

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FORT ATKINSON, WISCONSIN
AUGUST 7, 2007**

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 and City Clerk/Treasurer.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2007 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Cm. Simdon, seconded by Cm. Tesmer, moved to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2007 regular Council meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

5. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. **REQUEST BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO USE ENTIRE PARKING LOT ACROSS FROM THE POST OFFICE FOR FALL FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2007.**

Cm. Zastrow, seconded by Cwmn. Behrens, moved to approve the request by the Chamber of Commerce to use the entire parking lot across from the Post Office for the Fall Festival on Saturday, September 22, 2007. The motion carried on a voice vote.

b. **REQUEST FOR BLOCK PARTY IN 400 BLOCK OF CONVERSE STREET ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2007.**

Cm. Tesmer, seconded by Cm. Simdon, moved to approve the request for a block party in the 400 block of Converse Street on Saturday, August 18, 2007. The motion carried on a voice vote.

6. **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

None.

7. **REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Cm. Zastrow, seconded by Cwmn. Behrens, moved to accept and file the minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held July 3, 2007; the minutes of the Historical Society Board meeting held June 21, 2007; the minutes of the Historical Society Weekly Core Construction Committee meetings held June 18, 2007, June 25, 2007 and July 9, 2007; the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held July 24, 2007; the minutes of the Water Tower Committee meeting held July 26, 2007; the minutes of the Dwight Foster Public Library Building Committee meeting held July 19, 2007; and the minutes of the Water Tower Committee meeting held August 2, 2007. The motion carried on a voice vote.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. **RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE PRELIMINARY CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP CREATING TWO LOTS AND ONE OUTLOT AT MADISON AVENUE AND REENA AVENUE (TABLED AT JULY 3, 2007 MEETING).**

Cm. Tesmer, seconded by Cwmn. Behrens, moved to remove the item from the table. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The City Manager stated there have been a couple meetings with the parties involved since the July 3, 2007 Council meeting. It was discovered that until there is a new street the outlot will not have any street frontage and therefore will need to be a part of one of the other full lots. To address this issue a note has been placed on the survey stating that Outlot 1 may only be sold to an adjacent owner.

There has not been a full agreement of all the parties on the future of the street, however based on the research done and the discussions between the groups, it's the City staff's belief there is sufficient information to pursue the road in an agreement with Ramesh Shah and there is no need to further delay the approval of this map.

Cwmn. Behrens, seconded by Cm. Zastrow, moved to approve the Preliminary Certified Survey Map creating two lots and one outlot at Madison Avenue and Reena Avenue with the note that Outlot 1 may only be sold to an adjacent owner. The motion carried on a voice vote.

b. **REPORT ON WATER TOWER RESTORATION COMPLETION, AND AUTHORIZATION TO UNDERTAKE PHASE II.**

Roger Sherman gave a brief history of the project and funding and expressed his appreciation to the Council and all of the people involved with the successful completion of Phase I of the 1901 Water Tower restoration project.

Mr. Sherman requested authorization from the City Council to undertake Phase II and to pursue grants, funds and engineering services. Phase II will consist of external and internal lighting and the replacement of the interior wooden stairs with new, steel stairs. The estimated cost for this work is between \$150,000 and \$175,000.

Cm. Tesmer, seconded by Cm. Simdon, moved to authorize the undertaking of Phase II and the pursuit of engineering services, grants and funds. The motion carried on a voice vote.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

10. **MISCELLANEOUS**

a. **SET DATES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND BUDGET WORKSHOPS AND PUBLIC HEARING.**

The Council approved the dates specified in the City Manager's memo.

b. **GRANTING OPERATOR LICENSES.**

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

REGULAR:	Amanda M. Coleman	for use at	Legion Dugout
	Patricia A. Engen	“ “	Lions Quick Mart
	Julie L. Grant	“ “	Kwik-Trip
	Laura A. Houk	“ “	Fat Boyz
	Sherri L. Kneer	“ “	Velvet Lips Lounge
	Anne M. Kotz	“ “	Blackhawk Tavern
	Katie J. Sams	“ “	Fat Boyz

The motion carried on a voice vote.

11. CLAIMS, APPROPRIATIONS AND CONTRACT PAYMENTS

a. VERIFIED CLAIMS.

Cm. Simdon, seconded by Cm. Tesmer, moved the bills in the amounts of \$1,596,822.68 for the City (Fund 1); \$423,061.91 for the Sewer Utility (Fund 2); \$175,595.03 for the Water Utility (Fund 3); \$641.00 for 1901 Water Tower (Fund 8); \$9,417.82 for Downtown Economic Development (Fund 13); and \$144,998.63 for Payrolls 15 & 15A as per Schedule N-51 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. Tesmer, seconded by Cwmn. Behrens, moved to adjourn the August 7, 2007 regular City of Fort Atkinson Council meeting at 7:24 p.m. The motion carried on a voice vote.

/s/ Matt Trebatoski
City Clerk/Treasurer