

## **COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

The Common Council of the City of Neenah, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., May 3, 2017 in the Council Chambers of Neenah City Hall.

Mayor Kaufert in the chair.

Present: Aldermen Boyette, Bates, Hillstrom, Lendrum, Erickson, Lang, Pollnow, Kunz & Stevenson, Director of Finance Easker, Director of Community Development & Assessment Haese, Director of Public Works Kaiser, Acting City Atty. Pam Captain and City Clerk Sturn. City Attorney Godlewski was excused.

Also Present: Deputy Clerk Goffard, Police Chief Wilkinson, Fire Chief Kloehn, Dir. of Human Resources & Safety Barber, Dir. of Parks & Recreation Kading, Library Dir. Raab, Dir. of Water Utility Taylor, Water Quality Manager Tony Mach, Recreation Supervisor Kluge, Firefighters Adam Freimuth & Alex Fickel and their friends & family, several members of the N-M Fire Rescue, Police Officers Brad M. Barnard & Justin M. Miller and their friends & family, several members of the Neenah Police Department, Jeff Malcore, Judy Zaretzke, Ted Galloway, Dawn Zimmerman, Hannah Borree, Char Kiesling, Sue St. Pierre, Pat Julius & members of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 33, Derrick Boyette, Poppy Princesses Hanna, Avery & Bella, Joe Kottwitz, Andrea Hansen, Travis Jones, Doc Musekamp, Jim Gyldenvand (Bauer Electric), John Moe and Pastor Steven Spence.

Mayor Kaufert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Clerk Sturn called a voice roll call as the Mayor/Aldermen recorded their attendance in the RollCall-Pro System followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Kaufert introduced Menasha City Atty. Pam Captain who is filling in for City Atty. Godlewski.

### **Swearing In Ceremony for New Firefighters**

- I. Fire Chief Kloehn introduced newly hired firefighter Adam Freimuth & Alex Fickel. Adam Freimuth enrolled in the FVTC Fire Program in 2006. In 2007 he interned at NM Fire Rescue and graduated from FVTC 2007 when he accepted a position as a firefighter with St. John's Fire District, St. John's Island, South Carolina. He moved back to Wisconsin in December 2009 to begin work as an airport firefighter at the Appleton International Airport. Adam is joined by his wife Ashley, children Adlie, Christian and Rhea, his mother and stepfather Brenda & Tadd, his mother in law Julie, his brother Nick & his wife Karen and their kids Avery & Everett, brother in law Nate & Stacey and their daughter Emilen, Ashley's grandparents Ron & Margaret, Ashley's aunt and uncle, Dan & Fawn and Ashley's stepfather Paul. Alex Fickel started his firefighting career when he enrolled in FVTC Fire Program in 2013. In spring of 2016 Alex interned at the Appleton Fire Department. He graduated in 2016 and was hired at the Appleton International Airport in July. Alex is joined by his girlfriend Ashley, his mother Karen, his father Mike, sister &

brother in law, Brittany & Mark. His grandparents Judy & Amby were supposed to be here but could not make it. Chief Kloehn welcomed Adam & Alex into the NM Fire Rescue family. Clerk Sturn administered the oath of office to Adam & Alex. Adam's wife Ashley pinned on his badge and Alex's girlfriend Ashley pinned on his badge.

- A. Adam thanked the cities of Neenah & Menasha for this opportunity. He thanked this great group of firefighters for their support. He is happy to be part of the team and looks forward to a long career.
- B. Alex also thanked the cities of Neenah & Menasha for this opportunity. He looks forward to working with this great group of guys. He thanked his girlfriend and mom & dad for their support through this long process.
- C. Mayor Kaufert welcomed Adam & Alex and wished them the best.

### **Swearing in of New Police Officer**

- I. Police Chief Wilkinson introduced newly hired Police Officers Brad M. Barnard & Justin M. Miller & welcomed them to the Neenah Police Department. Justin comes to us from Marion, Wisconsin. He grew up on a farm but has life experiences far beyond what you would expect at his age. Growing up on a farm provided him with a great work ethic. Brad comes to us in mid-career. He has had a career in the automotive industry. He went back to school in hope of securing a job in the career he has always dreamed of. Clerk Sturn swore in both officers as Justin's mother, Sheri Miller and Brad's son Caleb held the bible. Pastor Steve Spence (Mill City Church) blessed the badges of the two officers. Brad's father, Dale Barnard, pinned on his badge and Justin's most influential instructor Jeff Malcore pinned on his badge. Chief Wilkinson welcomed Officers Barnard and Miller as members of the Neenah Police Department.
  - A. Mayor Kaufert thanked police department staff/officers for showing their support and attending this swearing in ceremony. He welcomed the officers to the City of Neenah and wished them well.
  - B. Chief Wilkinson invited everyone to the Police Department for a reception and tour of the building.

