

**COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES**  
Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 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 15, 2019 in the Council Chambers of Neenah City Hall.

Mayor Kaufert in the chair.

Present: Alderpersons Boyette, Bates, Lang, Lendrum, Erickson, Spellman, Kunz & Stevenson, Director of Finance Easker, Director of Community Development & Assessment Haese, Director of Public Works Kaiser, City Attorney Godlewski and City Clerk Sturn. Alderperson Steele was excused.

Also Present: Mayor's Administrative Assistant Heinz, Police Chief Olson, Police Captain Bernice, Director of Information Systems Wenninger, Director of Neenah Water Utility Mach, Director of Library Services Raab, Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue Fire Officers Pete Jungers and Randy Flunker, several members of the NMFR, Public Works Superintendent Greg Radtke, Damian Nevers, Nash Herbst, Larry & Judy Larson, Matt & Tanya Schroeder, Tim & Hannah Schraufnagel, Jodi Schultz, Matt Stubing, Nathan Sharpless, Alex & Sarah Vassios, Zach Szymik, Jenna & Mike LaFave, Emma Santiago, Kaley Waters and Nemiah Whitston.

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

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

Mayor Kaufert announced this is Police Week. He thanked our Police Officers and staff for what they do each and every day. He thanked Police Officer throughout the Country for what they do to protect us.

**Employee Recognition Awards – Years of Service**

- I. Mayor Kaufert and Council President Stevenson recognized employees who have worked for the City of Neenah for 25, 30 and 35 years and thanked them for their services. Jeffery Borree (Water), Patrick Engelbreth (Public Works), James Peglow (NMFR), Larry Reckner (Water), Kevin LaMarche (Parks), Patrick Fischer (Public Works), Patricia Freimuth (Finance) and Christopher Johnson (Parks) were unable to attend the meeting to accept their 25 year awards. Present to accept their 30 year awards were Fire Officers Pete Jungers and Randy Flunker (NMFR). Patty Kunde (Municipal Court Clerk) was unable to attend the meeting to accept her 35 years of service award.

**Presentation of Exemplary Performance Awards**

- I. Mayor Kaufert and Council President Stevenson recognized employees who have displayed exemplary performance at their positions in the past year. This is the fifth year of a new program for which (10) employees will be recognized.
  - A. Present to receive their awards were:

1. Director Raab stepped in for Katrina Wulff who was unable to attend the meeting. Katrina nominated Hannah Schraufnagel, Assistant Librarian Youth Services as she has proven to be an asset to the Library. She contributes greatly to the Children's Department success. She has taken classes, bringing back vital information, sharing what she has learned to assist other staff in improving story times and programs. She is responsible for a host of successful family programs and outreach programs. In addition, Hannah does an amazing job enhancing the children's area of the Library. She recently took on the task of reorganizing and revitalizing the parent/teacher collection of books and DVDs to make it more accessible and attractive. She is committed to providing the best possible customer service and her colleagues can always depend on her if they need a hand with a project, program or assistance in helping children / parents find the right book. Her positive attitude makes her a joy to work with. She is most deserving of this award.
2. Dir. Kaiser nominated Office Manager Judy Larson and Superintendent Greg Radtke for exemplary performance awards for their work on the conversion to automated garbage collection. Greg and Judy worked to develop processes to clean up duplex property information, track cart requests, track lost in the mail cart requests, schedule cart swaps and dealt with all the other issues and concerns raised by residents including hundreds upon hundreds of phone call. Their professionalism and patience during this major change allow us to implement on schedule and get residents quickly acclimated to a new way of doing things. Dir. Kaiser also thanked former Superintendent Rick Freese for his efforts and leadership in the conversion. He recognized Greg and Judy, thanking them for their efforts.
3. Dir. Mach nominated Nash Herbst, Filtration Plant Electrical Technician, Damian Nevers, Distribution Manager and Michael LaFave, Distribution Maintenance Tech 1 for exemplary performance awards this year. Nash was instrumental in spear heading the new SCADA System conversion, managing the chemical & feed storage project and tackling several difficult projects within the plant such as a UV rebuild, new calibration system and new instrumentation. Damian has taken the initiative to implement the LEAN processes. He also developed a method for technicians to utilized GIS in the field in a mobile format. Staff will save significant amounts of time by being able to perform tasks and updating the system, real time. Michael is a go-getter and takes to his tasks. He recently started doing inspections as well as taking the initiative to learn all of their new equipment. He is an ambassador for safety for the City. All three are deserving of this award.
4. Dir. Wenninger nominated Matt Schroeder, Network Administrator. Matt is very dedicated and driven to provide the best technology tool the employees need to perform their duties as effectively and efficiently as possible. What merited his nomination was his relentless pursuit of a resolution to difficulties police officers

experienced writing parking citations from the new Parking Enforcement Solution with the mobile devices within their squads. This issue was identified shortly after implementation and continued to plague officers for months after the solution went live. The two scenarios officers encountered were either poor application performance that resulted in the officer spending upwards of 30 minutes to complete the citation writing process or not being able to complete the process at all. Matt worked with the vendor support team to implement and tweak their IOS then their Android platform solution to no avail. At this point, Matt stepped back to take a look at the issue resulting in a suggested strategy to implement the solution on a few Windows tablets as a pilot. After in depth discussions with the vendor, the new tablets were prepped & configured and officers began utilizing them to write citations. To date, officers have been efficiently completing the process of writing citations from the devices within their squads thanks to Matt's determination. In the world of technology, it is very unusual that a client's staff member recommends solutions to resolve a vendor's issue. That is exactly what happened in this case. The City is extremely fortunate that Matt is on our team.

- a) Council President Stevenson added that Matt is the Council's go to guy for their ipads. He thanked him for a job well done.
5. City Atty. Godlewski nominated Patty Sturn, City Clerk, for her work in relocating four polling places and running smooth elections. Last year, the NJSD decided, based on safety concerns of parents, to no longer allow the polling places in the schools. They extended the original timeframe for this to the end of the year. Clerk Sturn, took the initiative to get this done as quickly as possible. She relocated 2/3 of the City's polling places in time for the August Primary. The fall Elections went off without a hitch. Including the Governor's Election in November. For this, he nominated her for the exemplary performance award.
6. Dir. Haese nominated Sarah Vassios, Community Service Aide (CSA) / Code Enforcement Officer for the job she did during the long term absence of their Code Enforcement Officer. This is a challenging position that required the right personality. Individuals that are dealt with are not happy to see you and unfortunately in a number of cases, the individuals are not necessarily of sound mind. The City was fortunate enough to have Sarah, who was serving as a CSA at the time, step forward to take on this position. Sarah is soft spoken however in spite of her soft spoken personality, she excelled in the position and staff could not be happier with her performance. In her three short months with us, she completed 1,300 inspections, distributed over 400 corrective orders, issued 3 citations and laid the groundwork for 5 additional citations. Due to her strong work ethic, efficiency, effectiveness, professionalism and her always positive attitude he recognized and nominated her for this award.

- B. Mayor Kaufert advised that Judge Gunz nominated Patty Kunde, his Municipal Court Clerk for an exemplary performance award however neither were able to attend the meeting. He will make sure Patty gets her award.
- C. Mayor Kaufert congratulated these employees for their exemplary performances and indicated he is proud of all city employees for their efforts.
- D. Council President Stevenson, on behalf of the Common Council and the taxpayers they represent, he thanked the award winners and all the employees for their hard work. These employees handle angry citizens all the time and he has never been embarrassed at the way any staff member has responded. He has never had the situation where an employee could not help the constituency which makes their job much easier. He thanked all the employees for what they do and congratulated the award winners.

### **Introduction and Confirmation of Mayor's Appointments**

- I. Mayor Kaufert announced his reappointment of Patrick Lewis on the Neenah-Menasha Joint Fire Commission, term expires May 2022. (Mayoral appointment. No Council confirmation required)
- II. Mayor Kaufert announced his appointment of Laura Kemps to fill the expired term of Robert Spence on the Police Commission, term expires May 2024. Laura is the Executive Director of the Boys' & Girls' Brigade. (Mayoral appointment. No Council confirmation required)
- III. Mayor Kaufert thanked Bob Spence for his work on the Police Commission. He will send Bob a Certificate of Appreciation for the exceptional job he did on the Police Commission.

