

**Council Chambers, Municipal Building, Baraboo, Wisconsin
Tuesday, April 14, 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, Robkin, Thurow

Council Members Absent: none

Others Present: Atty. Reitz, Chief Schauf, Clerk Giese, Adm. Geick, members of the press and others.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Moved by Wedekind, seconded by Kolb and carried to approve the minutes of March 24, 2015.

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

Compliance with the Open Meeting Law was noted.

PUBLIC INVITED TO SPEAK –No one spoke.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor presented a proclamation for Arbor Day to Mike Hardy, Director of Parks and Recreation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 14-132

THAT the Accounts Payable, in the amount of \$1,923,071.45 be allowed and ordered paid.

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Petty and carried on voice vote to approve the Consent agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions:

Resolution No. 14-133

THAT the new parklands acquired from the Baraboo Water Utility along Mill Race and Hill Street be named “Maxwell-Potter Conservancy” to note the historical significance of two families who were historically influential in the area.

Moved by Alt, seconded by Wedekind, and carried that **Resolution No. 14-133** be approved – 9 ayes.

Resolution No. 14-134

THAT remaining bond money designated for Civic Center improvements be used for the addition of an ADA accessible entrance at 2nd street, replacement of the old greenhouse enclosure, and signage projects for completion in 2015.

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Kolb, and carried that **Resolution No. 14-134** be approved - 9 ayes.

Resolution No. 14-135

To approve the KLM Engineering proposal for Inspection Services for the Mine Street Water tower. Estimated total Cost of \$18,480.

Moved by Kolb, seconded by Wedekind, and carried that **Resolution No. 14-135** be approved - 9 ayes.

Resolution No. 14-136

THAT the Mayor is authorized to sign the Emergency Evacuation Agreement with the Baraboo School District utilizing the Baraboo Public Library as specified in the attached agreement.

Moved by Kolb, seconded by Sloan, and carried that **Resolution No. 14-136** be approved - 9 ayes.

Resolution No. 14-137

That the low bids of :

D.L. Gasser	\$68,785 – Proposal #1 – Asphaltic Paving
D.L. Gasser	\$39,200 – Proposal #2 – Asphalt Pavement Materials
Scott Construction	\$32,500 – Proposal #3 – Asphaltic Patching
Fairfield Concrete	\$27,375 – Proposal #4 – Curb and gutter & sidewalk repair
Kraemer Company LLC	\$ 5,450 – Proposal #5 – Crushed Aggregate Base Course
Kraemer Company LLC	\$39,900 – Proposal #6 – Concrete and Asphalt Crushing

Are hereby accepted and all other bids are rejected.

Moved by Alt, seconded by Ellington, and carried that **Resolution No. 14-137** be approved - 9 ayes.

Resolution No. 14-138

That the Proposal for mowing of weeds and rank growth from Sunrise Property Care in the amount of \$0.010 per square foot for mowing and improved lot, \$0.006 per square foot for vacant property less than ½-acre, \$0.004 per square foot for vacant property greater than ½-acre, and \$0.03 per square foot for weed control is hereby accepted.

Moved by Wedekind, seconded by Kolb, and carried that **Resolution No. 14-138** be approved - 9 ayes.

Resolution No. 14-139

That the proposal for mowing of the USH 12 median strips from Breakthrough Services in the amount of \$48.50 per mowing and \$22 per hour for additional weed pulling and trimming is hereby accepted and all other bids are rejected.

Moved by Ellington, seconded by Petty, and carried that **Resolution No. 14-139** be approved - 9 ayes.

Resolution No. 14-140

THAT the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a time and expense Agreement with MSA Professional Services, Inc. for complete building inspection services.

Moved by Ellington, seconded by Plautz, and carried that **Resolution No. 14-140** be approved - 9 ayes.

Resolution No. 14-141

THAT the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a time and expense Agreement with MSA Professional Services, Inc., not to exceed \$5,000, to prepare the 2015 update to the City's Sewer Service Area Plan.

Moved by Wedekind, seconded by Petty, and carried that **Resolution No. 14-141** be approved - 9 ayes.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Petty and carried to convene as a Committee of the Whole to discuss current proposed legislation.