### **Presentation of Poppy Days Proclamation**

- I. Mayor Kaufert indicated he and Council President Stevenson will present the Poppy Princesses with a Poppy Days Proclamation. Numerous members of the American Legion Auxiliary were present for the presentation.
  - A. Dawn Zimmerman, President of the American Legion Unit 33, gave a brief history of the poppy day program. The poppy is bound together by veterans, for veterans, reminding Americans each year that the men and women who have served and died for their country deserve to be remembered. The poppy was first distributed in Milwaukee, on Memorial Day 1920 and continues today as a nationwide American Legion Auxiliary Program for the rehabilitation and wellbeing of all veterans. This year poppy days in the City of Neenah will be May 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup>. She asked everyone to look for their members at various locations throughout Neenah and make a donation.

- B. Council President Stevenson read and presented the Poppy Proclamation to the three poppy princesses, Hanna, Avery & Bella. The Proclamation declares May 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Poppy Days.

### **Presentation of Creative Economy Week Proclamation**

- I. Mayor Kaufert presented Chairperson Tami Erickson and the newly formed Neenah Arts Council with a Creative Economy Week Proclamation. The Proclamation indicates the City of Neenah recognizes that investment in its creative economy is critical for local and statewide successes for these reasons: the arts means business; the arts adds to the economy; the arts drives tourism; and the arts have a social impact. He declared the week of May 13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> as Creative Economy Week to celebrate and promote the arts.
  - A. Ald. Erickson indicated she appreciates this proclamation. The Neenah Arts Council has held their first meeting. They are working on their mission statement. She welcomed anyone interested to attend a meeting.

### **Proclamation Recognizing May 7-13 as Municipal Clerk's Appreciation Week**

- I. Mayor Kaufert read and presented to Clerk Sturn and Deputy Clerk Goffard a Proclamation recognizing the week of May 7-13, 2017 as Municipal Clerk's Appreciation Week. He thanked both of them for their hard work and dedication.
  - A. Clerk Sturn and Deputy Clerk Goffard accepted the award and thanked everyone for their support.

### **Presentation of Citation of Recognition**

- I. Mayor Kaufert presented Beverly & William Johnston a Citation of Recognition for their son Phil Johnston. Phil Johnston is a Neenah native but does not live in Wisconsin anymore. Mayor Kaufert indicated he was struck when he watched the Oscars and one of our own was receiving an Oscar. It made him think how proud we are of a lot of our citizens that do great things. The Citation of Recognition outlines Phil's accomplishments in his career. Mayor Kaufert read the Citation of Recognition and asked them to present it to him next time they see him.
  - A. William Johnston indicated this is a great honor to bestow on Phillip. This is a great credit to the City of Neenah as he is a K-12 graduate of Neenah High School. They are very proud of Philip.
  - B. Beverly Johnson thanked the Mayor for recognizing their son. She indicated Phillip loves Neenah. He will appreciate this award.

### **Presentation of 2017 Excellence in Energy Efficiency Award**

- I. Joe Kottwitz, Energy Advisor for Focus on Energy's Agriculture, Schools & Government Program indicated working with Neenah over the past couple of years has been a great experience. He gave kudos to the Mayor, City Council for supporting these projects and staff for doing these projects. He outlined energy savings projects done by the City and recognized people he interfaced with during the design and implementation of these projects which include: Jim Gyldenvand

from Bauer Electric; Tony Mach at the Neenah Water Plant; Kent Taylor, Dir. of Water Utility and Gerry Kaiser, Dir. of Public Works. Joe presented the City of Neenah with the 2017 Excellence in Energy Efficiency Award.

A. Dir. of Public Works Kaiser and Dir. of Water Taylor accepted the award.

### **Introduction and Confirmation of Mayor's Appointment(s)**

- I. Mayor Kaufert announced his reappointment of Kevin McCann on the N-M Joint Fire Commission, term expires May 2020.
- II. Mayor Kaufert announced his reappointment of Judd Stevenson to the Police Commission, term expires May 2022.

### **Proceedings**

- I. Mayor Kaufert advised of an administrative change required in the Council Proceedings of the Organizational meeting of April 18, 2017. The first Council appointment indicates Ald. Boyette is the Council Representative to the Joint Review Board for Tax Increment Districts when it should be Ald. Bates. He indicated that correction will be made administratively.
  - A. **MSCRP Stevenson/Bates to approve the Council Proceedings of the Organizational meeting of April 18, 2017, as amended and the Committee of the Whole minutes of April 18, 2017 & April 24, 2017, all voting aye.**

**MSC Pollnow/Stevenson to amend the agenda to conduct the Public Forum prior to the public hearing, all voting aye.**

### **Public Forum**

- I. John Moe, 308 Caroline Street, thanked the Council for the opportunity to be heard. He shared pictures of drainage issues at the end of his driveway. He feels a mistake was made when Caroline Street was rebuilt. The curb stopped right at his driveway. He feels it needed to continue for an additional 20' or so. Once the curb and gutter was installed this issue began. It has deteriorated badly. Doing gutters on houses is part of his job so he has knowledge of the process. The gutters were installed without regard to the gutters running the opposite direction so the water pools at the end of his driveway. He was disheartened when city workers had no solution for him. The pictures show that when it rains, the entire street is flooded and in winter, ice builds up and he has a skating rink at the end of his driveway. This is causing the street to deteriorate and the dead center of the road has sunk. He showed pictures with a ruler to measure the amount of water standing and they show 1" plus in some spots. Twice he has filled it in near the curb on his boulevard and re-sodded but it continues to sink. His sewer line runs directly under this so when the road, which was not properly backfilled, keeps sinking, his sewer line cracks and he gets to pay for that. He was told there is no recourse. When he said he would take this to court, he was told the city is immune.

He would like the Council to put the hammer down on the street department to have them fix this.

- II. There being no further appearances, Mayor Kaufert declared the public forum closed at 8:06 pm.

### **Mayor/Council Consideration of Public Forum Issues**

- I. Ald. Lendrum questioned when this street was last reconstructed.
  - A. Dir. Kaiser responded the street was last done in 2010.
  
- II. Ald. Pollnow questioned how they would go about fixing this.
  - A. Dir. Kaiser indicated they are looking at a couple of different pieces based on the pictures presented by Mr. Moe. First, the street would need to be cut and patched where it sunk. Ultimately, the main thing to figure out is the cause of the settling in the middle of the road and terrace area. They will look at the lateral and sewer mains first to make sure there is nothing subsiding around those pipes. Once that is done they would know the extent of work to be done. The difficult part of this is replacing 50-60' of curb and gutter won't necessarily fix the problem since that area is so flat. The elevations shot in 2011 compared to follow up shots show movement yet in this area. He would not want to put a stretch of curb & gutter in if things are still moving around. The core is to stop things from moving first then replace whatever needs to be replaced.
  - B. Ald. Pollnow asked why it is sinking. He asked if there is a possibility that the fill used was not up to snuff and causing this sinking.
  - C. Dir. Kaiser indicated that is doubtful. The compactions standards are known and followed. This is not a huge concern of his.
  - D. Ald. Bates asked if this could be discussed at a Public Services & Safety Committee.
  - E. Ald. Kunz indicated this is the first he has heard of this.
    1. Mayor Kaufert indicated there have been ongoing discussions between the aldermen in that district, Dir. Kaiser, the Mayor, city engineers for some time. He hopes this would be taken up by the Public Services & Safety Committee since it is now a Council issue.
  - F. **Ald. Bates requested the issue be referred to the Public Services & Safety Committee.**

### **Public Input Session for 2017-2022 CIP Budget**

- I. Public Input on the 2017-2022 Capital Improvements Program Budget:
  - A. Ted Galloway, 744 S. Park Avenue, spoke as a citizen of the City of Neenah, not a Park & Recreation Commissioner. He expressed concern over delaying the Washington Park project. The Park & Rec Department has already done extensive work to save the city money by removing trees and the fencing to move forward with the 2017 part of the project. The 2018 portion of the project is also scheduled to proceed. Delaying 2019 and 2020 would be like starting a kidney transplant and deciding to take

care of the rest of it later. The parks are community parks and the skating parks are highly used. Park & Rec does projects to service all taxpayers' needs. If you start a project, you should finish it.

- B. There being no further appearances, Mayor Kaufert declared the public hearing closed at 8:22 pm.

### **Committee of the Whole Report Pertaining to the Public Input Session**

- I. Council President Stevenson reported the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 24, 2017:
- A. The Committee made no recommendation to Council regarding the 2017-2021 Capital Improvements Program with potential amendments as discussed. The Committee did make a list of potential amendments which may or may not be brought forward once the 2017-2021 Capital Improvements Program is on the floor tonight.
- B. **MS Stevenson/Bates to adopt the 2017-2021 Capital Improvements Program as presented by the Mayor.**
1. Mayor Kaufert indicated he appreciates the Council working to better the document. This document is too big for one person to find & realize savings. The workshop proved once and again that the Council takes this seriously and has come up with some discussion items to improve the document.
  2. **MS Pollnow/Stevenson (p. 58) to decrease funding for the Enterprise Resource Planning Suite from \$175,000 to \$125,000 (\$50,000 decrease) in 2018.**
    - a) Ald. Pollnow advised that Dir. Wenninger has indicated he is neutral on this purchase right not because with the ERP borrowing from 2017 we have \$275,000 borrowed money not spent. Even with this reduction we would have \$400,000 in Capital for the ERP process. He also indicated to Ald. Pollnow that he will come forward with an actual plan. Ald. Pollnow indicated he is fully supportive of the ERP as our technology really needs to be upgraded. This is an example of borrowing dollars when nothing is being spent.
    - b) Ald. Kunz indicated he struggles with this amendment. He likes the idea of reducing carryforwards and the money borrowed and not spent right away. The overall concept is strong. He does not want to manipulate this budget too much. He feels this conversation would make this process happen so the reduction seems maybe unnecessary.
    - c) Ald. Stevenson indicated the out years are truly a planning document, whether we propose \$175,000 or \$125,000. Next year's budget request from the Mayor might be \$125,000 or it could be something different. The only thing we can control tonight is anything from 2017.

