

The Committee of Whole of the City of Horicon met regular session on February 9, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Neitzel at 6:00 p.m.

Alders present: Hady, Marschke, Anfinson, Miller, Plautz, and Fausett.

Alders absent: None.

Mayor Neitzel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Appearances:

A resident appeared and expressed concern regarding the absence of sewer service at his property and the expense he incurred to install it. The resident questioned City records and how/why the property was allowed to be without sewer service.

A discussion was held regarding the property.

Leslie Spoerl, 202 North Hubbard Street, requested the City reimburse her for a plumbing bill she received to unplug her sewer.

Discussion was held regarding the incident and whether or not the blockage occurred in the City's main or in the resident's lateral.

Motion by Fausett, second by Plautz, to compensate Leslie Spoerl ½ of the plumbing bill, which was \$281.73, for unplugging of the sewer at 202 North Hubbard Street.

Voting AYE: Fausett, Anfinson, and Plautz.

Voting NAY: Hady, Marschke, and Miller.

Mayor Neitzel voted AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Anfinson, second by Fausett, to approve a Street Use Permit for the Horicon Historical Society for use of the 300 Block of Winter Street during their Living History Days May 5-8, 2016.

All voting AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, second by Anfinson, to approve the 3-year AT&T High Volume Calling IV contract for long distance telephone service.

All voting AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Plautz, second by Miller, to approve the Extended Well Abandonment Agreement between the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the City of Horicon for Well #3.

All voting AYE. Motion carried.

Jim Schaefer, Director of Economic Development and Bill Ehlenbeck, Dodge County Manager of Parks & Trails, gave a brief presentation requesting the City to commit funds towards Dodge County's grant application for Phase 2 of the Gold Star Memorial Trail.

Discussion was held regarding the Trail, what encompasses Phase 2, benefits of the Trail, use of funds for City parks, and use of sales tax monies collected by Dodge County to fund the Project.

Motion by Fausett, second by Plautz, to commit \$10,000 to Phase 2 Design and Construction of the Gold Star Memorial Trail upon Dodge County's approval and receipt of the TAP Grant.

Voting AYE: Fausett, Plautz, and Hady.

Voting NAY: Marschke, Anfinson, and Miller.

Mayor Neitzel voted NAY. Motion failed.

Motion by Fausett, second by Plautz, to commit \$5,000 to Phase 2 Design and Construction of the Gold Star Memorial Trail upon Dodge County's approval and receipt of the TAP Grant.

Voting AYE: Fausett, Plautz, and Hady.

Voting NAY: Marschke, Anfinson, and Miller.

Mayor Neitzel voting AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Hady, second by Fausett, to authorize the purchase of 45 bare root trees and 1 Autumn Blaze Maple in the amount of \$3,028.75 from Willow Springs Nursery, LLC.

All voting AYE. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the hiring of a contractor to assist in planting. Consensus of the Committee to obtain a more concise quote for the work and review it at the February Council meeting.

Motion by Fausett, second by Anfinson, to authorize Total Overhead Door Systems, LLC to replace doors at the WWTF in the amount of \$4,745.

All voting AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Marschke, second by Plautz, to authorize the write-off of uncollectible debt in the amount of \$9,747.72 as summarized on distributed worksheet.

Discussion was held regarding the statute of limitation to collect on outstanding debt.

Vote on above motion.

Voting AYE: Marschke, Miller, Plautz, and Hady.

Voting NAY: Anfinson, Fausett.

Motion carried.

Motion by Anfinson, second by Miller, to authorize the Police Department to participate in the Experience Works Program.

All voting AYE. Motion carried.

There were no operator license applications.

## Non-Action Discussion:

Dave Magnussen, Public Works/Utility Supervisor, distributed information relating to the Horicon Public/Private Tree Planting Program. The paperwork was reviewed and discussed by the Committee.

Magnussen announced there had been a water main break on Mary Lane. He also announced he had met with Northeast Asphalt relating to mill/overlay of City streets for 2016.

Schaefer, referenced a report he had distributed to the Council. Schaefer discussed the apparent lack of available apartments in the City.

Russ Saunders, Police Lieutenant, announced he and Chief Adamson are attending the Wisconsin Chiefs Conference. Saunders thanked the Council for their approval of his new laptop. Saunders announced the Department would begin working extra shifts as part of a received grant next week.

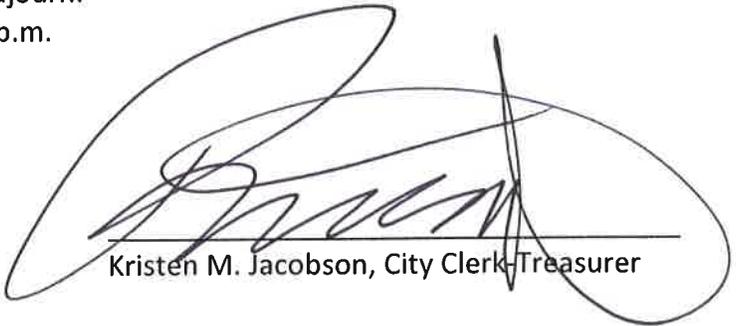
Jim Bandsma, Fire Chief, announced the retirement of Brad Arndt from the Fire Department after 21 years of service. Bandsma stated the internet is not working at the Safety Building for the Fire Department, EMS, and the Municipal Court and he wants to know what can be done to rectify the situation.

Kristen Jacobson, Clerk-Treasurer, read an article relating to the statute of limitations.

Anfinson announced the City has done a good job plowing and keeping up with the recent snow falls.

Mayor Neitzel requested an update on the status of the creation of the City's new website.

Motion by Miller, second by Anfinson, to adjourn.  
All voting AYE. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.



Kristen M. Jacobson, City Clerk-Treasurer