

1 The Meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September  
2 13, 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. Bob Muth. Ald. Harvey Bertrand  
6 participated via telephone.

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

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13 **Item 2 – Pledge of Allegiance**

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15 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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19 Mayor Chilsen welcomed public input at this time.

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21 **Richard Gilmore, Retired Pastor of Christ Is Lord Lutheran Church**  
22 **633 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue North**  
23 **Onalaska**

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25 “I would like to offer a prayer for our Mayor and the Council: *‘Lord God, we pray that you*  
26 *would lift up the Council and Joe Chilsen, and you would bless them with good health during*  
27 *their tenure. Also bless them with wisdom and good judgment as to what’s good and best for our*  
28 *city. We thank you for them, Lord, and we ask that you bless them during their time here. Bless*  
29 *them with all the good things you have for us. We ask again, Lord, to keep them healthy. In*  
30 *Jesus’ name, Amen.’ ”*

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32 **A.J. Frels, Executive Director of the La Crosse County Convention and Visitors Bureau**  
33 **410 Veterans Memorial Drive**  
34 **La Crosse**

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36 “I just wanted to stop in this evening and formally introduce myself as the Executive Director.  
37 I’ve been on board since June 1. I tried to get here last month, and I apologize for not getting  
38 here earlier. I certainly wanted to get up here and say hello and maybe give you a little history  
39 on my experience. I started my career with Hyatt Hotels in Dallas-Fort Worth at the Dallas-Fort  
40 Worth Airport. I then went to Starved Rock Lodge and Conference Center, which is located  
41 about 90 miles outside of Chicago. There I was General Manager, and I advanced to Executive  
42 Vice President. I had five properties under me at one time. From there I went to Lodge at Cedar  
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43 Creek in Wausau, Wisconsin – actually, Rothschild – as the General Manager. That was a  
44 50,000-square foot indoor water park and resort that had 182 employees and 23 managers. From  
45 there, I made the transition into the Destination Marketing organization, or CVBs. I was the  
46 Executive Director for Wisconsin Rapids CVB. Most recently [I was with] Carson Valley  
47 Visitors Authority out in Nevada, [which is] about 20 minutes off the south shore of Lake Tahoe.  
48 Then [I went] back to Wisconsin and La Crosse, which is someplace I’ve always wanted to be.  
49 La Crosse County is a gorgeous area, and I just want to let you know that the team is working  
50 very hard to ensure that the new Explore La Crosse brand is in place and is given the attention it  
51 deserves. We are working to promote all communities and all aspects of the entire county. I  
52 would like to commend you for having the foresight to put the collaboration together and work  
53 through that to make that happen. If you look across our country, you will see the studies and  
54 trends that are happening show that the future of tourism is truly in regional promotions. Again,  
55 thank you. I look forward to working with you and promoting the entire county. We will see  
56 you around, and we will work very closely together, I’m sure. Thank you.”

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

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

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63 A. Library Statistics for August

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65 Mayor Chilsen reported that 13 groups (264 patrons) had generated \$125 of meeting room  
66 revenue. Public computer station use totaled 1,462 hours, and the gate count was 12,751.

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68 B. Proclamation for Barry Nimtz

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70 Mayor Chilsen read the Proclamation for Barry Nimtz.

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72 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Olson, to approve the Proclamation for Barry Nimtz.

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74 On voice vote, motion carried.

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76 C. Proclamation for Constitution Week

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78 Mayor Chilsen read the Proclamation for Constitution Week.

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80 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Muth, to approve the Proclamation for Constitution  
81 Week.

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83 On voice vote, motion carried.

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85 D. Proclamation for Freedom From Workplace Bullies Week

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87 Mayor Chilsen read the Proclamation for Freedom From Workplace Bullies Week.

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89 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Binash, to approve the Proclamation for Freedom From  
90 Workplace Bullies Week.

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92 On voice vote, motion carried.

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

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

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102 **Item 5 – Consent Agenda**

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

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106 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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108 B. Accept Omni Center Financials for 2016

109 C. Accept City General Fund Financials for 2016

110 D. Approval of Great River Landing Phase I project including the costs associated with  
111 archaeological work and the funding source(s) usage of the Special Projects Fund

112 E. Approval of usage of Frontier Adjusters if the City were to have any form of serious  
113 property damage

114 F. Approval of the police department seatbelt enforcement grant and administering of the  
115 grant

116 G. Accept City of Onalaska Cash Flow Procedures for:

117 a. City Clerk, Inspection, Engineering, Planning, Fire, and Finance Departments

118 b. Accept Deficiencies Cited

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120 **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

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122 H. Approval of out-of-state travel for Wayne Nagy to attend Fire Inspection Principles I in  
123 Baltimore, Maryland from October 30 through November 4, 2016

124 I. Approval to fill Firefighter/EMT position budgeted for July 1, 2016

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126 **JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

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128 J. Approval of **Ordinance No. 1568-2016** to amend Title 10 Chapter 1 Section 27 of the  
129 City of Onalaska Code of Ordinances related to parking restrictions (Green Coulee Road)  
130 (First and Second Reading)  
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132 **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

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134 K. Approval of Operator's Licenses as listed on report dated September 7, 2016  
135 L. Approval of Special Events Permit for:  
136 a. Down Syndrome Awareness Walk on September 17, 2016 at 10 a.m. starting at  
137 the Omni Center, Onalaska  
138 M. Approval of request for burial of cremains with full body burial for Tim and Catherine  
139 Bulera and family in Block 158, Lot 7, Grave 3 and Grave 4 in City of Onalaska  
140 Cemetery  
141 N. Approval of Fee Schedule  
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143 **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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145 O. Approval of contracting for 2016 televising of sanitary sewer system by Flow-Rite Pipe  
146 and Sewer Services in the amount of \$24,000  
147 P. Approval of amendment number three for professional engineering services for the Great  
148 River Landing project with Short Elliott Hendrickson not to exceed \$39,800  
149 Q. Approval of change order number one for Great River Landing Phase One Project in the  
150 amount of \$23,524.84  
151 R. Approval of change order three for 2016 Onalaska Cemetery Main Street Improvement  
152 Project in the amount of \$11,258.21  
153 S. Approval of maintaining current charges for automated cart size  
154 T. Approval of cleaning at Wild Rose Reservoir including installation of tank mixing system  
155 by Water Tower Clean & Coat, Inc. in the amount of \$6,400  
156 U. Approval of installing roof access hatches at 6<sup>th</sup> and Quincy and 11<sup>th</sup> and Well Street lift  
157 stations by Interstate Roofing at a cost of \$8,600  
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159 **PLAN COMMISSION**

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161 V. Approval of an amendment to Title 13, Part 9, Chapter 3, Section 50-61 of the Unified  
162 Development Code (UDC) regarding the City of Onalaska – Airport Overlay Zoning  
163 District Ordinance  
164 W. Approval of an amendment of Chapter 5 of the Unified Development Code (UDC)  
165 Section regarding Conditional Use Permits  
166 X. Approval of an amendment of Chapter 2 of the Unified Development Code (UDC)  
167 regarding the Establishment of Zoning Districts (Permitted and Conditional Uses)  
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169 **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

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171 Y. Acceptance of the Survey of Historic Properties Project within the City of Onalaska  
172 completed by Heritage Research, LTD obtained through a grant with Wisconsin  
173 Historical Society

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175 **UTILITIES COMMITTEE/MASS TRANSIT**

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177 Z. Approval of 2016 Mass Transit Financials  
178 AA. Approval of 2016 Storm Water Financials  
179 BB. Approval of 2016 Sewer Financials  
180 CC. Approval of 2016 Water Financials

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182 **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

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184 DD. Approval of City of Onalaska Invasive Species Management Plan  
185 EE. Approval to proceed with the following projects at the Omni Center:  
186 a. LED Light Replacement  
187 b. Surge Protection on Heating and Cooling System  
188 c. Arena 2 Audio System  
189 d. Valve Replacement on Arena 2 Sprinkler System  
190 e. Omni Center Phone App Development

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192 **ROOM TAX COMMISSION**

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194 FF. Approve financials for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2016

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

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198 On voice vote, motion carried.

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200 **Non-Consent Agenda**

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

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

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206 **Item 7 – FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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208 A. Vouchers

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210 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Olson, to approve the vouchers expended since the last  
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211 Common Council meeting on August 9, 2016, in the amount of \$1,846,813.16.

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213 On voice vote, motion carried.

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215 **Item 8 – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

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217 A. Review and consideration of employment firms for use in hiring a City Administrator or  
218 consideration of recruit and advertise by Human Resources for the City Administrator

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220 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Olson, to bring to the floor for discussion review and  
221 consideration of employment firms for use in hiring a City Administrator or consideration of  
222 recruit and advertise by Human Resources for the City Administrator.

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224 Ald. Bialecki said, “At one point in another meeting we had indicated if for some reason the  
225 original recruitment process did not work out we would consider going with a search firm. At  
226 Finance and Personnel Committee there were some proposals brought to us. As I recall, the  
227 firms that may be credible would do this for us, but yet their fee ... I think one was 23 percent of  
228 gross for the new Administrator. The other was 25 percent, so you’re looking at the range of  
229 \$25,000 to \$30,000. We don’t have that budgeted for this year, so I’m curious to see where that  
230 comes from. One suggestion was, ‘We didn’t hire an Administrator. Use that.’ Well, we did  
231 that already. We did a reorganization of the front office and added some positions. ... If I had  
232 my preference, I would rather stay the same course that we did. My reasons are, I think we  
233 might have jumped too quick the last time. If I can go through and present it this way: If you  
234 recall, we approved that position in November [2015] for the 2016 budget process. I think some  
235 of the initial recruitment efforts advertising began in mid-January, but the real key for me was  
236 the ICMA (International City/County Management Association) website, whereas a lot of your  
237 county executives and city executives throughout the country are members of that. That entity  
238 was really not contacted until about mid-February, then I think we closed down in June.

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240 What’s interesting about that is we had only one credible candidate that there was an offer made  
241 to, and that individual declined for a couple of reasons. What I found interesting in that whole  
242 process is that of the eight candidates of those received that we considered for interview,  
243 requested an interview of, all eight of those came to us in the last month [June]. The other thing  
244 that’s noteworthy too is they’re all ICMA members, and if I remember right they were probably  
245 from four or five different states, meaning they had to have hit that website and picked that up.  
246 In some case we talked about ... I know Barry mentioned his spouse does recruitment through a  
247 ‘headhunter,’ if I can use that term, and yet she doesn’t hire all the time for professionals like  
248 that. The County did that; so did the Village of Holmen. But they have no human resources  
249 department. We did.”

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251 Ald. Bialecki addressed Hope and commended her, stating, “Everything you did there, you did  
252 right, and your efforts are appreciated. If something fell short, it came from us and not you. I

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253 would suggest to go back and do it the same way we did. I mentioned other entities that didn't  
254 have [human resources departments] that went out and did that, and I think that [Human  
255 Resources] was very key in this whole thing." Ald. Bialecki noted that the City of Tomah has  
256 hired four city administrators during JoAnn Cram's 25-year tenure as City Clerk. Ald. Bialecki  
257 also noted that JoAnn had coordinated the recruitment, advertisement, screening and  
258 presentations to the Tomah City Council. Ald. Bialecki said, "I think Hope had all the essential  
259 tools in place."

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261 Ald. Bialecki noted that the City of Onalaska had a vacancy for the Police Chief either in 2007 or  
262 2008 and said the city had conducted a national search where the process lasted at least a year, if  
263 not more. Ald. Bialecki said it is not uncommon for the hiring process to last that long, stating,  
264 "That's where I'm suggesting we stay the course we did and we advertise again. It may take you  
265 awhile, but you want to get the right person in place." Ald. Bialecki again reminded the Council  
266 that all eight candidates that were considered to be interviewed for the City Administrator  
267 position had come during June, the final month of the process.

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269 Ald. Blomquist said, "Coming onto the Council a year or so ago, I was here for three or four  
270 months and this came in front of me. Obviously I supported what recommendations were made  
271 to go to the City Administrator process. If my recollection is right, by November we had  
272 decided to go with this process. Since the November 9 [2015 Common Council] meeting we  
273 basically knew we were going to do this. It was recommended we don't start a search until after  
274 the first of the year. I'm not sure I understand that exactly, but it was started the first of the year.  
275 It went for six months. There were 35 or 40 applicants, but most of them did not meet the  
276 criteria set by the definition of what we wanted in an employee or the qualifications. But what  
277 scares me most at this point is, we are now ... This started the first of the year. We went to a  
278 part-time Mayor that, the way I understand it, does not have a whole lot of responsibility or  
279 authority any more. We've been doing that since the election [this past April]. Now it's been  
280 five months since the election and we still have no one running the city at the top position. The  
281 responsibilities trickle down to the Council, or some Council members, to run the city now. I  
282 know that's not what I expected. I don't think that's what the people who elected me to  
283 represent them expected they were going to get. I'm just very nervous about this.

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285 I'm not saying that everybody hasn't tried, but I'm a little skeptical about trying the same thing  
286 over and over again. Obviously this position has been out in publications for six months. I  
287 really personally think it's time to look to a different avenue. If it hasn't worked for six months,  
288 I don't know why it's going to work longer. In the meantime, we just ... I'm not saying  
289 anything negative about any of the people running this city, but I don't think that's the way the  
290 plan was meant to be and I think there has to be some different direction taken pretty soon."

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292 Ald. Olson said, "I think that we've had a couple of things come up recently with the added  
293 expense of the [Great River Landing] project and with the remains we found down there. We  
294 have an additional \$90,000 or \$100,000 to worry about, and another \$25,000 on top of this. I  
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295 think that the issue, when we handled it ourselves, I think we did a good job. I think Hope had  
296 plenty of good questions. I think the person that we picked was excellent and would have made  
297 a great addition to the city. I tend to agree with Mr. Bialecki that if we take a little bit more time,  
298 we can probably do that in-house and can come up with what I think is a good candidate.”  
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300 Ald. Binash said, “Originally I was on board with a ‘headhunter’ idea when we first talked about  
301 it. And I agree with Barry because he and I began about the same time and our duties have  
302 somewhat escalated. However, having an opportunity to review what it is we’re actually looking  
303 for and learning from the experience that we first had in trying to secure a City Administrator, I  
304 now believe – and after speaking with [Hope] about this issue – that I think we could do the right  
305 job, and Hope could do the job for us with the changes that we had discussed. And I think some  
306 of those changes would have to do with not waiting so long with an individual once we find an  
307 appropriate candidate where we can perhaps interview them right away and then see if he or she  
308 would be an appropriate person to bring in for an interview. That’s just one of the things that we  
309 could look at. One of the other things Jim Bialecki mentioned was looking at the professional  
310 organizations that some might belong to and advertising. We did get quite a few candidates last  
311 time. Unfortunately, most of them did not fit what we were looking for. I think we were also  
312 going to adjust our questions that we would ask whoever this candidate might be, and the cost.  
313 That did kind of sway me quite a bit when I found out what this might cost to secure a service to  
314 look for a candidate. I’m positive that our Human Resources Director will continue to do the  
315 great job that she has been doing, and with the changes that I think we would make we could  
316 move this along pretty quickly, possibly.”  
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318 Ald. Muth said, “I think the process we went through first – and I’ll jump on board with Hope  
319 [because] she did an absolutely outstanding job – we had a candidate that was just ...  
320 Department heads agreed that that candidate was perfect for the job. The Council agreed, and  
321 unfortunately circumstances got it so that we lost that person. I think since that, and since April,  
322 as President of the Council I’ve been here almost every single day trying to fill in until we do get  
323 a candidate or an Administrator. I want to assure the citizens that the city has leadership. We  
324 have leadership in the form of our department heads. We have outstanding department heads in  
325 the City of Onalaska who do their job, and they do their job very, very well. I talk to them  
326 constantly. They keep in touch with me constantly. I try to do my best to keep all information to  
327 the Council so everyone is on board. I assure you our service for our citizens has not diminished  
328 one iota – not at any point whatsoever. I still think the process of having [Hope] get a new  
329 candidate is the right way to go. I think she did a good job the first time. We had a great  
330 candidate. I know we have more candidates out there; we just need to get a hold of them. And I  
331 just think we need the chance to do so. This decision that we’re making for a City Administrator  
332 is very important that we get the right man or woman in here. The idea of just throwing a warm  
333 body into that position just to fill it and then come up with more problems and we’re back to  
334 base one again, I think this Council is doing the right thing. We’re taking our time. We’re trying  
335 to find the right person. I think when we get that right person we’re all going to be very  
336 delighted. But I want to assure everyone that the City of Onalaska is running as smooth as it

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337 always has and there is no diminish of leadership here at the city.”

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339 Ald. Bertrand said he is attempting to figure out “the difference between what we did before and  
340 what we would do again if Hope handled the issue.” Ald. Bertrand said it appears that the city  
341 would employ ICMA, and that it seems the process would begin to utilize Hope’s personal time  
342 and resources. Ald. Bertrand said while Hope has been involved in the search for personnel over  
343 the years, he does not believe she will have the contacts and the resources that a search firm  
344 would have. Ald. Bertrand also said, “Any additional effort that she would put into the process  
345 would be taking away from her efforts in bargaining with the unions and managing the current  
346 staff. ... I’m not seeing what the advantage would be to her continuing the process over what we  
347 did before.”

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349 Ald. Bialecki said, “Hope will not be in a position as, say, a consultant, maybe – I don’t know  
350 that for sure. Once we advertise and it’s on up there, discussions are closed, meaning that Hope  
351 cannot go out and cherry-pick like a consultant may be able to do. Then the other thing about  
352 her personal time, that’s ridiculous. She’s our HR director; that’s what they do. She’s had  
353 success. She did it with a number of department heads as well as years back when we recruited  
354 for a new Chief of Police. As I think others would attest, she’s done a very good job of that.”

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356 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Olson, to continue the process of hiring a City  
357 Administrator utilizing Human Resource Director Hope Burchell with the same job description,  
358 and asking that advertisements no less be placed on the International City/County Management  
359 Association website and the League of Municipalities. Also, this item will be referred to the  
360 Finance and Personnel Committee, with recommended assistance from the rest of the Common  
361 Council, so that its members may work with the Human Resource Director by reevaluating any  
362 and all questions, assisting with the screening process, and reexamining the compensation  
363 package. Also, there will not be a closing date for accepting resumes.

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365 Addressing the City Administrator’s compensation package, Ald. Bialecki said he does not  
366 believe a \$90,000 a year salary is sufficient. Ald. Bialecki noted that the city had budgeted  
367 \$120,000 for 2017 and said, “You never know; that may not be the magic number either. You  
368 may have to go higher than that.”

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370 Mayor Chilsen asked Ald. Bialecki to “pare it back to just the motion.”

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372 Ald. Bialecki said everything he stated needs to be part of the motion. This means that the city  
373 will redo the process utilizing Hope. The Finance and Personnel Committee will evaluate  
374 questions, with recommended assistance by the rest of the Common Council, and the  
375 advertisement will be open with no specific cutoff date. The compensation likely will be listed  
376 at \$120,000, which is what has been budgeted for 2017.

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378 Mayor Chilsen asked for Sean’s assistance.

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380 Ald. Bialecki said it needs to be made clear that Hope has the support of the Common Council.

381 Ald. Bialecki also said the City Administrator's compensation could have been addressed at the  
382 October 5 Finance and Personnel Committee and brought back at the October 12 Common  
383 Council meeting, but he strongly encouraged the Common Council to address it tonight.

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385 Sean asked Ald. Bialecki to "put it in more than one motion. You want to continue the process  
386 and refer it to [the Finance and Personnel Committee] with respect to the details."

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388 Ald. Bialecki said he will consider this if Ald. Olson withdraws his second.

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390 Motion and second withdrawn.

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392 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Olson, to proceed with the same process for hiring a  
393 City Administrator, utilizing the services of Human Resource Director Hope Burchell.

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395 On voice vote, motion carried, 4-2 (Ald. Blomquist, Ald. Bertrand).

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397 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Muth, to establish the City Administrator's yearly  
398 compensation at \$120,000.

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400 On voice vote, motion carried, 4-2 (Ald. Blomquist, Ald. Bertrand).

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402 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Olson, to have the Finance and Personnel Committee,  
403 with encouraged assistance from the remainder of the Common Council, work closely with  
404 Human Resource Director Hope Burchell with special meetings and assist her in the City  
405 Administrator recruitment process, including include screening and whatever assistance she may  
406 deem necessary.

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408 Ald. Bialecki stated, "It has to be clear that the whole Council is encouraged to attend those  
409 Finance and Personnel meetings. Ultimately we should come out with a response and back to  
410 the Council."

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412 Ald. Binash said, "I agree with going with the Human Resources, but I think when we said 'the  
413 same manner' I also want to make that clear it is not going to be the same manner because there  
414 are going to be some changes. There are going to be some questions that are going to be  
415 different. Also the fact that this is going to remain open and we're not putting a closing date on  
416 it. That, too, is going to be significant. Also, when we do get a viable candidate in, we are going  
417 to move towards this candidate and we may have a telephone interview with this candidate rather  
418 than wait. If that candidate is a good prospect, then we would move on with interviews right  
419 away. This may be a very quick process, [or] it might be a longer process. But it is not going to  
420 be the same. There are going to be some changes to make this more appropriate to what we're

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421 looking for.”