- d) Mayor Kaufert indicated there are discussion going on frequently on the ERP. This number will be adjusted in fall of 2018.
  - e) Ald. Pollnow clarified that this would send a message that we want to get this project moving.
  - f) Ald. Boyette added staff agrees and is on board with this.
  - g) **Motion carried, by an 8-1 RollCall-Pro System vote, all voting aye, Ald. Bates voting nay.**
3. **MS Pollnow/Lendrum (p. 58) to fund 50% (\$33,600) of the \$67,200 for the door swipe access control system from 2018 Preparedness Grant Fund.**
- a) Ald. Pollnow added that these Preparedness Grant dollars have been around for a while. Staff has been given the opportunity to utilize them and they haven't.
  - b) Dir. Easker clarified for Ald. Lendrum that there is currently approximately \$114,000 in the Preparedness Fund.
  - c) Ald. Kunz indicated he supports this and hopes to continue in 2018 using all of the preparedness funds. Those funds are sitting there losing value. He would like to use it appropriately and use it up.
  - d) Mayor Kaufert indicated he feels just the opposite. He does not want people to dream up things in order to use these funds. He wants them to be used for future needs we normally would not have the money for. If we challenge staff to come up with wants we may get things that are not really critical/crucial component of our operation. He feels it is okay to leave that money in the account until we really need it for something.
  - e) Ald. Kunz clarified he is not saying make up new things but apply it to projects already planned.
  - f) **Motion carried, by a 7-2 RollCall-Pro System vote, all voting aye, Ald. Lang & Stevenson voting nay.**
4. **MSCRП Pollnow/Kunz (p. 58) to decrease funding for the FRED evidence collection devices from \$5,000 to \$0 in 2020 (\$5,000 decrease), all voting aye.**
5. **MSCRП Pollnow/Lendrum (p. 58) to decrease funding for MDC replacement from \$52,000 to \$40,000 in 2018 (\$12,000 decrease), all voting aye.**
6. **MS Pollnow/Boyette (p. 43) to decrease funding for the multi-year Arrowhead Park project for years 2018-2020 from \$5,800,000 to \$0 (\$5,800,000 decrease).**
- a) Ald. Pollnow based he thoughts on this being a need versus wants. He would like to evaluate the Loop to the Lake and Washington Park projects that we are in the middle of. He feels this is a want not a need. He further clarified he would like to complete projects already approved and started. His concern is that from 2017-2018 the Capital dollars for the Park & Recreation budget are up

65%. He feels there are some projects that have been pulled out and delayed because of this project.

- b) Ald. Bates indicated Arrowhead Park is one of those lifetime projects where giving it back to the City is what precious generations have done for us. It is a big chunk of money but is one of those projects that has taken so long to get rid of. This gives us an opportunity to step up to the plate as the generations before us did. She will vote against this amendment.
- c) Ald. Kunz indicated it is imperative to put money towards this project now. Finishing Loop the Lake completes an \$8-10 million dollar loop system. All the pieces were not cheap but when all put together it becomes an attraction to bring people to the area. He would hate for those people that bike the loop not to have a reason to stop because we have given them nothing to stop for. Those that take opportunities to get people into their downtown will get the biggest advantage from this project. It is imperative we create a connection. The attractiveness of this creates greater opportunity for development in that area. For the Loop the Lake to happen we need a park to go with it.
- d) Ald. Hillstrom opposed the amendment concurring with Ald. Kunz. He gave a brief history of the park dating back to 1950. There have been four park designs going back to 1950. With Minergy gone Arrowhead Park is now accessibly. Even though the timing may not be perfect, there are other reasons we should be doing it financially. One is grants. We have \$800,000 grant dollars available right now, \$450,000 from a Stewardship Grant which we will lose if we do not use and \$350,000 left from the Alice Jean Smith grant left over from Herb & Dolly Smith Park which is designated to go toward a building at Arrowhead Park which could house the badly needed restrooms. There is also grant money available from several other sources. The project is estimated at \$5.8 million dollars, a lot of that will be grant dollars. If we wait, it could end up costing us more money. He supports moving forward with Arrowhead Park now.
- e) Dir. Kading clarified for Ald. Stevenson that the \$5.8 million dollars is the total project cost without any grant dollars. If you look at the Department Request of \$3.6 million on page 49 that was reduced to \$1.8 to leverage grant opportunities.
- f) Dir. Easker added you would need to look at this a year at a time. In 2017 the Department Request was for the full \$3.6 million absent any accommodations for grants. Mayor Kaufert budgeted \$1.8 with the rationale that the City's share would be \$1.8 and grant funding will be \$1.8 but the spending will be \$3.8 million.



