

**COMMON COUNCIL  
COUNCIL ROOM  
FEBRUARY 14, 2017  
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council met in regular session, Mayor Mabie presiding. On roll call: Council Member Quicker absent, all other members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the previous meeting were declared approved.

Mayor Mabie reported on the February 2, 2017 meeting of the Police and Fire Commission regarding; 1) a closed session for discussion on interviewed candidates remaining on the eligibility list and 2) reconvening into open session authorizing Chief of Police Klueckmann to proceed with the hiring process for the vacant Police Officer position.

Council Member Neville reported on the February 7, 2017 meeting of the Airport Commission regarding; 1) discussion on the “FAA DETERMINATION OF NO HAZARD TO AIR NAVIGATION” within a three (3) mile zone of the airport for construction of a 199 foot communication tower at N4204 Pelsdorf Avenue, Granton, for Clark County Emergency Management, 2) recommendation to the Neillsville Zoning Board of Appeals to approve the communications tower based on the “FAA DETERMINATION OF NO HAZARD TO AIR NAVIGATION”.

Council Member Counsell reported on the February 8, 2017 meeting of the Economic Development Commission regarding; 1) discussion and recommendation to approve the Connect Communities Committee request for \$1,200 to cover costs of the Small Business Academy and 2) discussion on guidelines for Economic Development grants.

Council Member Neville reported on the February 8, 2017 meeting of the Heritage Days Committee regarding; 1) financial report, 2) Miss Neillsville activities and parade float updates, 3) discussion on food vendors, bands, games and activities, 4) discussion on lighting in the lower section of Schuster Park with the Morman Group and 5) discussion with the Chamber of Commerce on their involvement in Heritage Days.

Council Member Counsell reported on the February 9, 2017 meeting of the Beautification Committee regarding; 1) discussion spring plants and colors, 2) accepted the Mill Creek Garden’s bid with changes for going with red, white and blue flowers, 3) the trees will remain in the planters until the end of February, 4) discussed dressing up the downtown planters for Spring – approved a \$450 budget and 5) discussed and approved a change in the donation request amounts - \$45 for a Spring Sponsor, \$45 for a Winter Sponsor or \$75 for an Annual Sponsor.

Mayor Mabie reported on the February 14, 2017 meeting of the Commission on Public Works/Utilities regarding; 1) current activities, 2) opening, discussion on and tabling unleased motor vehicle fuel proposal for further clarification on 24/7 access, billing and tax exempt paperwork systems, 3) opening, discussion on and tabling diesel motor vehicle fuel proposals for further clarification on 24/7 access, billing and tax exempt paperwork systems, 4) discussion on infiltration of ground water into the Sewer System – the Sewer Department is treating more than twice what the Water Department is pumping into the City.

Mayor Mabie declared all reports filed as presented with the City Clerk.

Mayor Mabie asked if there were any questions on the Economic Development Commission item (1).

Motion Glassbrenner, second Neville, to accept the recommendation to approve the Connect Communities Committee request for \$1,200 to cover the cost of the Small Business Academy. All Aye.

Detective Pokallus presented the Police and Fire Commission's Officer Candidate, Patrick Fehlman, to fill the vacant Police Officer position beginning March 1, 2017.

Motion Counsell, second Clough, to accept the Police and Fire Commission's recommendation to hire Patrick Fehlman as a Police Officer beginning March 1, 2017. All Aye.

Director of Public Works Flynn reported on the State and Federal Assurances – Section 404 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. This is for the three storm-damaged houses on Grand Avenue in last fall's flooding. This is potentially committing the City to 12 ½% of the cost to raze these properties. Once these homes are torn down, they become a green space and no building allowed in the flood zone.

Flynn stated that the Federal share is 75%, State share is 12 ½% and the City's share is 12 ½% or about \$31,500. After talking with West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission – they have no funding sources. Ruth Rosenow, Chippewa County Housing Authority was contacted – Chippewa and Clark Counties submitted joint CDBG Emergency Assistance Program (EAP) grant and were awarded funds – these funds can be used to cover the City's cost share.

Flynn stated that the City's application for funding has to be submitted to Stan Kaitfors at the State.

Motion Counsell, second Clough, to authorize the Mayor to sign the State and Federal Assurances – Section 404 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program paperwork. All Aye.

Council Member Glassbrenner reported on attending the Clark County Taxi meeting, the Neillsville Taxi Service has went to a dispatch system for routing the taxi and initial problems has been worked out; attending an Memorial Medical Center Finance Committee meeting-everything is going well and much discussion on the proposal to build a new facility; and Fire Chief Meyer and others are going to South Dakota to inspect the process on building our new rescue van.

Mayor Mabie presented a thank you from Mary Counsell for remembering Charles Counsell's life (Council Member Counsell's father-in-law).

Class "B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverages and intoxication Liquor License Application:  
Timothy M. Voigt, d/b/a Strike Time Lanes, Amber L. Grottke, Agent, 11 S. Grand Avenue

Motion Glassbrenner, second Clough, to grant. All Aye.

Tavern Operator's License Applications:  
Cara L. Eichett, Valerie Potts, Dallas A. Zickert

Motion Neville, second Clough, to grant all the listed licenses. All Aye.

Motion Neville, second Clough, that City Bills Nos. 110 to 167 in the amount of \$483,756.91 and CDBG Housing Escrow Account Bill No. 1 in the amount of \$525.00 be paid. All Aye.

Motion Counsell, second Neville, to adjourn. All Aye.

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Steven J. Mabie, Mayor

Rex R. Roehl, Clerk

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