a Temporary License to Sell Wine and Fermented Malt Beverages has been submitted. A similar event was held last year. The event will be held in the gym. **Ald. Fiedler moved to recommend approval of a Temporary License to Sell Wine and Fermented Malt Beverages for the St. Leonard Home & School organization on March 13. Ald. Werner seconded; motion carried.**

Mark Sobczak was present as the agent for Marx Pioneer Inn, W180 S7808 Pioneer Drive. He is requesting a permanent amendment to the licensed premise to include a vacant lot known as Tax Key #2196.980. Mr. Sobczak stated his partner purchased the house and vacant lot to the south of the Pioneer Inn. He is leasing the land from his partner and would like to include the vacant lot as part of his licensed premise. Mr. Sobczak stated the adjoining property owners do not have any issues with his establishment. He would like the area to be licensed to allow more outside space for larger events. Patrons in the Tiki Bar area could walk over to the vacant lot so he prefers that it be part of the licensed premise. The area could be used for outdoor activities. Mayor Johnson expressed concerns. He suggested that a fence be used to prevent patrons from going on the property vs. licensing it. **Ald Werner moved to recommend that the vacant lot be licensed until 11:00 p.m. with the following conditions:**

- **The City should be notified if ownership of the property changes.**
- **The City will review any issues at renewal time in 2011.**
- **If Mr. Sobczak intends to use the area for anything other than outdoor activities, he is requested to notify the City.**

Ald. Fiedler seconded; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor noted that the grievance issues were being removed.

Discuss Muskego Volunteer Fire Company Funds

The Mayor stated that part of the fire department consolidation included that the assets from the Muskego Volunteer Fire Company be turned over to the City. The fire company had approximately \$20,000 cash in a bank account. The IRS seized \$10,000 of the money for a fine. The past president of the fire company, Mike Kersky, is hesitant to release the money to the City because he has not been able to get the IRS to state that they have no further claims against the Muskego Volunteer Fire Company. He is willing to release the remaining money (\$10,300) if the City agrees to indemnify the fire company for any future IRS or other legitimate claim up to the amount the City receives. **Ald. Fiedler moved to approve. Ald. Werner seconded; motion carried.**

Discuss Racine Avenue Gateway Sign Capital Budget Amendment

Mayor Johnson stated that a new gateway sign will be installed on the boulevard of Racine Avenue. It is proposed that the sign be lighted so electrical wiring must be buried. The cost is anticipated to be approximately \$4,000 and was not budgeted. **Ald. Fiedler moved to approve up to \$4,500 to cover the cost. Ald. Werner seconded; motion carried.**

Recommendation Regarding Resolution Requesting Revision to the Proposed Spending Cap Formula for Solid Pollutant Discharge by Municipal WPDES Permitees

City Engineer Simpson stated the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources is proposing rule changes to various chapters of the Natural Resources Codes. The proposed changes would affect the City's MS4 permit by implementing a 40% reduction in total suspended solids in runoff that enters waters of the state to the Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP). The proposed revision would define and limit the term MEP. The City's MEP cap would be approximately one million dollars. The concern is that the City will be required to spend the maximum amount. The City Engineer proposes that a resolution be forwarded that opposes the rule change and requests that the DNR leave the term MEP undefined. Other communities are adopting similar resolutions. Mr. Simpson stated that he brought the issue before the Finance Committee because the Public Works meeting was canceled. The public comment period expires in February. **Ald. Fiedler moved to recommend the resolution. Ald. Werner seconded; motion carried.**

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Ald. Fiedler moved to recommend approval of Utility Vouchers in the amount \$191,389.55. Ald. Werner seconded; motion carried.

Ald. Fiedler moved to recommend approval of Tax Vouchers in the amount \$12,118.25. Ald. Werner seconded; motion carried.

Ald. Fiedler moved to recommend approval of General Vouchers in the amount of \$721,243.35. Ald. Werner seconded; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Ald. Fiedler moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Werner; motion carried.

Jill Blenski, CMC
Deputy Clerk