- g) Mayor Kaufert indicated there are grant funds available and he hopes these shoreline grants will supplement the \$3.6 million dollars.
  - h) Dir. Easker pointed out that in years 2019 & 2020 the Mayor has left the \$2 million dollars requested because at the moment there are no grant dollars available. They will continue to explore grant opportunities.
  - i) Dir. Kading clarified for Ald. Stevenson that the total project scope would be \$7.6 million.
  - j) Ald. Stevenson indicated he is on the fence with this. He takes issue over the comment made by Ald. Kunz that we have done absolutely nothing to draw people to our downtown. We have investment a lot of money to draw people downtown. He agrees with Ald. Kunz that this is a very worthwhile project. He fully supports Washington Park. If he had to choose he would choose both on a scaled back level. He is not sure the concentrated effort of \$7.6 being driven by \$1.6 million dollars in grant money is the best decision at this point.
  - k) Ald. Lendrum supported the amendment however has some additional amendments she would like to propose later. She feels no one uses our old parks why build new parks.
  - l) **Motion failed carried, by a 3-6 RollCall-Pro System vote, Ald. Boyette, Pollnow & Lendrum voting aye, Ald. Hillstrom, Erickson, Lang, Kunz, Stevenson & Bates voting nay.**
7. **MS Kunz/Pollnow (p. 43) to decrease funding for the Kimberly Point project for years 2018 from \$21,000 to \$0 (\$21,000 decrease).**
- a) Ald. Bates indicated this request is due to the changing use of our parks such as the Pokémon Go phase. That phase has settled down. What she sees now and why it is important to leave this in the budget is the fact that there is nowhere to walk but in the streets. She would like to leave this in the budget.
  - b) Ald. Kunz indicated he appreciates the Mayor wanting to spend money on this park however the Park & Rec Commission is very particular as to what they want to spend available money on. That area could use so much more TLC but if the decision is made to spend \$21,000 on this park he is fine with that as well.
  - c) Ald. Boyette indicated her family does use this park. Strangely enough she supports this amendment.
  - d) Mayor Kaufert indicated we want to encourage people to continue to use our parks. Our goal was to manage the park better and that is being done now.

- e) Ald. Pollnow indicated this feels like a reaction to the Pokémon situation. He supports removing this for now until we can see a detailed explanation of how it fits into the equation.
  - f) Dir. Kading responded to Ald. Erickson that the fencing will be up until the weather gets warmer and the new seed has a chance to grow. He would think the fence would be removed by Memorial Day.
  - g) Mayor Kaufert added that this was suggested to him by many citizens. They indicate they would prefer to walk on a path rather than the street. They consider it dangerous. They would also like to be closer to the water.
  - h) Ald. Kunz applauded Mayor Kaufert for wanting to spend money on the parks. This shoreline is recognized as a tourist attraction.
  - i) **Motion failed, by a 4-5 RollCall-Pro System vote, Ald. Lang, Pollnow, Kunz & Lendrum voting aye, Ald. Boyette, Bates, Erickson, Hillstrom & Stevenson voting nay.**
8. **MSCRP Bates/Lendrum (p. 43 & 44) to move \$125,000 for the Southview Park project from 2019 to 2018, move \$220,000 for the Carpenter Preserve from 2020 to 2019 and move \$210,000 for the Carpenter Preserve from 2021 to 2020, all voting aye, Ald. Erickson, Kunz, Stevenson & Boyette voting nay.** Mayor Kaufert indicated his intent with this was to refurbish one park per year.
9. Ald. Pollnow indicated he is not ready at this time to make his amendment to decrease funding for Street – Undesignated Pavement Repair from \$200,000 to \$150,000 in 2018 (\$50,000 decrease).
10. **MS Pollnow/Lendrum (p. 80) to increase the 2017 Sanitary Sewer Capital Budget by \$411,000 for the Breezewood/Cummings Collector project with the Town of Neenah Sanitary District No. 2 to be funded by \$206,522 of requested 2014 carryforward fund initially borrowed Sewer repair and replacement, with the remaining \$204,478 to be funded directly from Sanitary Sewer Reserves.**
- a) Ald. Stevenson indicated this will require a 2/3 vote.
  - b) Ald. Kunz supported this amendment with the understanding that if a project comes along and the carryforwards are not available he would support using reserves.
  - c) Ald. Hillstrom asked Dir. Kaiser to share his input on this issued.
    - (1) Dir. Kaiser advised that there would be additional steps we would need to take should a project present itself that we don't currently have on the docket. Based on current carryforwards absent this

amount we have about \$500,000 available for miscellaneous repair work. The projects on the docket should fall within that amount. In that respect he is reasonably comfortable with the motion as presented.

