

Regular Council Meeting April 4th, 2007 – 6:00 p.m. The West Burlington City Council met in regular session at 122 Broadway Street with Mayor Trousil presiding. Council Members Rod Crowner, Rick Raleigh, Tom Law, Marc Pilger and Therese Lees were present. City Administrator Dan Gifford, Fire Chief Terry Kesterke, Police Chief Alex Oblein, Building Inspector Lowell Hoy, Finance Officer Leslie Sattler and Public Works Director Randy Fry were also present.

Lees made a motion, second by Pilger, to approve the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote. Raleigh, Law, Lees, Pilger and Crowner voted aye. Motion carried.

Pilger made a motion, second by Lees, to approve following Consent Agenda items as presented. Roll call vote. Law, Lees, Pilger, Crowner and Raleigh voted aye. Motion carried.

- A. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting – March 21, 2007
- B. Approve Training for Officer Moore from the Center for Domestic Preparedness
- C. Approve Training for Lt. Newberry and Chief Oblein at the Governor’s Highway Traffic Safety Conference
- D. Approve Payments to Tyler Technologies for Software Conversion Upgrades - \$12,046.25
- E. Approve Claims List as presented in the amount of \$76,728.93

CITIZEN’S INQUIRIES: No inquiries.

PUBLIC HEARING – Concerning their intentions of entering into a General Obligation Loan Agreement for the constructing, furnishing and equipping of a new swimming pool – Mayor Trousil opened the public hearing and asked for comments. No written comments were received prior to the public hearing. No citizen comments were received. Crowner stated that he had two residents approach him with comments concerning the pool project. One resident suggested charging Burlington a annual fee, similar to the library, that would enable their residents to use the West Burlington Pool. The second comment Crowner relayed was more of a question as to why the new West Burlington pool was proposed at close to 4 million dollars and the new Mediapolis pool was significantly less. Dave Burbach with Burbach Aquatics was present and addressed Crowner’s question by explaining that the Mediapolis pool project consisted of utilizing the current bath house and keeping the pool vessel at approximately 5,700 sq. ft. The West Burlington project will have a new bath house and the size of the pool will be approximately 11,000 sq. ft. Mr. Burbach stated that the swimming pool committee has selected a pool size relative to the population with amenities that are appropriate for the needs of the community. Their being no further comments the public hearing was closed at 6:10 p.m.

Consider a Resolution taking action to enter into a General Obligation Urban Renewal Aquatic Center Loan Agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$4,500,000 – Lees made a motion, second by Pilger, to approve a Resolution taking action to enter into a General Obligation Urban Renewal Aquatic Center Loan Agreement for the constructing, furnishing and equipping of a new swimming pool in an amount not to exceed \$4,500,000. Roll call vote. Lees, Pilger, Crowner, Raleigh and Law voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE - Crowner reported that the 4th of July Committee is starting to plan the annual 4th of July Celebration and will be setting a organizational meeting in the next few weeks.

Mayor Trousil will send out evaluation forms to Council to conduct City Administrator Gifford's one year evaluation.

SANITATION- Nothing to report

UTILITIES – Nothing to report

PUBLIC SAFETY – Chief Oblein reported that the Police Department was awarded a Video Detective Grant that will allow the department to purchase video enhancement equipment and pay for Lt. Newberry to attend video enhancement training sessions.

Chief Oblein has also reported that the City of Danville will be selling their squad car and has approached West Burlington to see if there is any interest. Chief Oblein felt that the equipment that is installed in the car would be nice, but the car itself was not in that good of shape. He will have Public Works take a look at it and report back to Council.

Chief Kesterke reported that he has been working on several grant applications to purchase some new pieces of equipment at the fire department. The department participated in a disaster training session in Middletown with several other departments and found the training to be very helpful.

Lees asked Council if they have decided to tear down or try and rent the vacant house next to the Fire Department. When the house came up for sale a few years ago the City purchased it with the intension of tearing it down and making a parking lot. The house was being rented until a few months ago and has been vacant every sense. After a brief discussion Council agreed to have staff get prices for tearing the house down. The Police Department and the Fire Department would like to use the house for training before it is town down.

STREETS – Shipley has been working on repairs to the intersection of Wheeler and Schwartz St. They have finished most of the work, but still have to come back and finish sealing the joints.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider Setting a Public Hearing to Consider Amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan – Lees made a motion, second by Pilger, to approve a resolution setting a public hearing date of April 18th, 2007 to consider amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan. Roll call vote. Pilger, Crowner, Raleigh, Law and Lees voted aye. Motion carried.

Consider a Resolution Setting a Salary for Evan Bachtell for Performing Weekly Air Pack Inspections for the Fire Department – Lees made a motion, second by Pilger, to approve a Resolution setting a salary of \$10.00 per week for Evan Bachtell to perform weekly air pack inspections for the fire department. Roll call vote. Crowner, Raleigh, Law, Lees and Pilger voted aye. Motion carried.

Consider Hiring Alyssa Sarrazin for Season Help in the Public Works Department – Lees made a motion, second by Pilger, to approve a resolution to hire Alyssa Sarrazin for seasonal help in the Public Works Department at a wage of \$8.24 per hour. Lees asked Public Works Director Fry what the time frame was for seasonal help. Public Works Director Fry stated that there is not a specific time frame for seasonal employees. Some have worked from April to November, some only work from June to August, It really depends on the weather and the amount of work that needs to be done. There being no further discussion a roll call vote was taken. Raleigh, Law, Lees, Pilger and Crowner voted aye. Motion carried.

Consider the Purchase of a Paint Machine from Diamond Vogel at a cost of \$7,900.99 – Public Works Director Fry asked Council to consider approving the purchase of a paint machine from Diamond Vogel in the amount of \$7,900.99. The paint machine was included in the budget for FY 07/08. Diamond Vogel has agreed to deliver the paint machine now and bill the City in July. Lees made a motion, second by Pilger, to approve purchasing a paint machine from Diamond Vogel in the amount of \$7,900.09. Roll call vote. Law, Lees, Pilger, Crowner and Raleigh voted aye. Motion carried.

Consider Change Order for the Washington Road Paving Project - During a preconstruction meeting the hospital expressed concern over having Washington Road closed for approximately one month during the resurfacing project. They were concerned that closing the road now would delay the construction on the new Hospice Facility. The Hospital has asked that the project be delayed until July. French-Reneker-Associates have discussed the change with Shipley Contracting and Shipley Contracting has agreed to delay the project at no additional cost until July. With no further discussion Crowner made a motion, second by Pilger, to approve a change order delaying the start date for the Washington Road Paving Project until July. Roll call vote. Lees, Pilger, Crowner, Raleigh and Law. Voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

MAYOR'S INQUIRIES: Mayor Trousil reported that the Airport Authority has approved a bid for air service with Great Lakes beginning June 1st.

Mayor also reported that Burlington Waterworks has notified the City that water rates will increase 5.25% beginning July 1st. This is the third increase we have received from Burlington for water. The last two increases have not been passed on to West Burlington residents.

CITIZEN'S INQUIRIES:

ADJOURN – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. upon motion by Lees, second by Pilger. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Approved

Kelly Fry, City Clerk