### **Proceedings**

- I. **MS Lendrum / Stevenson to approve the Council Proceedings of May 1, 2019 regular session. There being no objections the motion was approved by unanimous consent.**

### **Public Forum**

- I. Emma Santiago, teacher at Neenah High School and member of the Neenah Arts Council advised the Council that her students have been working on a project to do a mural on the side of a building in the City of Neenah. The new Visual Arts Team has been working with the Police Department to determine where the mural will be placed. They thought they would like to start this project by doing a mural on the old City Garage on Cecil Street. They have presented this idea to the Neenah Arts Council and now would like to present it to the Council.
  - A. Kaley Waters, Visual Arts Team Member, indicated a lot of surrounding communities have displays of art and they feel Neenah is lacking in art displays. They would like to bring the first of many murals to the City of Neenah to hopefully better the community. The Visual Arts Team, made up of 12 members, will help to paint the mural. Their timeline is 3 weeks from

start to finish. They will power wash the building, prime the surface then use a projector to paint the design.

- B. Nemiah Whitston, Visual Arts Team Member, indicated they still need measurements for the building and funding which they will find on their own.
- C. Emma Santiago added that they decided they wanted to do an eye catching mural with lots of colors. She displayed the mural which is an arm doing the peace sign and a colorfully painted background. They feel the peace sign brings the community together. The arms says, "be the change" promoting positive change in our community.

II. There being no further appearances, Mayor Kaufert declared the public forum closed.

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

- I. Mayor Kaufert questioned the timeline for the mural.
  - A. Emma Santiago indicated she predicts the project will take three weeks. The Visual Arts Team will spend their summer vacation to complete the mural.
  - B. Ald. Kunz indicated this is a great idea. He questioned if this is allowed in our sign ordinance.
  - C. Dir. Haese indicated it is allowed by our sign ordinance.
  - D. Ald. Bates questioned who would be required to accept this mural.
  - E. City Atty. Godlewski advised this would need to go to the Plan Commission to make a recommendation to the Council.
  - F. Ald. Bates indicated it would be nice if the hand could be multi-racial.
  - G. Emma Santiago commented that the reason for the white with black outline arm does not specify a race. There is already a tan paint color on the building so that would be the background color however it could be altered to include other races.
  - H. Mayor Kaufert asked if the Arts Council would need to take action on this too.
  - I. Ald. Erickson concurred that it does go before the Arts Council but must be presented to the Plan Commission as well.
  - J. City Atty. Godlewski concurred that both act as an advisory role to the Common Council who makes the final decision.
  - K. Ald. Boyette asked if the arm could be changed to something else. She feels it might not be interpreted the same by everyone. What works now, may not work in the future. She would hate to see this get political.
  - L. Mayor Kaufert reminded that discussion should be limited to comments/questions relating to the mural.
  - M. Council President Stevenson questioned which wall the mural will be on.
  - N. City Atty. Godlewski indicated the mural will face Cecil Street.
  - O. **MS Stevenson / Boyette to refer the mural project to the Plan Commission, Public Services & Safety Committee and the Neenah Arts Council for approval. There being no objections the motion was approved by unanimous consent.**

### **Consent Agenda**

- I. **MS Stevenson / Lendrum to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:**

- A. **Approve Beverage Operator License Applications for: Andrea Alvarez, Samantha Anderson, Jessica Austin, Elizabeth Fischer, Ruth Gadicke and Morgan Martzahl. (PSSC)**
- B. **Approve the Temporary Class B (Picnic) Beer and Wine License Application for Bergstrom Mahler Museum, 165 N. Park Avenue, for their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. (PSSC)**
- C. **There being no objections the Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.**

