

**Regular Council Meeting January 3, 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 and Therese Lees were present. Tom Law and Marc Pilger were absent. City Administrator Dan Gifford, Fire Chief Terry Kesterke, Police Chief Alex Oblein and Public Works Director Randy Fry were also present.

Mayor Trousil asked that Item #6 under New Business, “Consider adding Robert Davis to the rolls of the Fire Department” be removed from the agenda. Crowner made a motion, second by Raleigh, to approve the Agenda as amended. Roll call vote. Crowner, Raleigh and Lees voted aye. Motion carried.

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

- A. Minutes of the December 20, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting
- B. Re-appointing Jim Rouse to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term of 5 years
- C. Re-appointing Randy Fry to the Board of Zoning Adjustment for a term of 5 years
- D. Payment to Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities for Safety Training - \$17,957
- E. Payment to the City of Burlington for Ambulance Service on behalf of CTAA - \$42,429.67
- F. Distribution of Hotel/Motel Tax Revenue
- G. Approve Payment to Tyler Works Incode Division for Software Conversion - \$9,083.31
- H. Approve Claims as Presented in the amount of 252,353.36

**CITIZEN’S INQUIRIES:** No inquiries.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SANITATION** – Nothing to report

**UTILITIES** – Nothing to report

**STREETS** – Nothing to report

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – In response to a request from the last meeting Police Chief Oblein reported that the fees for animals taken to the pound were as follows: A maximum boarding fee of \$23.15 is charged for each animal. If the animal is picked up by the owner the owner must pay the boarding charge. If the animal is adopted or put to sleep the City is responsible for boarding fees and a \$6.00 fee for having the animal euthanized. Chief Oblein also reported that the department had responded to 129 false alarm calls in 2005 and 94 false alarm calls in 2006.

Fire Chief Kesterke reported that several officers are preparing to attend Winter Fire School in Ames. The department will be taking part in Safety Day at SCC and the Home Alone Rangers program on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**FINANCE** – Staff will begin reviewing department budgets next week prior to the Council work session.

At Crowner’s request staff reported that two property owners who constructed non-conforming fences on their property have picked up variance request applications, but have not returned them to City Hall.

Mayor Trousil stated that he received a request from Royal Publishing asking if the City would be interested in advertising in the West Burlington Wrestling Program. Crowner made a motion, second by Lees, to deny the request. Crowner and Lees voted aye. Raleigh voted nay. Motion carried.

Mayor Trousil reported that C-Cat had inspected the City's rental property at 301 Broadway and determined that it would cost approximately \$775.0 to treat the property for termite damage. Mayor Trousil and Crowner encouraged the other Council members to take a look at the property and determine if they would like to make necessary repairs and try to rent it again or if it should be torn down.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Consider a Resolution to Name the Des Moines County News and The Hawkeye as Official Newspapers for the City** – Crowner made a motion, second by Lees, to approve a Resolution naming the Des Moines County News and The Hawkeye as official newspapers for the City. Roll call vote. Crowner, Lees and Raleigh voted aye. Motion carried.

**Consider the Final Reading of an Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 55 Regulating Animals and Large and Leashing Requirements** - Raleigh made a motion, second by Crowner, to approve the final reading of the ordinance amending Chapter 55 of the City Code related to animals running at large and implementing new leashing requirements. Administrator Gifford stated that Councilman Pilger contacted him prior to the meeting to say that he would not be in attendance and would like to see the other Council members proceed with the final reading of the ordinance as presented. Roll call vote. Crowner, Raleigh and Lees voted aye. Motion carried.

**Consider Additional Cost of \$1,327.25 for the Purchase of a Frag Container for the Fire Department** - The purchase of this item was previously approved at a cost to the City of \$2,100. Due to some installation problems a different container is necessary and will cost an additional \$1,327.25. Lees made a motion, second by Raleigh, to authorize the purchase of a frag container for the fire department at an additional cost of \$1,327.25. Roll call vote. Crowner, Raleigh and Lees voted aye. Motion carried.

**Consider a Resolution adding Joshua Poggemiller to the rolls of the Fire Department** – Lees made a motion to approve a resolution adding Joshua Poggemiller to the rolls of the Fire Department. The motion died for lack of a second. Motion failed.

**Consider a Resolution adding Karen Van Scoy to the rolls of the Fire Department** – Crowner made a motion, second by Raleigh, to approve a resolution adding Karen Van Scoy to the rolls of the Fire Department. Roll call vote. Raleigh, Lees and Crowner voted aye. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS: No old business.**

**MAYOR'S INQUIRIES:** Mayor Trousil thanked Officer Ringo Covert for donating approximately \$1,255 worth of exercise and weightlifting equipment to the Police Department.

Mayor Trousil reminded Council that Budget Work Sessions will be held on January 17<sup>th</sup> following the City Council meeting and on January 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**CITIZEN'S INQUIRIES:**

The following citizens expressed concern that a new protocol list for the West Burlington Fire Department Med 10 unit, sent to Burlington Dispatch by Mayor Trousil on December 21, 2006, would be detrimental to people who were suffering from life threatening injuries or illnesses.

- \* Mike Miller, 11451 Westwood Hills Dr., Des Moines County resident
- \* Deb Van Scoy, 705 Louisa, Burlington
- \* Lenny Sanders, Captain on the W.B.F.D., 405 Broadway, West Burlington
- \* Todd Van Scoy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Fire Chief on the W.B. F.D., 101 Schwartz, West Burlington

- ✘ Karen Steward, wife of West Burlington Fire Fighter Mike Steward, 410 Spring St., West Burlington
- ✘ Dick Mellinger, 12043 Flint Valley Dr., Des Moines County resident
- ✘ Jason Shackelford, Fire Fighter on the W.B.F.D., 114 Summer St., West Burlington

Mayor Trousil's letter to Burlington Dispatch listed medical conditions that warranted the dispatch of the West Burlington Fire Dept. Med 10 Unit. The list included cardiac arrest, stroke, uncontrolled bleeding, unconscious/unresponsive patient as well as motor vehicle accidents with personal injuries, carbon monoxide alarms, entrapments and any other medical condition where responding ambulance or police officer requests assistance from the Med 10 unit. Mayor Trousil's letter was to supersede Fire Chief Kesterke's December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006 letter to Burlington Dispatch, which listed a much wider variety of calls. Mayor Trousil felt that calls such as falls, possible fracture/dislocation and general illness did not constitute the definition of "life threatening" conditions that warranted the dispatch of the West Burlington Fire Dept. Med 10 unit.

Mayor Trousil explained that the new protocol list would not affect the response from the Burlington Ambulance Service. The new protocol is for the West Burlington Fire Department's Med 10 unit which was established to act strictly as a first responder service for life threatening injuries or illnesses. The intent of the new protocol is to curtail the increasing financial burden to the City for staffing and operating the Med 10 unit by getting the first responders back to the original protocol list and avoid having the Med 10 unit respond to every medical call. Every medical call made to 911 will still have a Burlington ambulance respond. No changes were made to how ambulances are dispatched and what medical calls they respond to. The Med 10 unit is an additional service that the West Burlington Fire Department provides to assist the ambulance crew. Mayor Trousil also stated that if the ambulance crew or police department asked for assistance the Med 10 unit would still respond.

Public Safety Committee Chairman Lees, felt that more discussion was needed and called for a Public Safety Committee meeting to be held on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in City Hall Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURN** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. upon motion by Crowner, second by Lees. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

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Kelly Fry, City Clerk