Assessor responsibilities transferred to County – Mayor Palm explained that the City has always hired our own assessor. If responsibilities are transferred to the County, then the County is responsible for all assessing activities within the County. Lately there has been a tremendous erosion of home rule at the State level and this may be another example of that. The proposal is to phase this in over several years but would remove local control over our assessing. Ellington questioned if this would save money and Geick explained that it is presumed that the County could handle all assessing activities more effectively than all the towns, villages and cities independently. Also, the level of

assessment could be more reliable across all properties within the County.

Personal Property tax elimination – The Mayor explained that there is a long list of manufacturers who are helping to push the bill. The City collects around \$500,000 of personal property taxes and computer aid payments which is shared with the other taxing jurisdictions. This revenue loss would create a hole in the City budget of approximately \$250,000 which would be greatly noticeable and possibly affect services. Currently this is not proposed to be replaced with another revenue source so the likely effect would be to increase taxes to the extent allowed by levy limits.

Robkin suggests enlisting private allies such as the realtors to aid in fighting the bill. These groups will need to become mobilized and make their voice heard on this issue as this will directly impact their field.

Plautz stated that he read materials explaining that other states have found elimination of personal property taxes improves economic development. He prefers to see businesses expand and this would allow them to keep more profit.

Elimination of State Funding for UW Colleges fixtures and equipment – The Mayor explained that when the 2 year colleges were created, the agreement was that local communities would provide and maintain buildings and the UW system would populate the buildings with fixtures and equipment. In a different part of the State budget, is language that eliminates the State’s responsibility to fund fixtures and equipment in the 2 year college systems. We have a \$6M project being constructed as we speak, and are not certain what that means in our situation. The Mayor has contacted all owners of the 2 year colleges asking for their support in opposing this legislation.

Other relevant State budget issues. The Recycling reimbursement would be reduced by \$4M and that money would not be replaced. E Vaping would be regulated statewide and supercede local legislation. The League of WI Municipalities is doing what they can with their lobbyist, but need help from the local communities to fight the erosion of local control. Ald. Robkin suggested that another group of natural allies is college alumni.

Moved by Ellington, seconded by Petty and carried to return to regular session. Petty and Kolb stated this is the beginning and would like to see multiple resolutions opposing changes in state funding.

Resolution No. 14-142

WHEREAS, Representative Bob Kulp (R-Straford) and Senator Tom Tiffany (R-Hazelhurst) plan to introduce legislation that would eliminate both the personal property tax and the computer aid payments made to local governments; and

WHEREAS, the State has been making computer aid payments to local governments since 2001 to offset the personal property tax exemption for computer equipment that was created that year, and

WHEREAS, elimination of the personal property tax on businesses will result in even more of the property tax burden shifting to residential homeowners, and

WHEREAS, the impact of eliminating the personal property tax will be greatest in the cities and villages where most of the personal property tax base is located, and

WHEREAS, fully exempting all personal property from the property tax will likely result in a reduction in the incremental levy for many tax incremental finance districts;

WHEREAS, in the City of Baraboo, the loss of computer aid payment for exempt computers would mean \$40,995 less for the City’s General Fund and \$18,927 less for the City’s TIDs, for a total decrease in state aid payments of \$59,922; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Baraboo, the shift to residential homeowners would be \$189,125 of tax levy for just the City portion of property taxes and the resulting equalized tax rate increase will be \$.30

per \$1,000 valuation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Baraboo opposes any attempt by the State Legislature to eliminate the personal property tax and the computer aid payments local governments receive for tax-exempt computer and related equipment; and at a minimum, the loss in local tax base and resulting tax shift must be addressed before moving forward with the legislation.

Moved by Wedekind, seconded by Petty, and carried that **Resolution No. 14-142** be approved - 9 ayes.

MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR, AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

REPORTS and MINUTES

The City officially acknowledges receipt and distribution of the following:

Monthly Reports for March, 2015 from – Fire Dept.

Minutes from the Following Meetings -

Baraboo Public Arts Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting

Friday, February 13, 2015, 1:00PM

Members Attending: Sonja Stauffacher, Rochelle Robkin, Kurt Cottier

Members Absent: Bekah Stelling, Mark Tully, Brian Heller

Others Attending: Mayor Mike Palm, City Administrator Ed Geick, Larry McCoy

Call to Order: 1:00PM

No quorum.

