

**CITY OF NEW BERLIN
PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, November 23, 2004**

Mayor Wysocki presented Jean Marena with a plaque of appreciation for her service to the City as Acting City Clerk during the medical leave of City Clerk Gauger.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Wysocki called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Aldermen Hopkins, Augustine, Gallagher, Harena, Hegeman, Chiovatero and Ament. Also present were City Attorney Mark Blum, City Clerk Marilyn Gauger, City Assessor Paul Koller, Director of Utilities and Streets Ray Grzys, Director of Finance and Administration Mike Holzinger, Director of Community Development Greg Kessler, Planning Services Manager Nikki Jones, City Librarian Katie Schulz, Police Chief Gary Blunt, Police Department Office Manager Mary Ann Rozman, Fire Chief Ed Dobernig, Assistant Fire Chiefs Tom Dobernig, Andy Wahl and Joe Dallman; Fire Department Administrative Coordinator Debra Delikat; City Engineer J. P. Walker, Division Engineers Ron Schildt and Eric Nitschke.

This meeting was noticed on November 19, 2004 in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2004

Motion by Alderman Ament to approve the minutes of 11-9-04. Seconded by Alderman Hegeman and carried unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL OR DENIAL BY THE ALDERMEN WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO COMMON COUNCIL ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

UTILITY AND FINANCE

Claims

Motion by Alderman Chiovatero to recommend to Council approval of Water Utility Claims in the amount of \$466,621.58, Sewer Utility claims in the amount of \$11,869.07, and Bi-weekly claims in the amount of \$916,437.07 all of which represents payment to vendors. Seconded by Alderman Ament and carried unanimously.

LICENSES

Bartender Licenses

Motion by Alderman Hopkins to recommend to Council to approve the request for Bartender License for the year 2004-2006 to Lynn J. Frank. Seconded by Alderman Ament and carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Request to Award contract for Public Safety Communications Link Fiber Optic project

Motion by Alderman Ament to recommend to Council to approve the request to award the contract for Public Safety Communications Link Fiber Optic project to CableCom LLC at a cost not to exceed \$38,320.00 from Account #04051500-61506. Seconded by Alderman Hopkins and carried unanimously.

Request for Approval of the 2005 Operating Budget

Mayor Wysocki indicated a motion for a bookkeeping adjustment for the Health Insurance accounts was needed per the memo from Finance Director Holzinger.

Motion by Alderman Ament to adjust Department Health Insurance accounts to reflect the increase for 2005 Operating budget with a funding transfer in the amount of \$191,439 from Contingency Account 616. Seconded by Alderman Hopkins and carried unanimously.

Mayor Wysocki asked for a motion to add back the \$20,000 for the copy/multi purpose machines.

Motion by Alderman Augustine to recommend to Council adding back the \$20,000 to IT Account #515-243.05. Seconded by Alderman Hopkins and carried with Aldermen Gallagher, Harena and Hegeman voting no.

Mayor Wysocki asked for a motion to approve the 2005 Operating Budget in order to begin discussion. Motion by Alderman Ament to recommend to Council to approve the 2005 Operating Budget in the amount of \$29,804,533 with a tax levy of \$20,215,138 and a tax rate of \$5.8801 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Seconded by Alderman Hegeman.

Motion by Alderman Harena to take from the Contingency Account \$42,561 in order to reduce the levy. Seconded by Alderman Ament and carried unanimously.

Finance Director Holzinger asked for a motion to increase the Exempt Computer Aids revenue to reduce the levy.

Motion by Alderman Ament to increase the revenue for Computer Aids from \$287,556 to \$291,860. Seconded by Alderman Hopkins and carried with Alderman Gallagher voting no.

Finance Director Holzinger re-calculated the 2005 budget. Mayor Wysocki asked for a motion to amend the original motion.

Amended motion made by Alderman Ament to set the Operating Budget at \$29,847,094 with a levy amount at \$20,168,273 and a tax rate of \$5.8677. Seconded by Alderman Hopkins and carried with Alderman Gallagher voting no.

Upon voting the original motion carried as amended with Alderman Gallagher voting no.

Finance Director Holzinger asked for a re-consideration of the motion to approve the 2005 Operating Budget due to a calculation error.

Motion by Alderman Ament to re-consider the motion of approval for the 2005 Operating Budget. Seconded by Alderman Hegeman and carried unanimously.

Motion by Alderman Harenda moved to set the 2005 Budget at \$29,761,972 and that the levy and tax rate remain the same. Seconded by Alderman Ament and carried with Alderman Gallagher voting no.

Clerk's Note: Upon further calculation by Finance Director Holzinger the next day a \$20.00 error was found in the 2005 Operating Budget number. The corrected number is \$29,761,992; the levy and and tax rate remain the same.

Request for Approval of the 2005 CIP Budget

Mayor Wysocki asked for a motion to remove the Greenfield Avenue – Calhoun to STH 164 project contribution.

Motion by Alderman Ament to remove the local cost share of \$703,500 for 2005 for the Greenfield Avenue – Calhoun to STH 164 project. Seconded by Alderman Harenda and carried with Aldermen Gallagher and Chiovaturo voting no.

Motion by Alderman Ament to remove the local cost shares of \$1,281,000 for 2006 and \$640,500 for 2007 for the Greenfield Avenue - Calhoun to STH 164 project. Seconded by Alderman Hopkins and carried with Aldermen Gallagher and Chiovaturo voting no.

Mayor Wysocki asked that Council members to be prepared to discuss other CIP Budget items they are concerned with and it will be placed on the December 14, 2004 Committee of the Whole agenda. Those items are: National Avenue project (lighting); Old Library feasibility study; Alternative Transportation facilities; Fire Department – ladder, truck and engines; and Greenfield Avenue.

Motion by Alderman Ament to recommend to Council to table the 2005 CIP Budget. Seconded by Alderman Harenda and carried unanimously.

Request for Approval the 2005 Salary Adjustments and salary ranges civil service/non-represented employees

Motion by Alderman Ament to recommend to Council the request to approve 3% across the board salary adjustments for regular pfp participants and adjust the salary ranges by 3% in accordance with the General Administrative policy. Seconded by Alderman Hopkins and carried with Alderman Gallagher voting no.

Request for Approval the Civil Service Non-represented Salary and Benefit policies

No action taken. To be placed on the next agenda.

Request for Approval for contracting with Carlson & Dettmann Consulting for Phase II of Civil Service Code review and adoption of Resolution No. 04-58

Motion by Alderman Ament to recommend to Council the request for approval for contracting with Carlson & Dettmann Consulting for Phase II of Civil Service Code review and adoption of Resolution No. 04-58. Seconded by Alderman Hopkins and carried unanimously.

TABLED ITEMS - None

ADJOURN

Motion by Alderman Ament to adjourn at 8:19 PM. Seconded by Alderman Augustine and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Marilyn Gauger, CMC
City Clerk