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

- I. Chairman Bates reported the regular meeting of May 7, 2019:
  - A. Committee recommends Council approve Ordinance No. 2019-13 amending Article IV – Stormwater Management Services. **MS Bates / Lang.**
    1. Dir. Kaiser indicated he exchanged emails with Ald. Kunz and he had concerns over some of the wording. He would like more time to review these changes with City Attorney. He asked that his ordinance be referred back to committee.
    2. **MS Bates / Kunz to refer Ordinance No. 2019-13 amending Article IV – Stormwater Management Services back to Committee. There being no objections Ordinance No. 2019-13 was referred back to Committee.**
  - B. Committee recommends Council approve the Outdoor Extension of Premises Application for Barrel 41 Brewery, 1132 S. Commercial Street, contingent upon a report providing Council with clarifications regarding permit applicability and permit conditions. **MS Lendrum / Boyette.**
    1. Dir. Haese advised that the question in Committee was the requirement for a 6' fence between this use and the adjacent residential use. He inspected the property and given the location of the beer garden, he feels the building itself serves as an affective screen blocking any view of the beer garden from the adjoining property. In addition, there was a conversation with the residential neighborhood to explain the requirement and what was discovered. There were no issues or concerns regarding the beer garden with the screens. It was his opinion and his recommendation that the permit be granted without that requirement.
    2. Ald. Bates asked if we could require them to put up a fence if the current fence would be taken down in the future.
    3. Dir. Haese indicated the fence is a 4' chain link fence. The fencing requirement relative to the beer garden is specifically to screen view and noise from the garden to the residential neighborhood. Since this was a retail establishment prior to the beer garden the buffer yard requirements do not come into play. He clarified what he was referring to was the buffer yard requirements for a commercial business adjacent to residential. The fencing as it relates to the beer garden is because the adjacent residential property is within 150'. In this case, as he mentioned, the building extends well beyond the beer garden so the building itself functions like a 6' fence and is actually better because it is a solid wall much higher than 6'. The 3' fence is still required

around the entire circumference of the beer garden. The fencing requirements for the beer garden ordinance are being met. The only question in this case is the 6' screening. In this case, we are in the front yard however since the building is providing that screening it would be redundant.

4. Mayor Kaufert clarified that the concern of Ald. Bates is the 5-1/2' wide area on the south end of the beer garden. There will be one entrance in and one entrance out on the north end of the beer garden.
5. Dir. Haese indicated the ordinance requires you be served at tables. He can check her the ordinance to see if it addresses the concern of Ald. Bates however his memory is that it was primarily for screening. He will take a look at ordinance.
6. Mayor Kaufert indicated this is a unique situation as this is a State licensed Brewery.
7. City Atty. Godlewski indicated the ordinance technically applies to City licensed premises. The regulations could apply to State Licensed Brewery but may need some clarifications. He will prepare an ordinance to come before PSSC in early June.
8. **Motion carried by a 7-1 RollCall-Pro System vote, all voting aye, Ald. Bates abstained.**

### **Finance & Personnel Committee**

- I. Chairman Erickson reported the special meeting of May 8, 2019:
  - A. Committee recommends Council authorize the Police Department to reorganize the staffing structure as follows: Change the position of Part-Time Open Records Clerk to a Full Time Open Records/Accreditation Assistant effective June 1, 2019 or later, adding a .5 FTE; Eliminate a Full Time Comm Tech position effective July 5, 2019, removing 1.0 FTE; and Changing the position of Part Time Comm Tech to the position of Part Time Fleet Manager effective June 1, 2019 or later, with no change to FTE, for a total net reduction of .5 FTE within the Police Department. **MS Erickson / Kunz.**
    1. Ald. Kunz commented that these efforts by the Police Department staff are much appreciated.
    2. Chief Olson advised that this change would close the Police Station from 11 pm to 7 am. If there is a non-emergency call, they will pick up a phone and dial the supervisor. If the supervisor is not available after 4 rings, the call gets transferred to the Communications Center at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department. If it is an emergency, a red button will lock the doors behind them so no one can enter the police department. There is really no change other than there is no person there, just a telephone to get an officer there.
    3. Mayor Kaufert advised that he was not ready for this when the Chief approached him with this idea. The Chief has since done his homework and convinced him. Most neighboring departments close their doors around 4-6 pm with no one at the front desk after those hours. Safeguards are built in for emergency situations. Overall this is an efficient / cost effective way to do things.

