

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
February 9, 2010

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on February 9, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Gary Norwood.

Council present: Steve Allen, Tommy Nicholson, Rick Johnson, Chris LaCrosse, and Jim Yates.

Council absent: Jimmy Gill.

Others present: Thomas McCormick, Dwyot T. Thornton, Sr., Dwyot T. Thornton, Jr., Michael Armstrong, Zach McCarver, Tom Salter, Judge Bill Stinnett, Chuck Walker, Tony Young, Paul R. Gupton, Jennifer Noe, Bill Powers, Tim Adkins, Mary Glasgow and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Councilman Rick Johnson was sworn into office by Judge Stinnett.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nicholson, to approve the January minutes. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Forum:

Mayor Norwood said the last couple of weeks there has been plenty of snow and we are in the process of getting a new blade on one of our trucks. One member in our fine city every time it snows he takes his truck and blade and cleans the neighborhood without ever being compensated. I would like to present Dwyot Thornton, Sr. with this certificate of appreciation for the outstanding work he does for the city.

New Business:

The first order of business is the Pitney Bowes stamp machine contract. Ms. Noe advised there were some things in the contract that she doesn't like but it is the state contract and is non-negotiable. The items are #3 the portion in bold caps – regardless of a counter claim, repair of equipment, etc. and #5 liable for any loss and need to carry insurance on the stamp machine. But this being a state contract there is really nothing we can do. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Johnson to approve the Pitney Bowes Contract. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Allen-yes, Nicholson-yes, Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Yates-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor Norwood advised that Chief Coulon has requested to move \$4,154.25 for the server in the police dept. He is requesting money to be moved from savings into the drug fund checking account to pay for the server. A motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve the request in the amount of \$4,154.25 Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Nicholson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Yates-yes, Johnson-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Tony Young gave each Councilman a hand out of the pros and cons for a skateboard area. Mr. Young said the cheapest route would be at the school and the best for visibility would be the marketplace area. Mr. Young asked the Council what they would like to do. Mr. LaCrosse asked Ms. Noe if she read the handout from TML. Ms. Noe replied there would be no doubt we would need an ordinance for public

safety. Mr. LaCrosse said the liability issues need to be addressed at the front end of the conversation. Ms. Noe said certainly there is a risk on any activity if you are going to do something there would have to be strict requirements and posting. Regardless of what we do whether soccer, baseball, or anything you can get hurt. Ms. Noe said that if you are going to do anything on the school property you need to re-negotiate the contract that we have with them.

A discussion ensued on supervision. The police can go by and monitor but no one will be there to supervise the entire time. Mr. Young said we are talking about a beginner course. Mr. Johnson said his concern is there is a difference between soccer and little league with skateboarding there is no supervision. Mr. LaCrosse said this is an experiment if it is taken care of and respected then we could go on to the next step. Mayor Norwood asked Tony if he spoke with the principal, he said yes, last week but they weren't there today but they would like to keep an open relationship with the city. Mr. LaCrosse said that Tommy had made a good point last week that we don't want to set it up for failure. After further discussion on monitoring the discussion turned to having the course at the marketplace and reclaiming the alleyways. Mayor Norwood said he didn't think it would work using the alleys by their definitions. After further discussion Mayor encouraged the Council to get out and look at the areas and asked that this be put on the workshop agenda for further discussion.

Other:

Mr. Nicholson congratulated Chief Walker on the new ISO rating. Chief Walker said it wasn't him it was a lot of people involved to get the ISO rating dropped to a 4. Chief Walker explained what some of the areas were that go into making this decision.

Mayor Norwood asked the Council if there was anything else.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Nicholson to pay the bills. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, Johnson-yes, Yates-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor Norwood said if there was not anything else he would entertain a motion to adjourn and after the meeting Tom Salter would be taking their pictures.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Yates to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Gary Norwood, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder