

**Council Chambers, Municipal Building, Baraboo, Wisconsin
Tuesday, March 24, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Palm called the regular meeting of Council to order.

Roll call was taken.

Council Members Present: Wedekind, Kolb, Plautz, Sloan, Petty, Ellington, Alt, Thurow

Council Members Absent: Robkin

Others Present: Chief Schauf, Detective Bonham, Adm. Geick, Deputy Clerk Klingenmeyer, members of the press and others.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Moved by Ellington, seconded by Wedekind and carried to approve the minutes of March 10, 2015.

Moved by Alt, seconded by Kolb and carried to approve the agenda.

Compliance with the Open Meeting Law was noted.

PRESENTATION

The Mayor presented Joan Fordham with the Baraboo “Gem” Award for her service to the community since arriving in Baraboo in 1971. She addressed the Council stating that she is humbled to receive this award, stating that she and her family have received so much more from Baraboo than she has given to it.

PUBLIC INVITED TO SPEAK –No one spoke.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

The Mayor congratulated Detective George Bonham, who was present, for his 30 years of faithful service to the City. His anniversary is April 1st.

The Mayor congratulated City Treasurer Lori Laux for her 15 years of faithful service to the City. Her anniversary is March 30th.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 14-130

THAT the Accounts Payable, in the amount of \$601,823.71 be allowed and ordered paid.
Moved by Sloan, seconded by Wedekind and carried on voice vote to approve the Consent agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions:

Resolution No. 14-131

A Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to enter into a settlement agreement pertaining to the GE Capital personal property tax litigation, and for the expenditure of \$72,250.00 as a refund of personal property tax. Moved by Wedekind, seconded by Sloan, and carried that **Resolution No. 14-131** be approved – 8 ayes. The Mayor noted this item had been vetted by Finance twice. Adm. Geick addressed the Council.

MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR, AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Mayor announced the Sauk County Development Corporation will hold its Business of the Year Banquet at the Baraboo Arts Center on April 29th. Anyone interested in attending should contact Donna Munz. He also reminded council members the Mid-term Informational Session, hosted by Sauk County, will be April 1st at the River Valley High School.

Alderman Thurow addressed the Council as the BDAS Representative regarding a new software program the District is considering for tracking inventory. Because the contract is for more than one

year, the purchase must come before Council. This contract would be for three years. Moved by Ellington, second by Plautz to authorize the City’s voting member (Thurrow) to vote yes at the BDAS Commission meeting for the Customer Rebate Agreement. Motion carried on voice vote.

Thurrow also reported on agreements for “back-up” between BDAS and Pardeeville and BDAS and Richland County. Kolb inquired if BDAS would acquire additional staff for these agreements. Commission members all concurred that it would not require new staff, and should be an increase in revenue without an increase in staff. Pardeeville’s agreement would be for staff only, but Richland County may include some equipment use. Wedekind expressed concern that Pardeeville approached BDAS and not Portage. It was noted that BDAS is already doing Pardeeville’s billing. No action was taken on the agreements; the discussion was informational, only.

Adm. Geick announced Hatchery Road will be closed permanently on April 6, 2015 as part of the US Hwy 12 By-pass Project.

Kolb reminded everyone that alternate side parking is still in effect for a couple more weeks, and asked residents to be patient. The rule aids in the Spring street cleaning.

REPORTS and MINUTES

The City officially acknowledges receipt and distribution of the following:

**BARABOO BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID)
BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING**

March 18, 2015

Members Present: S. Kessenich, D. Thurrow, N. Bacher, B. Stelling, T. Wickus, L. Steffes, S. Fay

Member Absent: D. Cowan, F. Kruse

Others Present: Geick

Call to Order: Sandy Kessenich presided over the meeting, called it to order at 5:45P.M., and noted compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Meeting Minutes:

Moved by Thurrow, seconded by Wickus, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of February 18, 2015.

Agenda: Moved by Stelling, seconded by Fay, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as published.

Reports:

Appearance – Prepare for spring plantings. Banners changed. Farmers market banners for Oak Street.

Promotions –

- Devil’s Lake Guide
- Chamber & Welcome Wagon
- Discussion of Murals
- Election in May
- Send out mural proposals
- Nanny Park update
- Camscanner.app

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 5:45 p.m., **Room 11**, Civic Center.

Adjournment: Moved by Stelling, seconded by Fay, and unanimously carried to adjourn at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Bacher

Administrative Committee

March 2, 2015

Present: Ellington, Robkin, Alt

Absent: none

Also Present: Mayor Palm, Cheryl Giese, Chief Schauf

The meeting was called to order by Ald. Robkin at noon, noting compliance with the Open Meetings law.

Moved by Ellington, seconded by Alt and carried to approve the minutes of February 2, 2015. Motion by Alt, seconded by Ellington to approve the agenda and carried unanimously.

Airport Operations: Giese gave a report of airport activities for the last month, highlighting activities of tree removal and trimming. The next pavement project will be the runway reconstruction shown on the 6 year plan for design in 2015, studies in 2016 and reconstruction in 2017. Current estimates for the work is \$3M with 95% being paid by state and federal grants. The State is in the process of putting together their federal budget request and may include our project, depending upon competition from other airports and the total financial requests of all Wisconsin airports. The local airport patrons have asked for the runway to be widened from 75’ to 100’ to improve safety since there is only one paved runway. We will hear from the State in early May as to whether our project is funded or not.

Airport Improvements Petition: The current petition for pavement work at the airport expires later this year so the runway work needs to be requested by petitioning the state for the funding. Moved by Ellington, seconded by Alt and carried unanimously to recommend that the Council petition the State for the runway project design, studies, reconstruction and any related work.

Next meeting is to be held April 6, 2015 at 12 p.m.

Moved by Alt, seconded by Ellington and carried to adjourn.

Cheryl Giese,

Clerk-Finance Director

Others Present: M. Palm, E. Geick, Cheryl Giese, Mike Harrigan, media and the public

Finance/Personnel Committee – Council Chambers**March 10, 2015**

Call to Order –Ald. Petty called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. noting compliance with the Open Meeting Law. Moved by Thurow seconded by Sloan to adopt the agenda and carried unanimously. Moved by Sloan, second by Thurow to approve the minutes of February 24, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Members Present: Petty, Sloan and Thurow

Absent: None

Accounts Payable – Moved by Thurow, seconded by Petty to recommend Council approval of the accounts payable for \$612,187.10. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session – Moved by Thurow, seconded by Sloan and carried unanimously to convene in closed session per SS 19.85(1)(g)to confer with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to litigation. GE Capital property tax refund.

Open Session -- Moved by Sloan, seconded by Thurow and carried to reconvene into open session per SS 19.85(2). No action as a result of the closed session.

Scope of Engagement with Quarles and Brady – Adm Geick reported that the letter of engagement was received from Quarles and Brady for work to be performed on the bond sales. Moved by Thurow, seconded by Sloan to enter into the engagement letter with Quarles and Brady.

Bond Sales – Mike Harrigan was present to review the 4 bids received. The low bid was 2.7779% from FTN Financial Capital Markets, Memphis TN for bonds of \$3,040,000. Moved by Sloan, seconded by Thurow and carried unanimously to recommend selling the bonds to the Council.

CDA Loan Options – Pat Cannon reviewed the building projects planned for Corson Square exterior for \$125,000. Donohue Terrace has no debt. A GO loan was considered but noting that the City is trying to preserve its borrowing capacity, the CDA reviewed a State Trust fund loan based on revenue obligations. The CDA desires to have a mortgage revenue loan from the State Trust fund. Moved by Thurow, seconded by Sloan and carried to recommend the Trust Fund loan for the CDA to Council.

PAWS Pledge Walk – They have asked for a fee waiver for the PAWS walk event on May 2, 2015. Moved by Sloan, seconded by Thurow and carried to approve the fee waiver.

Budget Amendments – The 4th Quarter budget amendments and transfers were reviewed by the Committee. Moved by Thurow, seconded by Sloan and carried to recommend approval.

Committee Comments: None.

Adjournment – Moved by Sloan second by Thurow to adjourn. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.
Cheryl Giese, City Clerk-Finance Director

Copies of these meeting minutes are on file in the Clerk's office:

Parks & Recreation Commission	2-9-15	District Ambulance Comm.	1-28-15
Library Finance Comt.	9-16-14	UW Campus Comm.	2-4-15, 2-19-15
Library Board	2-17-15	Special Library Board	2-26-15
Emergency Management Comm.			
2-26-15			

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Wedekind, and carried on voice vote, that the meeting adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Mary K. Klingenmeyer, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer