

**Common Council
of the City of Onalaska**

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

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1 The Meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8,
2 2016. It was noted that the meeting had been announced and a notice posted at City Hall.

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4 Roll call was taken, with the following members present: Mayor Joe Chilsen, Ald. Jim Binash,
5 Ald. Jim Bialecki, Ald. Barry Blomquist, Ald. Jim Olson, Ald. Harvey Bertrand, Ald. Bob Muth

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7 Also Present: City Clerk Cari Burmaster, Financial Services Director/Treasurer Fred Buehler,
8 City Attorney Sean O’Flaherty, City Engineer Jarrod Holter, Interim Land Use and Development
9 Director Katie Aspenson, Human Resource Director Hope Burchell, Brad Viegut of Robert W.
10 Baird

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12 **Item 2 – Pledge of Allegiance**

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14 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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16 **Item 3 – Public Input: (limited to 3 minutes/individual)**

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18 Mayor Chilsen opened public input and read into the record the following letter from Rick
19 Diermeier, 2301 Evenson Drive, Onalaska, who serves as the City of Onalaska’s representative
20 on the La Crosse County Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee: *“Thank you for allowing me to
21 express my concerns. I’ve offered my opposition to the proposal to modify the existing bike lane
22 in the 500 block of Sand Lake Road. First, I must remind this group that Onalaska previously
23 enacted a Complete Streets resolution and is therefore obligated to consider bicycle and
24 pedestrian interests in considerations when making any decisions regarding transportation
25 infrastructure. I agree with the opinions offered by Jarrod and members of the Board of Public
26 Works during last week’s meeting. The current design of Sand Lake Road was modified in 2004
27 after significant input was solicited and received from members of the community regarding the
28 prospect of establishing this street as a bicycle corridor. Since 2004, other modifications have
29 been made to the Sand Lake Road/12th Avenue South corridor to encourage the safe use of this
30 roadway and associated bike/pedestrian paths as a safe alternative for bicyclists. Anyone
31 familiar with Onalaska’s streets will agree that the year-round use of bicycles is increasing, and
32 has increased since 2004. The proposed action represents a step back and not a step forward.*

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34 *I have frequently served as a guest presenter for Rotary [Club] and other community
35 organizations in weeks leading up to the annual Bike to Work Week. At these meetings I am
36 frequently asked how to safely ride from Holmen to Onalaska, and beyond. The answer today is
37 that there is not a safe way to make this trip on a bike. However, as we know, Sand Lake Road
38 north of Highway OT is scheduled for an improvement, and this improvement will include bike-
39 friendly facilities. This will only increase the use of Sand Lake Road as a bike corridor. As
40 Jarrod stated last week, the only way to accomplish the proposed modifications without creating
41 a dangerous auto-bicycle pinch-point is to eliminate the dedicated bike lane on both sides of Sand
42 Lake Road all the way back to Lake Street. This eliminates a significant section of bike lanes on*

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43 *Sand Lake Road, and should only be considered after a call for citizen input is completed. My*
44 *estimation is that citizens of Onalaska are in favor of more bike-friendly roads and not less, for*
45 *all the right reasons: to improve health and wellness, to improve the air that we breathe and*
46 *reduce vehicle-related congestion. We live, work and play in a beautiful area. There is no better*
47 *way to enjoy this beauty than while bicycling. Thanks. Rick Diermeier.”*

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49 Mayor Chilsen called three times for anyone wishing to provide public input and closed that
50 portion of the meeting.

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52 **Item 4 – REPORT FROM THE MAYOR:**

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54 A. Library statistics for February

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56 Mayor Chilsen said he had not been provided with the February library statistics.

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58 B. Recognition of the 2015-2016 Onalaska Girls Hockey Team

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60 Mayor Chilsen commended the members of the Onalaska High School girls hockey team, which
61 finished with a 10-11-2 record. Senior Chazlyn Anderson and junior Skylar Dannhoff received
62 All-State honors.

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64 C. Proclamation for Claude Deck Day

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66 Mayor Chilsen read the Proclamation for Claude Deck Day.

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68 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Muth, to approve the Proclamation for Claude Deck
69 Day.

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71 On voice vote, motion carried.

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73 **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION FROM THE**
74 **FOLLOWING COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/BOARDS:**

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76 All items listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one
77 motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member requests
78 removal, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in the
79 order of business in the non-consent agenda.

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81 **Item 5 – Consent Agenda**

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83 A. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting(s)

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85 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- 86
- 87 B. Accept Omni Center financials for 2016
- 88 C. Accept City General Fund Financials for 2016
- 89 D. Authorization to approve a sponsorship/donation from the Tourism Fund to the following
- 90 not to exceed:
- 91 1. Onalaska Community Days – \$5,000
- 92 2. Celebrate Onalaska – \$6,893
- 93 3. 3 Rivers Roleo – \$3,000
- 94 4. Centering Onalaska – \$5,000
- 95 E. Authorization for the Onalaska Fire Department to purchase safety equipment (non-
- 96 budgeted items), using the sale of old fire equipment sold in 2015, funds currently in the
- 97 undesignated fund balance of the Equipment Replacement Fund
- 98 F. Authorization to accept the grant in the amount of \$4,000 from the Wisconsin
- 99 Department of Transportation for squad video system, a 75/25 match
- 100 G. Authorization to accept the grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the Wisconsin
- 101 Department of Transportation for seat belt enforcement, a 75/25 match
- 102 H. Vehicle purchases through the State Procurement:
- 103 1. ¾-ton pickup with plow (street/cemetery)
- 104 2. ½-ton pickup (utility)
- 105 3. Light truck/SUV (utility)
- 106 I. Authorization to proceed with a request for proposals for replacement of City Hall
- 107 Common Council Chambers Audio/Video Equipment
- 108 J. Consideration and possible action regarding the termination of the Collection Services
- 109 Agreement on or before July 31, 2016 with Credit Bureau Data and transfer unpaid
- 110 citations to Wisconsin Department of Revenue State Debt Collections (SDC)
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112 **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

- 113
- 114 K. Approval to receive funding from the Southwest Wisconsin Building Inspectors
- 115 Association (SWWBIA) apprenticeship program for the amount of \$500 to hire a
- 116 temporary seasonal employee within the Inspection Department
- 117 L. Approval of out-of-state travel for Tony Hilton, Corey Yonkovich and Cory Taylor to
- 118 attend Crude By Rail Emergency Response Training in Pueblo, Colorado on April 4
- 119 through April 6, 2016
- 120 M. Approval of out-of-state travel for Brian Everson to attend Challenges for Local Training
- 121 Officers in Emmitsburg, Maryland on May 29 through June 3, 2016
- 122 N. Approval of new policy 4.12 – Emergency Closing Policy
- 123 O. Approval of Human Resource 2015 Annual Report
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125 **JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

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- 127 P. Approval of **Ordinance No. 1535-2016** – to amend Chapter 2, Section 8 of Title 13 of
128 the Code of Ordinances of the City of Onalaska relating to R-MMH Mobile Home
129 District (Third and Final Reading)
- 130 Q. Approval of **Ordinance No. 1537-2016** – to amend Chapter 4 of Title 7, Section 4 of the
131 Code of Ordinances of the City of Onalaska relating to Registration of Direct Sellers
132 (Third and Final Reading)
- 133 R. Approval of **Ordinance No. 1538-2016** – to amend Chapter 2 of Title 7, Section 11 of
134 the Code of Ordinances of the City of Onalaska relating to Transfer and Lapse of License
135 (Third and Final Reading)
- 136 S. Approval of **Ordinance No. 1539-2016** – to amend Chapter 3 of Title 7, Section 2 of the
137 Code of Ordinances of the City of Onalaska relating to Cigarette Licenses (Third and
138 Final Reading)
- 139 T. Approval of **Ordinance No. 1540-2016** – to amend Chapter 6 of Title 7, Section 1 of the
140 Code of Ordinances of the City of Onalaska relating to Regulation of Taxicabs (Third and
141 Final Reading)
- 142 U. Approval of **Ordinance No. 1541-2016** – to amend Chapter 2 of Title 7, Section 18 of
143 the Code of Ordinances of the City of Onalaska relating to Class “A” and Class “B”
144 Outdoor Venue License (Third and Final Reading)
- 145 V. Approval of **Ordinance No. 1542-2016** – to amend Chapter 5 of Title 7, Section 4 of the
146 Code of Ordinances of the City of Onalaska relating to Hotel/Motel Permits (Third and
147 Final Reading)
- 148 W. Approval of **Ordinance No. 1547-2016** – to amend Chapter 2 of Title 6, Section 2 of the
149 Code of Ordinances of the City of Onalaska relating to Sidewalk Permit required (First
150 and Second Reading)
- 151 X. Approval of **Ordinance No. 1548-2016** – to amend Chapter 2 of Title 2, Section 11 of
152 the Code of Ordinances of the City of Onalaska relating to Special Meetings (First and
153 Second Reading)
- 154 Y. Approval of **Ordinance No. 1549-2016** – to amend Chapter 11 of Title 7, Section 1 of
155 the Code of Ordinances of the City of Onalaska relating to Transient and Temporary
156 Public Entertainments (First and Second Reading)
- 157 Z. Approval of **Ordinance No. 1550-2016** – to amend Chapter 4 of Title 7, Section 4 of the
158 Code of Ordinances of the City of Onalaska relating to Registration of Direct Sellers
159 (First and Second Reading)
- 160 AA. Approval of **Ordinance No. 1551-2016** – to amend Chapter 2 of Title 5, Section
161 9 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Onalaska relating to Open Burning (First and
162 Second Reading)
- 163 BB. Approval of **Ordinance No. 1552-2016** – to amend Chapter 7 of Title 7, Section
164 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Onalaska relating to Regulation of Fireworks
165 (First and Second Reading)
- 166 CC. Approval of **Ordinance No. 1553-2016** – to amend Section 60 of Article C of
167 Chapter 1 of Title 15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Onalaska relating to Gas
168 Licenses (First and Second Reading)

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

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172 DD. Approval of Operator's Licenses as listed on report dated March 2, 2016

173 EE. Approval of Appointment of Agent for La Crosse Country Club, 300 Marcou Road,
174 Onalaska to Courtney Wilson

175 FF. Approval of 2015-2016 Class "B" Liquor License for the following applicants:

176 1. Royal Indian Cuisine, LLC, d/b/a ROYAL INDIAN CUISINE, 235
177 Sand Lake Road, Onalaska, Wisconsin 54650

178 GG. Approval of Special Events Permits:

179 1. Approval of Firehouse 5K Run on April 9, 2016 from 8-10 a.m. starting
180 at the Fire Department East Parking Lot, City Hall, 415 Main Street,
181 Onalaska

182 2. Approval of Memorial Day Parade for Onalaska American Legion on
183 May 30, 2016 from 9:30-10 a.m. starting at the Onalaska American
184 Legion parking lot

185 3. Fireworks Display Permit for La Crosse Skyrockers, Inc. for Rabe
186 Wedding at Omni Center on March 12, 2016 from approximately 5-7
187 p.m.

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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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191 HH. Approval of maintaining existing street striping on 500 block of Sand Lake Road

192 II. Approval of Change Order #3 for Well #9 Reconstruction Project

193 JJ. Approval of Archaeological Services for 2016 Utility Project with Mississippi Valley
194 Archaeological Center in the amount of \$4,984

195 KK. Approval of contract for 2016/2017 commercial cross connection inspection
196 services from Hydro Corp in the amount of \$23,880

197 LL. Approval of purchasing trench shoring trailer from Marv's Trailers in the amount of
198 \$8,978

199 MM. Approval of purchasing sanitary sewer bypass trash pump from Waste Corp
200 Pumps in the amount of \$21,658.10

201 NN. Approval of 2016 Utility Project bid to Gerke Excavating for base bid with
202 alternate #1 and #2 in the amount of \$682,945.97

203 OO. Approval of 2016 Spring Tree Planting bid to Kreibich Landscaping for base bid
204 with alternate #3 and #4 in the amount of \$250,567.00

205 PP. Approval of 2016 Stump Grinding bid to Kreibich Landscaping in the amount of \$39,746

206 QQ. Approval of sanitary sewer easement for 2016 Utility Project at 900 2nd Avenue
207 South

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PLAN COMMISSION

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211 RR. Approval of a request by Steve Bluske of Shopko to host a tent sale in 2016 that
212 will last until August 31, 2016 at 9366 State Road 16, Onalaska, WI (Tax Parcel #18-
213 3589-9) with the four listed conditions

214 SS. Approval of a request by Tracy Sacia of Home Depot to host a tent sale in 2016 that will
215 last until July 15, 2016 at 2927 Market Place, Onalaska, WI (Tax Parcel #18-3635-4)
216 with the four listed conditions

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218 **UTILITIES COMMITTEE/MASS TRANSIT**

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220 TT. Approval of Shared Ride financials for 2015

221 UU. Approval of a revised Leak Adjustment Policy for water utility

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223 **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

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225 VV. Approve Learning Trail signage in Van Riper Park, with donation from Joanne
226 Van Riper through the United Way

227 WW. Approve Lawn Mower Bid to Bobcat of the Coulee Region in the amount of
228 \$5,600, including trade-in

229 XX. Approve Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan to Ayres & Associates in the
230 amount of \$14,757

231 YY. Approve Audio System Design Services at the Omni Center to Commercial AV
232 Systems at a cost of \$2,108.33

233 ZZ. Approve revised TV advertising agreement with Tornado Youth Hockey

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235 **TOURISM COMMISSION**

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237 AAA. Accept Financial Report:

238 1. 2015 Financials

239 2. 2016 Financials

240 BBB. Approval of future quarterly meeting dates to be the fourth Wednesday in the
241 months of February, May, August and November at 4 p.m.

242 CCC. Approve disposal of fixed assets from Tourism Department:

243 1. Appendix A – list on Wisconsin Surplus website

244 2. Appendix B – Internal Usage to various departments

245

246 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Blomquist, to approve the Consent Agenda.

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248 On voice vote, motion carried.

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250 **Non-Consent Agenda**

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252 **Item 6 – RECAP ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

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254 As there were no items removed from the Consent Agenda, Item 7 was addressed next.

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256 **Item 7 – FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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258 A. Vouchers

259

260 Motion by Ald. Muth, second by Ald. Bialecki, to approve the vouchers expended since the last
261 Common Council meeting on February 9, 2016, in the amount of \$1,318,757.45.

262

263 On voice vote, motion carried.

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265 B. **Resolution 21-2016** – Resolution awarding the Sale of \$5,920,000 General Obligation
266 Corporate Purpose Bonds

267

268 Motion by Ald. Muth, second by Ald. Bertrand, to approve Resolution 21-2016 – Resolution
269 awarding the Sale of \$5,920,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds.

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271 Brad noted he had distributed to the Council a packet that summarizes the results of the bond
272 sale that had occurred earlier Tuesday. Page 2 provides a tally of the number of bids received
273 (six). BOSCO, Inc., submitted the low-cost bid in terms of interest rates (2.3206 percent). Brad
274 said the funds will become available to the city on Monday, April 4. Annual maturities will
275 begin October 1, 2017, and the final principal payment will be October 1, 2035. The first call
276 date for the final payments from 2027 through 2035 is October 1, 2026.

277

278 Brad referred to the detailed plan of finance, which he said he had updated since first presenting
279 it in February, and noted the following:

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281 • Brad said he had been using 3.06 percent for the estimate of interest rates and noted that
282 the city will be paying \$530,000 less in interest expense than what was presented in
283 February.

284 • The State of Wisconsin has reduced its interest rate on the State Trust Fund Loan from 3
285 percent to 2.5 percent.

286

287 Brad referred to the complete rating report from Moody's Investors Service and noted the city's
288 credit strengths include a strong regional economy, a stable tax base, and conservative budgeting
289 practices. Credit challenges include state-imposed caps on levy growth that limit the city's
290 flexibility to increase property tax revenues, and above-average debt burden and debt service
291 expenditures.

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293 Ald. Bertrand asked how the city's Aa2 rating compares to similar-sized municipalities.

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294
295 Brad cited the example of the City of Watertown, which he said has similar characteristics to
296 those found in the City of Onalaska, and noted it too has a Aa2 rating. Brad said cities with
297 larger populations such as Appleton and Waukesha have Aa1 ratings due to greater valuation and
298 larger size. Brad said the City of Berlin, which has a smaller population than that of Onalaska,
299 has a Aa3 rating due primarily to its size. Brad said Onalaska would need to see a significant
300 increase in total property value before it might earn a rating of Aa1.

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302 On roll call vote: Ald. Jim Olson – aye, Ald. Jim Bialecki – aye, Ald. Harvey Bertrand – aye,
303 Ald. Jim Binash – aye, Ald. Bob Muth – aye, Ald. Barry Blomquist – aye. Motion carried.

304
305 C. **Resolution 24-2016** – Resolution authorizing the Issuance and Sale of up to \$3,080,371
306 Water System and Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2016, and Providing for
307 other details and covenants with respect thereto

308
309 Motion by Ald. Muth, second by Ald. Bialecki, to approve Resolution 24-2016 – Resolution
310 authorizing the Issuance and Sale of up to \$3,080,371 Water System and Sewerage System
311 Revenue Bonds, Series 2016, and Providing for other details and covenants with respect thereto.

312
313 Brad said this is the Safe Drinking Water Fund Loan that is issued through the State of
314 Wisconsin. Its purpose is to provide long-term financing for the Note Anticipation Note that the
315 city issued in 2015. The Note Anticipation Note provided the construction funds for the water
316 system projects. Brad said it was a short-term note that is scheduled to mature in August 2016.
317 Brad said this resolution locks in the funds to pay off the majority of the Note Anticipation Note,
318 adding there are some construction funds remaining from the issuance that will be applied to pay
319 off the remainder of the Note Anticipation Note. A total of \$3,565,000 will be paid off. The
320 resolution also authorizes the call of the note, and the city is prepaying this. The note will be
321 paid 30 days after March 9, and the city will stop accruing interest.

322
323 On roll call vote: Ald. Jim Olson – aye, Ald. Jim Bialecki – aye, Ald. Harvey Bertrand – aye,
324 Ald. Jim Binash – aye, Ald. Bob Muth – aye, Ald. Barry Blomquist – aye. Motion carried.

325
326 D. **Resolution 23-2016** – A resolution requesting State Trust Fund 5-year Loan of \$134,190
327 to purchase two police cars, financing Bluff Head protection, City Hall Council Chamber
328 audio/video and comprehensive outdoor recreation plan

329
330 Motion by Ald. Muth, second by Ald. Binash, to approve Resolution 23-2016 – A resolution
331 requesting State Trust Fund 5-year Loan of \$134,190 to purchase two police cars, financing
332 Bluff Head protection, City Hall Council Chamber audio/video and comprehensive outdoor
333 recreation plan.

334
335 Brad noted this loan funds the projects that were not eligible to be funded with the bonding that
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336 was approved. Brad said this is the most cost-effective method with which to fund these
337 projects.

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339 On roll call vote: Ald. Jim Bialecki – aye, Ald. Barry Blomquist – aye, Ald. Jim Olson – aye,
340 Ald. Jim Binash – aye, Ald. Bob Muth – aye, Ald. Harvey Bertrand – aye. Motion carried.

341

342 **Item 8 – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

343

344 A. Update on the contract with Jim Webb for as-needed UDC Building Inspection services

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346 Hope said Jim Webb has been given two weeks’ notice, as required by contract.

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348 B. Review and consideration of options for Interim UDC/Building Inspections

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350 Hope said there is a UDC Building Inspector who has taken the exam; however, she has not yet
351 received the results. Hope said she is asking that Calvin King serve in this role until it is known
352 whether the individual has passed the exam. Hope noted that Calvin possesses the credentials
353 and said he was given an additional dollar an hour the last time this occurred in 2013, and he also
354 was allowed up to five hours a week of overtime. Hope said, “I think it’s better served for us to
355 do this in-house with our staff that we currently have and have the employee go with our other
356 inspectors to make sure that we have that continuity and the training that we have with on staff.
357 The nice part is he’s willing to do that for us.”

358

359 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Muth, to approve the options for Interim UDC/Building
360 Inspections.

361

362 On voice vote, motion carried.

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364 **Item 9 – JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

365

366 A. **Ordinance No. 1534-2016** – to adopt the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Onalaska,
367 Wisconsin (First and Second Reading)

368

369 Motion by Ald. Blomquist, second by Ald. Bertrand, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance
370 No. 1534-2016 its First, Second, Third and Final Reading.

371

372 On voice vote, motion carried.

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374 Motion by Ald. Blomquist, second by Ald. Bertrand, to approve Ordinance No. 1534-2016 – to
375 adopt the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Onalaska, Wisconsin (First, Second, Third and
376 Final Reading).

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378 Katie expressed her gratitude that the Council has voted to suspend the rules and give Ordinance
379 No. 1534-2016 its First, Second, Third and Final Reading, and said staff will be able to begin
380 working with the new ordinance for all new development opportunities once it has been
381 published. Katie complimented Short Elliott Hendrickson, calling the consulting firm “a great
382 partner,” and said, “We really feel that we have a great plan to represent the future of Onalaska
383 for the next 20 years.”

384

385 On voice vote, motion carried.

386

387 B. **Ordinance No. 1545-2016** – to rezone property located in Section 04 Township 16,
388 Range 7 in the City of Onalaska, La Crosse County, Wisconsin from Public & Semi-
389 Public (P-1) to Single Family Residential and/or Duplex Residential (R-2) (First and
390 Second Reading) (Steve Jirsa Rezoning)

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392 Motion by Ald. Blomquist, second by Ald. Binash, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No.
393 1545-2016 its First, Second, Third and Final Reading.

394

395 On voice vote, motion carried.

396

397 Motion by Ald. Blomquist, second by Ald. Binash, to approve Ordinance No. 1545-2016 – to
398 rezone property located in Section 04 Township 16, Range 7 in the City of Onalaska, La Crosse
399 County, Wisconsin from Public & Semi-Public (P-1) to Single Family Residential and/or Duplex
400 Residential (R-2) (First, Second, Third and Final Reading) (Steve Jirsa Rezoning).

401

402 On voice vote, motion carried.

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404 **Item 10 – BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

405

406 A. **Resolution 19-2016** – Final Resolution regarding assessments for Alley Paving Project
407 between 3rd Avenue and 4th Avenue South from Irvin Street to Hickory Street

408

409 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Olson, to approve Resolution 19-2016 – Final
410 Resolution regarding assessments for Alley Paving Project between 3rd Avenue and 4th Avenue
411 South from Irvin Street to Hickory Street.

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413 On voice vote, motion carried.

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415 B. **Resolution 20-2016** – Final Resolution regarding assessments for Sidewalk Improvement
416 Project at various locations Citywide

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418 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Bertrand, to approve Resolution 20-2016 – Final
419 Resolution regarding assessments for Sidewalk Improvement Project at various locations

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420 Citywide.

