

**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF DE PERE, WISCONSIN - January 15, 2008**

The Common Council of the City of De Pere, Wisconsin, met in regular session at the Council Chambers in City Hall, on Tuesday, January 15, 2008.

Mayor Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Alderpersons Holly Arnold, Carl Castelic, Jerome Daanen, Michael Donovan, Sam Dunlop, Paul Kegel, Dan Robinson and Kathy Van Vonderen. The Opening Prayer was given by Alderperson Robinson and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Alderperson Kegel moved, seconded by Alderperson Dunlop, to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2007 meeting and January 2, 2008 special meeting. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

4. A Public Hearing to act on a conditional use request for a bed and breakfast located at 903 N. Broadway Street, Parcel ED-129 for petitioners Steven and Amy Sehring is scheduled for 7:35 p.m.

A. The Notice of Public Hearing was published in the City's Official Newspaper, the De Pere Journal on December 27, 2007.

B. Planning Director Ken Pabich read the recommendation from the Plan Commission and the Plan Commission recommended approval of the conditional use permit contingent upon compliance with all requirements and conditions.

Mayor Walsh declared the public hearing open for anyone wishing to speak at 7:33 p.m. There was no one present who wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

C. Resolution #08-01 Authorizing and Approving a Conditional Use Permit (Parcel ED-129 for Steven and Amy Sehring) was presented. Alderperson Van Vonderen moved, seconded by Alderperson Dunlop, to approve the resolution.

Alderperson Daanen moved, seconded by Alderperson Robinson, to open the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

William & Debra Behrendt, 1509 Kellogg St, Green Bay, responded to alderpersons' questions stating they tried to make contact with all five nearby neighbors and succeeded in contacting three of them. One neighbor didn't like the idea of going commercial and two others had no objections. It has three rooms for adults only with a maximum of six people, which would allow three extra vehicles. They will be running it themselves and their daughter and mom will have 1% ownership to help out when necessary.

Alderperson Dunlop moved, seconded by Alderperson Daanen, to return to regular session at 7:48 p.m.

Upon discussion and vote, motion carried with 7 ayes and 1 nay. Alderperson Arnold voted nay; all others voted aye.

5. Public Comment or other Announcements: No public comment. Scott Thoreson, Public Works Director, reported staff finished installing the flashing LED lights on Third and Main.

Aldersperson Robinson announced on Wed., Feb. 27th at 7:00 p.m. there will be a presentation on Fostering Sustainability in De Pere at St. Norbert College Campus at Room 11 Cofrin Hall and invited everyone to attend.

Aldersperson Van Vonderen announced the Sister Cities International Board will be meeting this Thursday, Jan. 17th at 4:00 at City Hall.

Ken Pabich, Planning Director, thanked the Council members who toured the Green Bay Packaging facility recently and stated the facility expressed their gratitude to the City for making this work.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

6A. Aldersperson Van Vonderen moved, seconded by Aldersperson Castelic, to approve the donation from Wal-Mart for a 12' decorated artificial Christmas tree for the upper level entrance of the Community Center. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

6B. Aldersperson Kegel moved, seconded by Aldersperson Van Vonderen, to accept Schenck's proposal to complete a Wastewater Rate Analysis. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

6C. Aldersperson Van Vonderen moved, seconded by Aldersperson Kegel, to approve submission of the water rate study to the PSC. Mike Konecny from Schenck SC explained the City's application to the PSC for a proposed water rate increase of 4.76% would be to pay for operations and debt service. This proposed rate would amount to approximately a \$5 increase on the average quarterly bill. He also compared the water utilities and hydrant rental fees with surrounding communities. Upon discussion and roll call vote, motion carried with 7 ayes and 1 nay. Aldersperson Arnold voted nay; all others voted aye.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

7A. Aldersperson Donovan moved, seconded by Aldersperson Kegel, to approve the proposal from TNOW to purchase four new garbage/recycle trucks. Upon discussion and roll call vote, motion carried with 7 ayes and 1 nay. Aldersperson Arnold voted nay; all others voted aye.

8. Ordinance #08-01 Amending Chapter 30 and 86 De Pere Municipal Code Regarding Dogs in Parks was presented. Aldersperson Van Vonderen moved, seconded by Aldersperson Dunlop, to enact the ordinance. Upon discussion and vote, motion carried unanimously.