Pre-Proposal Meeting for Mural

- Mayor Palm went over purpose of today's meeting; Baraboo history; and handed out wall diagram;
- Public involvement component explained;
- Color sketch is needed with proposal; Describe size;
- Materials – Wall, wood or canvas; your choice;
- Timetable;
- Cost, not to exceed and credits and in-kind;
- Bids due March 16, 2015 at 3pm;
- Questions about lifts and scaffolding; (Check on this with City)
- Who owns the mural

Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 3:00pm

Adjourn: at 8:40PM.

Baraboo Economic Development Commission

March 5, 2015

I. Call to Meeting to Order and Note Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Chairperson Greg Wise called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in Room 11 of the Civic Center 124 2nd St., Baraboo, WI. The meeting was noticed in conformance with Wisconsin State Statues regarding open meetings.

II. Roll Call & Approve Agenda

Present: Wise, Burgi, Umhoefer, Alt, Ayar, Bowers, Huffaker, Stauffacher, Taylor

Absent: Anderson, Sloan

Other: Mayor Palm, Ed Geick, Carolyn Wastlund, Patrick Cannon

III. Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes as presented for February 5, 2015

Umhoefer (1); Bowers (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

IV. Public Comment

No one from the public wished to make a comment at this time.

V. Presentation and Discussion: Economic Development Partners**a. Representation from Sauk County Development Corporation (SCDC)**

Mr. Roger Friede, President of the Sauk County Economic Development Corporation (SCDC) spoke about the status of the organization. The Corporation is currently funded by Sauk County contributing 50% of the annual budget. The balance of the budget is funded by those municipalities electing to be a member of the organization.

Other SCDC members in attendance were John Alt and Jim Bowers. Both of these SCDC members are also serving on the BEDC Board.

Currently, with the absence of an Executive Director, the Board is focusing on their organizational structure and is working on developing a set of long term goals. They would like to create a more focused Board and they felt SCDC cannot move forward with leadership and direction from the Board.

Their overall plans deals with less emphasis on the attraction of large format retail establishments but rather on the area of workforce development and the attraction of young talent to live and work in Sauk County.

Upon completion of Mr. Friede's presentation, the board members and additional attendees broke into small groups for a discussion period. These results will be presented at the next meeting.

VI. Old Business**A. Update on Development Activities**

City Administrator Ed Geick gave an update on the following items:

- a. A 32 unit senior housing unit is being completed.
- b. The Committee of the Whole has approved moving forward with a Public Safety complex.

B. Update on the Plan Commission and Council

Mayor Palm indicated that the City has issued a bond for financing the new Science Building on campus.

He further indicated that representatives from Teel Manufacturing, Flambeau, the School District and the City went to Madison to assist with a grant application. The \$67,000 grant will be used to assist 22 high school students desiring to enter into the manufacturing field.

The Mayor also indicated that he has been working with Dean Tracy White in pursuit of expansion of Bachelor degrees being provided by the University.

C. Updates from economic development partners and collaborators

Mr. Friede indicated that the SCDC will be holding its annual meeting on April 29, 2015. The location will be determined.

On behalf of the CDA, Ms. Wastlund indicated that the CDA will be working on some exterior renovations this year. In addition, the CDA is looking at the removal of the playground equipment at Corson Square duplexes and the use of the field as a youth soccer practice facility.

VII. New Business**A. Update on Economic Development Plan:**

Chairperson Wise indicated that the Mayor, City and CDA personnel and he have been working on the update of Chapter 8 of the Comprehensive Plan. In addition Dr. Ayar and one of his students have been working on the re-writing of the statistical portion of the Chapter.

B. Update on Partner Presentation Schedule

As a group, the members created the attached schedule of speakers/presenters for the next several months.

VIII. Commissioner and City Staff comments

Mr. Bowers indicated that he has heard several rumors regarding the former Shoe Box site and the concerns regarding the HWY 12 project.

Mayor Palm indicated that he attended a recent Lobby Day and was able to meet with our State Representative regarding issues that have an effect on Baraboo.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM.

