

MINUTES

SHEBOYGAN COMMON COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – WEDNESDAY MARCH 14TH, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bohren at 6:00 p.m.

Aldermen present: Bohren, Carlson, Hammen, Hammond, Heidemann, Kath, Kittelson, Roeseler, VanAkkeren and Versey.

Aldermen excused: Boeldt, Matichek, Sampson, and VanderWeele.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Approval of the minutes of 2/1/2012. Dekker/Hammond. All ayes. Motion passes.

No one spoke at the Public Forum.

Chairman had no comments at this time.

Corporal Roy Kluss of the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department along with David Biebel, Public Works Director for the City of Sheboygan, was present to discuss the Sheboygan County Jail Inmates Community Service Program. This program was talked about and unanimously endorsed by the Public Works Committee. The program will be tried out at the cemetery first because it is a fixed location. There is a lot of work there and should be a great fit – equates up to 5 seasonal employees up to \$33,000. Transportation to and from the site will be needed.

Ald. Hammond asked who will monitor the program? It will be monitored closely on both sides. Corp. Kluss stated that if any problems arise, they will be addressed immediately. He also stated that most of these people are out under the Huber Law and are very well screened. They have had this program in place for 3 years for approximately 20 -25,000 hours worth of work. They have not had any problems – no injuries or major infractions.

Ald. VanAkkeren asked if the city would incur any liability. Attorney McLean distributed 2 documents regarding this issue – 1. His comments and concerns 2. A resolution approving the city's participation in the Sheboygan County Work Camp Program. Corporal Kluss stated that having people sign this waiver of liability would not be a problem. Motion was made to approve the resolution as written. Hammond/Heidemann. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Move to file Council Document #5-6 from 2/06/2012. R.O. No. 357-11-12. A communication from Richard Hartmann. Dekker/Hammond. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Move to file Council Document #5-5 from 2/06/2012. R.O. No. 356-11-12. A communication from the Sheboygan County Taxpayers Alliance. Roeseler/Hammond. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Move to approve Council Document #4-4 from 3/05/2012. Res. No. 154-11-12 – A Resolution calling for a binding referendum on whether or not the City of Sheboygan shall continue having a full-time Mayor. If the voters so choose, the alternative shall be reducing the role of Mayor to a part-time position. Carlson/Versey.

Discussion continued on the resolution. Ald. Roeseler stated that we should continue with a fulltime mayor and not have a referendum, but if the referendum should pass, it should also include downsizing the council. Roeseler then asked the Mayor to comment on what he feels the position warrants. Ald. Carlson stated he would like the people to decide what their government should look like. Ald. Hammond stated he feels it is not a full time/part time issue, it is a financial argument. What is the job worth moneywise, not the hours worked. We should look at the salary and let the mayor put in the hours. Ald. VanAkkeren stated that the mayor and the city administrator are two different entities. If the mayor's hours were to be reduced, it would seem the city administrator would become a more political figure and he does not agree with this. Ald. Kath will not support the referendum. She supports having a full time mayor. Ald. Bohren was not sold on the city administrator at first, but the committee that did the study on it suggested a part time mayor with a full time city administrator. He feels the citizens can make an intelligent choice on this.

Mayor VanAkkeren the addressed the council on this – he believes a full time mayor is warranted and agrees with keeping the political side away from the city administrator. The mayor should work with the council on developing policy, etc. The day to day duties of the mayor have changed. Role call vote was taken at this time.

Ayes: Bohren, Carlson, Hammen, Heidemann, and Versey. No's: Dekker, Hammond, Kath, Kittelson, Roeseler, VanAkkeren. Motions Fails.

Motion was made to amend Council Document #6-1 from 3/05/2012 to include raising the insurance to 18% and Wisconsin Retirement to 6.65%. (Gen. Ord. No. 71-11-12. An ordinance re-establishing the salary schedule for the office of mayor.) Carlson/Hammen. 9 Ayes. 2 Nos. Motion carries.

Vote taken on Document #6-1 as amended to \$50,000 – 18% insurance contribution and Wisconsin Retirement to 6.65%. Carlson/Hammen. 8 Ayes. 3 nos. Motion carries.

Vote taken to amend Document #7-1 to \$50,000 and 18% insurance contribution and Wisconsin Retirement to 6.65%. Roeseler/Versey. 8 Ayes. 3 Nos. Motion carries.

Vote taken on entire Document #7-1 as amended. Roeseler/Versey. 6 Ayes. 5 Nos. Motion carries.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. Hammond/Hammen. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Alderman Jean Kittelson – 5th District – City of Sheboygan.