421

422 On voice vote, motion carried.

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424 C. Onalaska Cemetery Main Street Improvements Project for 2016:

425 1. Approval of bid from Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$230,821.23

426

427 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Blomquist, to approve bid from Fowler & Hammer,
428 Inc. in the amount of \$230,821.23 for the Onalaska Cemetery Main Street Improvements Project
429 for 2016.

430

431 On voice vote, motion carried.

432

433 2. Approval of a loan to the Cemetery Committee in the amount of \$29,908

434

435 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Blomquist, to approve a loan to the Cemetery
436 Committee in the amount of \$29,908.

437

438 On voice vote, motion carried.

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440 **Item 11 – REPORT FROM CITY CLERK**

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442 A. **Resolution 22-2016** – to approve Changes to 2016 Fee Schedule

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444 Cari said there were a few changes that needed to be made in addition to the changes that were
445 made in January.

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447 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Muth, to approve Resolution 22-2016 – to approve
448 Changes to 2016 Fee Schedule.

449

450 On voice vote, motion carried.

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452 **Item 12 – REPORT FROM INTERIM LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

453

454 A. Approval of City of Onalaska, Village of Holmen and Town of Onalaska Boundary
455 Agreement under Wisconsin’s Statutes Section 66.0301

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457 Katie noted that on February 29 the City of Onalaska, the Village of Holmen and the Town of
458 Onalaska Plan Commissions had met and also held a public hearing to receive public comment
459 regarding this agreement. The purpose of the boundary agreement is to establish long-term
460 boundaries between the three municipalities, to reduce annexation disputes, and also to minimize
461 fragmentation and irregular boundaries.

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463 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Olson, to approve City of Onalaska, Village of Holmen
464 and Town of Onalaska Boundary Agreement under Wisconsin's Statutes Section 66.0301.

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466 On voice vote, motion carried.

467
468 B. Approval of **Resolution 25-2016** – Preliminary Resolution to Vacate and Discontinue
469 Main Street West of 2nd Avenue South/State Road 35 and the Court Street South Alley
470 between Main Street and Irvin Street

471
472 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Muth, to approve Resolution 25-2016 – Preliminary
473 Resolution to Vacate and Discontinue Main Street West of 2nd Avenue South/State Road 35 and
474 the Court Street South Alley between Main Street and Irvin Street.

475
476 Katie said the purpose of the resolution is to allow for the construction of the Great River
477 Landing and added it is necessary for the project to move forward.

478
479 Ald. Bialecki referred to Item 7b (Resolution 21-2016) and noted that \$3,030,000 of the
480 \$5,920,000 that was approved by the Council is being paid for by Tourism funds. Ald. Bialecki
481 stressed that this is not “a property tax project.”

482
483 On voice vote, motion carried.

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485 **Item 13 – CLOSED SESSION**

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487 To consider a motion to convene in Closed Session under Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin
488 Statutes for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the
489 investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or
490 bargaining reasons require a closed session:

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492 • Consideration, development and approval of negotiating strategy regarding Town of
493 Onalaska Fire Contract for 2016

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495 If any action is required in Open Session, as the result of the Closed Session, the Council will
496 reconvene in Open Session to take the necessary action and/or continue on with the printed
497 agenda.

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499 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Olson, to convene in Closed Session.

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501 On roll call vote: Ald. Barry Blomquist – aye, Ald. Jim Olson – aye, Ald. Harvey Bertrand –
502 aye, Ald. Bob Muth – aye, Ald. Jim Bialecki – aye, Ald. Jim Binash – aye. In Closed Session.
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Reviewed 3/9/16 by Cari Burmaster

**Common Council
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505 **Adjournment**

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507 Motion by Alderperson Jim Bialecki, second by Alderperson Jim Olson to adjourn from closed
508 session at 7:48 pm.

509 On roll call vote: Ald. Muth – aye, Ald. Olson – aye, Ald. Binash – aye, Ald. Bertrand – aye,
510 Ald. Blomquist - aye and Ald. Bialecki – aye. Motion carried 6-0.

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512 Recorded by:

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