

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FORT ATKINSON, WISCONSIN
JANUARY 3, 2008**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by President Mielke at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

2. ROLL CALL

On call of the roll, members present were:

LaVerne Behrens
John Mielke
Jim Simdon
Steve Tesmer
Mark Zastrow

Also present were the City Manager, City Engineer, City Attorney, City Clerk/Treasurer and the City Public Works Superintendent.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2007 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Cm. Simdon, seconded by Cm. Tesmer, moved to approve the minutes the December 18, 2007 regular Council meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

5. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. COMMUNICATION FROM DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WITH UPDATE ON U.S.H. 12 BYPASS.

The City Manager stated the update basically outlines the DOT's three part solution which includes short-term improvements to the existing route, officially mapping the southern bypass and constructing it when the need is present and funding is available.

Cwmn. Behrens, seconded by Cm. Zastrow, moved to accept and file the communication from the Department of Transportation with update on the U.S.H. 12 Bypass. The motion carried on a voice vote.

6. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

None.

7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Cm. Tesmer, seconded by Cm. Simdon, moved to accept and file the minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held December 4, 2007; the minutes of the Historical Society Board meeting held November 15, 2007; the minutes of the Dwight Foster Public Library Board meeting held November 4, 2007; and the Electrical, Building and Plumbing Permit reports for December, 2007. The motion carried on a voice vote.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. NOTIFICATION FROM ON-COR FROZEN FOODS, LLC, THAT THEY HAVE NO CURRENT PLANS TO BUILD ON LOT 8 IN THE ROBERT L. KLEMENT BUSINESS PARK, PER BUSINESS PARK COVENANTS.

The City Manager discussed some of the reasons On-Cor decided not to build in the business park at this time.

Cm. Zastrow, seconded by Cm. Simdon, moved to accept and file the notification from On-Cor Frozen Foods, LLC, that they have no current plans to build on Lot 8 in the Robert L. Klement Business Park, per Business Park Covenants. The motion carried on a voice vote.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. DISCUSSION ON PRIMARY ELECTION FOR MUNICIPAL JUDGE.

Cm. Zastrow, seconded by Cwmn. Behrens, moved to approve a primary election for Municipal Judge. The motion carried on a voice vote.

- b. UPDATE FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ON SNOW REMOVAL COSTS.

The City Manager stated approximately \$258,000 has been spent on snow and ice removal costs in 2007 compared to \$82,936 in 2003, \$101,441 in 2004, \$212,609 in 2005 and \$97,784 in 2006, so it has really been over expended this year. Fuel costs are not covered in the \$258,000 estimate, so there will be some overages in the fuel account as well. Overall, there should be some under-spending in other accounts to hopefully absorb some of these overages, but the balance will be covered by City surplus, which is kept on hand for this type of situation.

Cm. Zastrow, seconded by Cm. Tesmer, moved to accept and file the update from the Superintendent of Public Works on snow removal costs. The motion carried on a voice vote.

c. **REVIEW AND APPROVE BID FOR SERVICE TRUCK AND ACCESSORIES FOR ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT AS BUDGETED.**

The City Manager stated three bids were received for the truck and the low bid of \$19,466 from Havill Dodge is recommended. Additionally, body and accessories from Northland Equipment Co. in the amount of \$8,355 and ladders, lights and a hitch in an amount not to exceed \$2,179 will be needed. Authorization is also needed to sell the existing 1983 service truck with a minimum starting bid of \$2,000.

Cm. Zastrow, seconded by Cwmn. Behrens, moved to approve the bid from Havill Dodge for the service truck and also the accessories from Northland Equipment Co. in an amount not to exceed \$29,321, and to authorize sale the of the existing 1983 service truck with a minimum starting bid of \$2,000. On call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

10. MISCELLANEOUS

a. **GRANTING OPERATOR LICENSES.**

Cm. Simdon, seconded by Cm. Tesmer, moved to approve the following list of applicants for operator licenses for the 2006-2008 license period:

REGULAR:	Cathi A. Trautman	for use at	Legion Dugout
	Ryan A. Wengel	“ “	Central Coast

The motion carried on a voice vote.

11. CLAIMS, APPROPRIATIONS AND CONTRACT PAYMENTS

a. **VERIFIED CLAIMS.**

Cwmn. Behrens, seconded by Cm. Tesmer, moved the bills in the amounts of \$271,425.60 for the City (Fund 1); \$80,137.56 for the Sewer Utility (Fund 2); \$84,091.99 for the Water Utility (Fund 3); \$7,986.25 for Downtown Economic Development (Fund 13); and \$166,440.79 for Payrolls 26 and 26A as per Schedule N-61 on file in the office of the City Clerk/Treasurer and as audited and approved by the Finance Committee be allowed and orders be authorized drawn on the proper funds for their payment. On call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Cm. Simdon, seconded by Cm. Tesmer, moved to adjourn the January 3, 2008 regular City of Fort Atkinson Council meeting at 7:25 p.m. The motion carried on a voice vote.

/s/ Matt Trebatoski
City Clerk/Treasurer