- d) Ald. Stevenson summed up the comments indicating we have two funding sources for this project. We either fund it all from reserves or we fund some from carryforwards and the rest from reserves. The only thing that happens if this motion passed is staff would need to come back to ask for more money.
  - e) Mayor Kaufert added that he had a discussion with Ald. Pollnow and his reason for this is sound, he does not like to see money hanging out there and prefers reducing borrowing. He is confident that if Dir. Kaiser finds the need to seek additional dollars this Council would react in a speedy manner. He feels we are all on the same page.
  - f) **Motion carried, by a 9-0 RollCall-Pro System vote, all voting aye.**
11. **MSCR Hillstrom/Kunz (p. 86) to decrease funding for Storm Sewers – Mini Storm Sewer from \$50,000 to \$5,000 in 2021 (\$45,000 decrease), all voting aye.**
12. **MS Lendrum/Boyette (p. 43) to remove \$675,000 in 2019 and \$490,000 in 2020 for Washington Park.**
- a) Ald. Lendrum indicated this is a neighborhood park. With this draft CIP we are at 58.5% of the state limit. That does not include CDA debt. When you add CDA debt we are at 79%. Historically we have been under 50%. Standard & Poor still considers us as weak. Going up to 79% will only continue that negative description from Standard & Poor.
  - b) Ald. Kunz indicated our debt position has not change dramatically over the past several years. We have paid back a little more than we borrowed for years. There have been no major changes. As far as debt, we could argue that for every single item here. He has difficulty removing this project since it is already underway. We would need to put the park back together if we remove this from the budget. Once we start a project, we should finish it. He will vote against this amendment.
  - c) Ald. Boyette questioned the process if the project is scaled back and how detrimental that would be to the plan.
    - (1) Dir. Kading indicated you need to understand the overall plan. The primary objective of Phase 1 is the removal of the tennis courts, shifting of the ice rink, storm water management and the parking lot. Phase 2 is the athletic fields, play equipment and fitness area. Phase 3 is the splash pad. Phase 4 is restoration of the entire park, whatever has not been

completed and re-introduction of the hard court surfaces. Moving forward, if 2017 & 2018 were left in the budget and this amendment passes, the project would stop. We would not finish Phase 3, the splash pad and Phase 4, restoration of the entire park, whatever has not been completed and re-introduction of the hard court surfaces. If they know Phase 3 & 4 are not going to happen, they would accomplish the work from those phases that are necessary as part of Phase Two.

- d) Mayor Kaufert clarified that the motion is taking a \$2.6 million dollars project and making it a \$1.4 million dollar project. The Park Department must figure out how that would be done.
- e) Ald. Pollnow questioned the dollar amount for the splash pad. He feels the splash pad changes the entire dynamic of the park. He would prefer cutting the splash pad and adding green space.
- f) Dir. Kading advised that \$450,000 of Phase 3 is being attributed to that cost.
- g) Ald. Stevenson indicated this motion does not play well with the planning. His concern is that we have invested one year into a plan and now are going to tell the Park & Recreation Commission to rethink everything. This is a slap in the face of the entire planning process. He strongly opposes this motion, it is wrong.
- h) Ald. Erickson indicated it may be helpful moving forward for the Council to receive more information on the projects as they are planned. She was at several of the planning meetings for Washington Park but it would be nice, once the proposal came forward, if a presentation could be made to the Council.
- i) Ald. Pollnow indicated he does not have a clear understanding of the role of the Council and the role of the Park & Recreation Commission in this planning process. He will advocate for a Committee of the Whole discussion on the relationship of the Park & Rec Commission to the Council and ways to improve communication.
- j) Mayor Kaufert advised that he will discuss with Council President Stevenson the possibility of a Committee of the Whole discussion and a date for that meeting. He asked that the discussion get back to the motion on the table.
- k) Ald. Lendrum clarified that her motion is to take out the money and direct the Park & Rec Commission to modify the design.
- l) Acting City Atty. Pam Captain concurred indicating the Park & Rec Commission would then decide whether to continue with Phase 1 & 2 and skip Phases 3 & 4 or start from

scratch. There could also be a recommendation in a later year to put it back in.