9. Resolution #08-01 Adopting Update to the City's Comprehensive Park & Outdoor Recreation Plan was presented. Aldersperson Van Vonderen moved, seconded by Aldersperson Kegel, to approve the resolution. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

10. Aldersperson Donovan moved, seconded by Aldersperson Kegel, to approve Hurckmann Mechanical's proposal to install a stainless steel liner in the City Hall chimney. Marty Kosobucki, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director, explained the boilers are causing moisture problems in the chimney and the liner would eliminate this from happening. Upon discussion and roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

11. Council discussed the 2008 non-medicare retiree health insurance premiums. Administrator Larry Delo explained the city's health insurance is self-funded and reviewed the three premium options that were discussed in December. At that time, Council approved increasing the 2008 health insurance premiums for active employees 15%, non-medicare retirees 23%, and medicare retirees 15% and this was implemented 1/1/08. The claims the non-Medicare retiree group has

had over the past few years exceeds the premiums paid and the intent is to make the Council aware of this deficit and the need to have it covered. Discussion followed.

Aldersperson Kegel moved, seconded by Aldersperson Arnold, to open the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Kurt Weyers, 1702 O'Hearn Lane, addressed the Council stating in his opinion the rates should be spread out among all the employees including the retirees and shared equally.

Paul Kersten, 1262 Driftwood, retired employee, spoke in favor of the rates being spread across the board and felt very strongly this is the fair and right thing to do.

Mitch Scray, 222 Prospect Place, stated he is a current employee with the Fire Department for 33 years and has paid for those retirees while he worked here and paid equally. When are we going to target other groups? This would be setting a dangerous precedent and the retirees are on a fixed income.

Dan Carpenter, 1180 Trailwood Dr, President of the De Pere Municipal Employee Association Union, stated when they negotiate the contract they believe at the end this is what they are going to get. At this point he thinks it's only fair to do the same thing for everyone and open it up later for change.

Aldersperson Dunlop moved, seconded by Aldersperson Van Vonderen, to return to regular session at 8:49 p.m. Further discussion followed.

Aldersperson Robinson moved, seconded by Aldersperson Dunlop, to approve a 16% increase for all employees effective February 1, 2008. Upon discussion and roll call vote, motion carried with 5 ayes and 4 nays. Alderspersons Daanen, Donovan, Robinson & Van Vonderen voted nay; all others voted aye and Mayor Walsh broke the tie voting aye.

12. Aldersperson Dunlop moved, seconded by Aldersperson Donovan, to approve the vouchers. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

13. Aldersperson Arnold moved, seconded by Aldersperson Castelic, to approve Operator License Applications #1-9 & 11-13 listed below. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Aldersperson Arnold moved, seconded by Aldersperson Castelic, to table Operator License Applications #10 listed below to obtain additional information from the police department on a conviction listed. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

OPERATOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR JANUARY 15, 2008						
	Lic#	NAME	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
1	597	BECKETT, NICOLE M.	712 N. CLAY ST.	DE PERE	WI	54115
2	598	CHRISTENSEN, BETH L.	2420 SYCAMORE, #112	GREEN BAY	WI	54311
3	599	COLLAR, JENNIFER L.	1079 ROCKDALE ST.	GREEN BAY	WI	54304
4	600	DUFOUR, MIRANDA S.	1340 MCCORMICK	GREEN BAY	WI	54301
5	601	INGMAN, REBECCA G.	822 MARVELLE LN., APT. D	GREEN BAY	WI	54304
6	602	LEE, JEFFREY T.	2736 MONACO DR.	GREEN BAY	WI	54311
7	603	O'DONNELL, SARAH C.	3444 TARRAGON	GREEN BAY	WI	54313
8	604	ORLANDO, SANDY M.	1371 LINDALE LN.	GREEN BAY	WI	54313
9	605	SCHOENWALDER, TODD A.	1405 CAREFREE CT.	GREEN BAY	WI	54313

10	tabled	SCHULTZ, CHRISTOPHER M.	810 NEUFELD ST.	GREEN BAY	WI	54304
11	606	STEWART, JAMES B.	1167 HASTINGS ST.	GREEN BAY	WI	54301
12	607	VANDRISSE, CHRISTINA M.	1019 SAINT GEORGE ST.	GREEN BAY	WI	54302
13	608	ZENTMEYER, CHUCK W.	2214 CARSTENSEN LN.	GREEN BAY	WI	54304

14. Future Agenda Items: None for Council Agenda.

15. Alderperson Donovan moved, seconded by Alderperson Van Vonderen, to convene in closed session at 9:04 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(e) regarding collective bargaining issues covering the Municipal Employee Association & discuss the proposed Boundary Agreement with Ledgeview. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Prior to convening in closed session, Alderperson Robinson moved, seconded by Alderperson Castelic, to open the meeting at 9:05 p.m. There was no one present who wished to speak. Alderperson Donovan moved, seconded by Alderperson Dunlop, to return to regular session.

Alderperson Robinson moved, seconded by Alderperson Arnold, to reconvene in open session at 9:30 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.83 and 19.85(2). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Alderperson Dunlop, seconded by Alderperson Robinson, the Common Council unanimously adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene M. Peterson
City Clerk-Treasurer