4. Chief Olson added that \$39,000 was spent last year in overtime just to staff the front desk. This plus the fact that it is a hard position to staff make this plan worth it. He clarified for Ald. Bates that the average walk-ins / call-ins is 1.6 per hour from 11 pm to 7 am.
5. **Motion carried, by an 8-0 RollCall-Pro System vote, all voting aye.**
- B. Committee recommends Council accept the Post-Crescent quotation and designate it the City's official newspaper for June 2019 to June 2020. **MS Erickson / Kunz.**
  1. Ald. Bates asked the status of using our website to post these publications. She asked if there is a set subscription base in order to count for an official newspaper.
  2. City Atty. Godlewski that there is a possibility of publishing summaries for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> insertions of a Class 2 and 3 notice. That also required it to be in the newspaper as well. By Statute, we are required to have an official newspaper and the Post Crescent qualifies. Subscription numbers are considered but he is unsure what that number is.
  3. Ald. Boyette asked what was found regarding questions in committee about qualifications and if they need to be in the same county.
  4. City Atty. Godlewski indicated he did not get a chance to look into that. He will take a look and get an email out.
  5. Mayor Kaufert indicated even though they lost a lot of subscribers, they have 47,000 that follow the Post Crescent on line.
  6. **Motion carried, by a 6-1-1 RollCall-Pro System vote, all voting aye, Ald. Boyette voting nay and Ald. Stevenson abstaining.**

### **Board of Public Works**

- I. Vice Chairman Bates reported the meeting of May 7, 2019:
  - A. Information Only Items:
    1. The Board approved Pay Estimate No. 1 for Contract 1-19 Miscellaneous Sewer and Water Main Construction and Street Construction on Caroline Street, Stevens Street and Fifth Street to Carl Bowers & Sons Construction Co. Inc., Kaukauna, in the amount of \$520,840.35.
    2. The Board approved Pay Estimate No. 1 for Contract 2-19 Miscellaneous Sewer and Water Main Construction and Street Construction on Stanley Street, Stanley Court, and Thomas Court to Robert J. Immel Excavating Inc., Greenville, in the amount of \$194,518.20.
    3. The Board approved Washington Park Phase III Pay Request No. 1 to R & R Wash Materials, Ripon in the amount of \$137,998.11.

### **Community Development Authority**

- I. Director Haese reported from the Community Development Authority.
  - A. The CDA continues to work hard on the two potential downtown projects.
  - B. The CDA is working on outstanding issues with the Site 6 Development. They hope to have a draft development agreement on that site soon.



- C. In terms of Sites 1-3, they are in the process of reviewing tentative development agreements. This will entail an additional two development agreements. Hopefully they will have those sometime in the near future.
- D. Ald. Stevenson questioned the status of the warehouse property we are trying to acquire.
  - 1. Dir. Haese advised that we were presented with an appraisal from the owner. That number was significantly higher than we had estimated. He has contracted with another appraiser to evaluate that appraisal. There are some discrepancies between the owner's appraisal and what our appraiser has evaluated. Bottom line, the number is still high.

### **Library Board**

- I. Alderperson Erickson reported from the Library Board meeting of May 15, 2019 at 4:00 pm.
  - A. The circulation desk has been moved.
  - B. The Library Newsletter features "Hoopla" which is a way to access music, movies, audio books, e-books, comics and television shows on your computer, tablet or phone and even your TV. Titles can be streamed immediately or downloaded to phones or tablets for offline enjoyment later. There are hundreds of thousands of titles to choose from with more being added daily. This is available starting next Monday.
  - C. She encouraged everyone to check it out on the Library website as well as other program information.
  - D. The Library will once again participate in free summer lunches. That programs runs from June 10<sup>th</sup> to July 18<sup>th</sup> coinciding with summer school. No lunches will be served the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. Last year this program was a huge success.

### **Neenah Arts Council**

- I. Alderperson Erickson reported from the Neenah Arts Council meeting of May 8, 2019.
  - A. The Arts Council was approached by Emma Santiago about the Mural Project.
  - B. On July 17<sup>th</sup> they will have their Plein Air Event in conjunction with the Bergstrom Mahler Museum of Glass Arts Festival.
  - C. On September 16<sup>th</sup> the Arts Council will have their first Live Music Event in the City.