- m) **Motion failed, by a 2-7 RollCall-Pro System vote, Ald. Lendrum & Pollnow voting aye and Ald. Boyette, Bates, Erickson, Kunz, Hillstrom, Lang & Stevenson voting nay.**
- 13. **MS Lendrum/Pollnow (p. 43) to remove \$2 million dollars from 2019 and \$2 million dollars from 2020 for Arrowhead Park.**
  - a) **Motion failed, by a 3-6 RollCall-Pro System vote, Ald. Pollnow, Stevenson & Lendrum voting aye, Ald. Boyette, Bates, Erickson, Kunz, Hillstrom & Lang voting nay.**
- 14. **The original motion to approve the 2017-2021 Capital Improvements Program with potential amendments as discussed and as amended above carried, by a 9-0 RollCall-Pro System vote, all voting aye.**

Mayor Kaufert took a short recess at 9:45 pm.

Mayor Kaufert reconvened at 9:52 pm.

### **Consent Agenda**

- I. **MSCRIP Pollnow/Stevenson to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:**
  - A. **Approve Beverage Operator License Applications for: Samuel S. Ellyson, Jessica L. Galeazzi, Jeff C. Gerarden, Denise R. Hardy, Kelly A. Mohnen, Sara V. Pitts, Rebecca I. Sauer, Andrew K. Schlieter, Courtney R. Schultz and Breanna E. Verburgt. (PSSC)**
  - B. **Approve the Beverage Operator License Application (new) for Jennifer M. Zehner contingent upon payment of a delinquent utility bill of \$278.43 and any other outstanding City fees. (PSSC)**
  - C. **Approve the temporary Class "B" retail beer (picnic) license to Bergstrom-Mahler Museum, 165 N. Park Avenue for the Art After Dark events to be held on 4/20/17, 5/18/17, 6/15/17 (2016-17 License) and 7/20/17, 8/17/17, 9/21/17, 10/19/17, 11/16/17, 12/21/17, 1/18/18 and 2/15/18 (2017-18 License). (PSSC)**
  - D. **Approve a temporary Class "B" retail beer/wine license to CASA of the Fox Cities, 1500 N. Casaloma Drive, Appleton, for their CASA Craft Beer Week Festival to be held on May 19, 2017, in the parking at 116 S. Commercial (Lion's Tail Brewing Co.). (PSSC)**
  - E. **All voting aye.**

### **Public Services and Safety Committee**

- I. Chairman Bates reported the regular meeting of April 25, 2017:
  - A. Committee recommends Council approve the Revocable Occupancy Permit to Valley Area Properties, LLC, for installation of a stairway on

Sherry Street for their building at 430 Sherry Street. **MSCR P Bates/Lendrum, all voting aye.**

- B. Committee recommends Council approve the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town of Neenah and the City of Neenah for the Yorkshire Road construction project. **MSCR P Bates/Stevenson, all voting aye.**

### **Plan Commission**

- I. Council Rep. Lang reported the regular meeting of April 25, 2017:
  - A. The Commission recommends Council accept the bronze statue of President George Washington donated by an anonymous donor as public art and approve the location of the statue and bench along the south side sidewalk of Main Street/W. Wisconsin Avenue. **MSCR P Lang/Erickson, all voting aye.**

### **N-M Fire Rescue Jt. Finance & Personnel Committee**

- I. Vice Chairman Kunz reported the regular meeting of April 25, 2017:
  - A. Committee recommends the City of Neenah Common Council approve increasing the 2017 Capital Facilities Budget by \$12,000, which would be funded through the 2017 Facilities Reserve account, and approve the new CAT 6 cabling LL rack along with the new design installation/equipment of a planned data system for Station 32. **MSCR P Kunz/Pollnow, all voting aye.**
  - B. Committee recommends the City of Neenah and City of Menasha Common Councils approve the purchase of 4 dry dive suits, 4 heavy duty gloves, 12 sets of dry suit thermal liners and 12 head hoods from Dive Rescue International for a cost not to exceed \$11,766.32. **MSCR P Kunz/Pollnow, all voting aye.**

### **Board of Public Works**

- I. Vice Chairman Hillstrom reported the Board of Public Works meeting of April 25, 2017:
  - A. Council Action Items:
    - 1. The Board recommends Council award Contract 4-17 Industrial Drive Concrete Street Rehabilitation to the low bid from Sommers Construction, Shiocton, WI in the amount of \$228,322.60. **MSCR P Hillstrom/Bates, all voting aye.**

### **Landmarks Commission**

- I. Ald. Lang reported from the Landmarks Commission meeting of April 11, 2017:
  - A. The Commission heard a presentation by Arete Academy students regarding their public art project for the community. They will be creating historically and possibly landmark related art for the traffic signal cabinets in Neenah. They presented three options for the group to consider and did

a great job answering questions. The following Tuesday the group presented their ideas to the Council. The plan is moving forward.