Stauffacher (1); Taylor (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

Baraboo Economic Development Corporation
Speaker/Presenters Schedule

<u>Month</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>BEDC Member</u>
April	Manufacturing Or plan review	Jay Smith	Ms. Stauffacher
May	Manufacturing Or plan review	Jay Smith	Ms. Stauffacher
June	Advanced Manufacturing	Denise Reimer	
July	Social gathering	Greg Wise	Greg Wise
August	University of Wisconsin Baraboo- Sauk County	Dr. Tracy White	Dr. Umhoefer
September	“Why Baraboo?”	Nick Doranski	Dr. Ayar

Baraboo Public Arts Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting**Wednesday, March 16, 2015, 3:00PM**

Members Attending: Brian Heller, Bekah Stelling, Rochelle Robkin, Kurt Cottier

Members Absent: Sonja Stauffacher, Mark Tully

Others Attending: Mayor Mike Palm, City Administrator Ed Geick, Larry McCoy, Ben Bromley

Call to Order: 3:00PM

Agenda: Moved by Stelling and seconded by Cottier to approve; approved unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion included the following:

- Mural Proposals:
 1. Consensus favors not doing picture of buildings;
 2. Palm described the mixed approach that came out of discussion at Monday’s meeting;
 3. Stelling feels stylistically the Mason proposal has too many images;
 4. Manmound is Canfield’s drawing;
 5. Wagons, trains and others from Bernie are well liked at \$50/sf or \$8k/section;
 6. Stelling questioned if there were any copy writes on Ringling pictures;
 7. Bernie’s proposal is favored. They may want to change some images and do this in small pieces.

Do presentation at May 1st, 2015 Wine Walk.

Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015, 8:00am

Adjourn: Heller moved, Stelling seconded at 8:54AM.

Baraboo Public Arts Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting**Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 8:00AM**

Members Attending: Brian Heller, Bekah Stelling, Rochelle Robkin, Kurt Cottier

Members Absent: Sonja Stauffacher, Mark Tully

Others Attending: Mayor Mike Palm, City Administrator Ed Geick, Larry McCoy, Ben Bromley

Call to Order: 8:00AM

Agenda: Moved by Stelling and seconded by Cottier to approve; approved unanimously by voice vote.

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BARABOO BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID)

March 18, 2015

Members Present: S. Kessenich, D. Thurow, 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 Thurow, 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.

Finance/Personnel Committee – Council Chambers

March 24, 2015

Members Present: Petty, Sloan and Thurow

Absent: None

Others Present: M. Palm, E. Geick, Mary Klingenmeyer, media and the public

Call to Order –Ald. Petty called the meeting to order at 6:15 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 March 10, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Accounts Payable – Moved by Sloan, seconded by Thurow to recommend Council approval of the accounts payable for \$601,823.71. Motion carried unanimously.

GE Capital – Geick reported it is the same as Cheryl Giese and Mark Reitz had recommended previously. Moved by Sloan, seconded by Thurow to recommend Council approval of the settlement proposal. Motion carried, unanimously.

Boy Scouts – They have asked for a fee waiver for Boy Scouts of America Parade on May 15-17. Moved by Thurow, seconded by Sloan and carried to approve the fee waiver of the entire fee.

Zimmerman Family – They have asked for a fee waiver for the Zimmerman Family Fundraiser on April 25, 2015. Moved by Sloan, second by Thurow to approve the fee waiver. Motion carried, unanimously.

Mayor Palm suggested the Committee should request the Administrative Committee to consider exempting non-profit fees since Finance always approves a waiver, when requested. Klingenmeyer was directed to notify Giese it should be an agenda item for the

Committee Comments: None.

Adjournment – Moved by Sloan second by Thurow to adjourn. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

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

Police & Fire Comm	2-16-15	BDAS & Ad Hoc	2-25-15
Emergence Management	3-26-15	UW Campus Comm	3-19-15
CDA Finance Comt	2-26-15	CDA Loan Comt	3-3-15
CDA Comm	3-3-15		

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Correspondence from WPPA for desire to begin bargaining for a successor agreement received 4-6-15.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kolb, seconded by Sloan, and carried on voice vote, that the meeting adjourn.

Cheryl M. Giese, Clerk-Finance Director