### **Council Directives**

- I. MS Lendrum/Bates to add a Council Directive directing Community Development staff to research and potentially propose a change to the Zoning Code restricting gravel driveways in residential zoning districts and requiring a one car garage minimum for all residential new build structures in the City (all other homes would be grandfathered in). The research will most likely include researching other communities, understanding the impacts i.e., extra costs for homeowner, benefits to community. (This motion will be voted on at the next Council Meeting)

### **Unfinished Business**

- I. Ald. Stevenson questioned the CIP Workshop Schedule.
  - A. Dir. Easker advised that the Finance & Personnel Committee will cancel May 27<sup>th</sup>. If there are significant agenda items, they would bump that meeting up to May 20<sup>th</sup>. At this point they have only one agenda item which could wait until the first June meeting. The deadline is noon tomorrow.
  - B. Mayor Kaufert clarified that a notice will be sent out tomorrow to cancel May 26<sup>th</sup> F&P. If they need to meet on June 20<sup>th</sup> an agenda will be posted as well. The PSSC meeting will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup>. It appears June 3rd will be the CIP workshop at 6 pm then the public input session would be at Council on June 19<sup>th</sup>.
  
- II. Mayor Kaufert advised everyone that the Touch-A-Truck event was held today. Many businesses brought out a variety of truck that kids could sit in and get a close up view of. The Firefighters Charitable Foundation were raising money to decorate the splash pad at Washington Park with a fire theme including a hose kids can use to spray a pretend fire. As part of the event, he climbed the Neenah-Menasha ladder truck and dropped 600 firefighter stress balls into a firefighter boot to raise money for the Firefighters Charitable Foundation. He thanked staff and businesses for a well-run event. There was a very good turnout and the weather was good as well.
  - A. Ald. Stevenson asked where citizens can donate. Mayor Kaufert indicated donations can be made at Neenah Parks & Recreation Department, Neenah-Menasha Fire Station #32, Fox Communities Credit Union (Neenah branch) and Cedar Bar & Grill.
  
- III. Mayor Kaufert announced that the flags are out on the bridge on N. Commercial Street for Armed Forces Day. He thanked the N-M Honor Guard for the flags. They will help celebrate Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day.

### **New Business**

- I. Mayor Kaufert advised that he went up to Green Bay yesterday to film a ½ hour TV show with Tom Zalaski called News Makers. It is on Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on WFRV Channel 5. It is all about economic development. All the positive things going on in Neenah. He urged everyone to watch the show.
  
- II. Council President Stevenson advised that he is still looking for responses from the Council regarding participation in the Memorial Day Parade. He asked the Council to look in their emails for the information and respond if they plan to participate. Ald. Lang is the only one to respond so far.
  
- III. Ald. Lang announced the Neenah Historical Society's Exhibit, "Voting for a Change - the Impact of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment on our Community" will open on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4 pm. Former Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch, in her new role as executive director of the National Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission is expected to visit at noon and give some remarks regarding the anniversary of women's right to vote. The League of Women Voters will also be

here hosting an ice cream social. You can visit the exhibit on weekdays during our normal business hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Sunday afternoons starting May 19 through June 30. The Exhibit includes some amazing women from Neenah who had an impact on the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

- IV. Mayor Kaufert announced his appointment to fill the expired term of Grant Birtch, Al Long and Wayne Sigl on the Board of Review for a five year term to expire in June of 2024 will be considered at the June 5, 2019 Council Meeting.
- V. Mayor Kaufert announced his appointment to fill the expired terms of Bonnie Flegle and James Sudlak on the Loan Assistance Board for a three year term to expire in June of 2022 will be considered at the June 5, 2019 Council Meeting.
- VI. Ald. Boyette reminded everyone that Friday is National Poppy Day. The American Legion Auxiliary women will be out collecting donations and handing out poppies at local business. She hopes everyone will donate and support our local veterans.
- VII. Ald. Kunz advised that, as a member of the Park & Rec Commission, he received a copy of a letter from John Bergstrom expressing his excitement for the upgrades at Washington Park. The upgrades are not even completed and citizens are noticing the improvements.
  - A. Mayor Kaufert added that the playground area is open and being utilized by a lot of kids. They are a little behind because of weather but still hoping to have the splash pad open in August.
  - B. Ald. Stevenson indicated he heard a lot of comments at the Touch-A-Truck event this morning. Everyone is talking about the upgrades.
- VIII. Dir. Kaiser reminded everyone that next week is National Public Works Week. He asked citizens to thank their garbage men and all the other guys and gals that help the City run.

### Adjournment

- I. **MS Lendrum/Boyette to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. There being no objections the motion was approved by unanimous consent.**

  
Patricia A. Sturn, WCPC/MMC  
City Clerk