### Reports on neighborhood groups.

- I. Ald. Lang reported from the Business Improvement District Board (BID Board) meeting of April 18, 2017:
  - A. The Board recapped their annual meeting. The Recruitment and Retention Committee presented grants for consideration.
  - B. The Natural Boutique detailed their plans to move into a space in downtown Neenah in the building previously occupied by Memorial Florists.
  - C. Downtown Streetball will be held June 10 & 11 under the leadership of the Wisconsin Crusaders Organization.
  - D. Future Neenah announced plans to hold every Wednesday Concerts in Shattuck Park.
  - E. Future Neenah reminded the group of the Bike to Boogies event will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup> in the 200 block of W. Wisconsin Avenue.

### Bergstrom Mahler Museum

- I. Ald. Erickson reported from the Bergstrom Mahler Museum meeting on April 24, 2017:
  - A. She encouraged everyone to visit the new exhibit called Quantum.
  - B. This weekend there is a Youth Art Activity Day. The cost is \$15 and youths can create a personalized pendant or a set of earrings for their mother.

### Library Board

- I. Ald. Erickson reported from the Library Board meeting of April 19, 2017:
  - A. Their Citywide survey results showed positive responses. They had over 1,000 responses.
  - B. The Library has a wide variety of programming. She encouraged everyone to visit their website for more information.

### Petition

- I. The petition from residents on Linden Court in opposition to removal of the oak tree at the end of Linden Court was presented.
  - A. **MSCRIP Pollnow/Stevenson to refer the petition from residents on Linden Court in opposition to removal of the oak tree at the end of Linden Court to the Public Services & Safety Committee, all voting aye.**

### Unfinished Business

- I. Ald. Pollnow asked for an update on sanitary sewer rate study.
  - A. Dir. Kaiser advised they had a meeting with the consultant two weeks ago and exchanged a lot of information. There are a few things he needs to

follow up on to flush out the study but they are working on it. He believes the proposal called for completion in July so it should come to committee before that time. Dir. Kaiser advised that part of their charge in the proposal is to give us a recommendation on reserve levels and the analysis to help evaluate different spending impacts.

### **New Business**

- I. Mayor Kaufert's announce his appointment to fill the unexpired term of John Arzberger on the Neenah Arts Council, term expires April 2020 will be made at the May 17, 2017 Council meeting.
- II. Mayor Kaufert's announced the upcoming "School for Seniors" co-sponsored by Lakeland University and the City of Neenah's Committee on Aging. The event will be held at Lakeland University Fox Cities Center, 2320 Industrial Drive, Neenah on May 18, 2017. Classes will be held between 8:45 am and 11:15 am. RSVP by May 12<sup>th</sup> by calling Lakeland University at 727-0777.
- III. Ald. Lendrum reminded everyone that next Saturday is the Renew the Slough from 8 am – noon. They are planning a presentation on the history of the Neenah Slough as part of that event. She hopes people will come and share their memories as well.
- IV. Mayor Kaufert reminded everyone that May 10<sup>th</sup> is Touch a Truck at Memorial Park. The event runs from 10 am to noon in the parking lot.
- V. Mayor Kaufert reminded of the electronic recycling event on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Neenah City Garage. There are small charges for some electronics. A list of items that can be recycled is available on the web site.
- VI. Mayor Kaufert invited everyone to the Neenah Police Department Family Fun Night to be held at Memorial Park on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 pm. It is a bike friendly event with free helmets for the kids.
- VII. Mayor Kaufert reminded everyone that the City Garage opens this Saturday 8:30 am – noon for all citizens.
- VIII. Mayor Kaufert thanked Menasha City Atty. Pam Captain for sitting in for Neenah City Atty. Godlewski tonight.
- IX. Mayor Kaufert recognized Ald. Hillstrom as the recipient of the Health Award, presented by Ascension and ThedaCare at the Community Celebration of Volunteering on May 2, 2017. The award comes with a \$5,000 award that will be presented to the recipient's Fox Valley Charity. The criteria for this award is a volunteer who demonstrates continued leadership and commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of others; a volunteer with a distinct passion for health and the wellbeing of others in a health care setting that can be documented in a measurable way; and a volunteer who helps individuals or groups of individuals or



creates programs to benefit the health and wellbeing of others. Ald. Hillstrom's list runs pretty deep. He has been instrumental in the growth of the Neenah Summer Fun Run series and has volunteered with Community Fest and Seafood Fest, Girls on the Run Northeast Wisconsin and the Old Glory Honor Flight program. He has coached youth soccer and became a board member of Neenah Soccer, then Paper Valley Youth Soccer Club. Today, he is a member of the Neenah Soccer Hall of Fame. More recently, he created a Fox Cities prostate cancer support group. He has served on the Neenah Common Council for 10 years. Ald. Hillstrom is being recognized for his efforts for improving the health and well-being of the community and that award is well deserved.

### **Adjournment**

- I. **MSC Pollnow/Stevenson to adjourn at 10:53 p.m., all voting aye.**

Patricia A. Sturn, WCPC/MMC  
City Clerk