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423 Mayor Chilsen asked if the Common Council will remain the search committee, or if these duties  
424 will be turned over to the Finance and Personnel Committee.

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426 Ald. Bialecki said, “I think we’re trying to put that to [the Finance and Personnel Committee]  
427 where we can at least get that together, but ultimately it’s going to be the whole Council. As I  
428 mentioned, we want the whole Council to attend that. Or if you wish, we can put the whole  
429 Council in there and then try to pick a day that everybody can meet.”

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431 Sean said he interprets the motion to mean that the Finance and Personnel Committee will be the  
432 search committee, and input from any other Council members in attendance would be invited.

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434 Ald. Bialecki told Mayor Chilsen the intent would be to address any changes recommended by  
435 Hope or the Finance and Personnel Committee.

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437 On voice vote, motion carried, 5-1 (Ald. Blomquist).

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439 **Item 9 – JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

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441 A. Approval of **Ordinance 1567-2016** to amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 Section 15 of the  
442 Code of Ordinances of the City of Onalaska relating to controlled intersections  
443 designated (13<sup>th</sup> and Green Bay Street) (First and Second Reading)

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445 Motion by Ald. Blomquist, second by Ald. Binash, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance  
446 1567-2016 its First, Second, Third and Final Reading.

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448 On voice vote, motion carried.

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450 Motion by Ald. Blomquist, second by Ald. Binash, to approve Ordinance 1567-2016 to amend  
451 Chapter 1 of Title 10 Section 15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Onalaska relating to  
452 controlled intersections designated (13<sup>th</sup> and Green Bay Street) (First, Second, Third and Final  
453 Reading).

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455 On voice vote, motion carried.

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457 **Item 10 – ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

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459 A. Approval of Special Events Permit for:

460 a. Festival Foods Turkey Trot on November 24, 2016 from 8-11 a.m. starting at the  
461 Omni Center, Onalaska

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463 Motion by Ald. Muth, second by Ald. Binash, to approve Special Events Permit for Festival  
464 Foods Turkey Trot on November 24, 2016 from 8-11 a.m. starting at the Omni Center, Onalaska.

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466 Ald. Muth noted the Certificate of Insurance has been filed with Cari.

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468 On voice vote, motion carried.

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470 **Item 11 – UTILITIES COMMITTEE/MASS TRANSIT**

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472 A. Establish 2017 ERU Rate from \$64.60 to \$65.60

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474 Motion by Ald. Olson, second by Ald. Bialecki, to establish 2017 ERU Rate from \$64.60 to  
475 \$65.60.

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477 On voice vote, motion carried.

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479 **Item 12 – REPORT FROM TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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481 A. Update on live streaming/posting to YouTube – FIO of City of Onalaska broadcast  
482 meetings (Common Council, Plan Commission, Board of Public Works and Finance and  
483 Personnel Committee)

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485 Ald. Binash invited Technology Advisory Committee Chairperson Diane Oldani Wulf to address  
486 the Council.

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488 Diane told the Council that live streaming of the listed meetings will begin on a YouTube  
489 channel at no cost to the city.

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491 Ald. Binash asked Diane if the city will be reaching an agreement with Charter Communications.

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493 Cari said she had spoken with IT Support Specialist Mike DeLine and it is her understanding that  
494 there have been complications with broadcasting meetings on a Charter Communications  
495 channel. Cari said it is unknown at this time whether there will be a cost associated with  
496 resolving the complications. Cari said she believes this subject needs to be reevaluated and  
497 possibly brought back to the Technology Advisory Committee.

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499 Diane said she had asked Mike if a tag may be placed on the front page of cityofonalaska.com so  
500 that citizens may be informed where meetings may be viewed.

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502 Ald. Bialecki described the Technology Advisory Committee's actions as being "admirable" as it  
503 is logical to live stream meetings for the long-term future, noting he had read an article stating  
504 that the three largest cable television companies in the United States have lost more than 860,000  
Reviewed 9/15/16 by Cari Burmaster

505 customers who are now making viewing choices via the web.

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507 Hope said city staff is ready for training on live streaming. Hope also said Mike had told her that  
508 he needs to turn on the permissions and establish the link on cityofonalaska.com. Hope added  
509 Mike expects live streaming to begin with the next meeting cycle, which begins with the  
510 September 27 Plan Commission meeting.

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512 Ald. Bialecki asked if Mike will be able to shoulder the duties involved with live streaming.

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514 Hope said the staff in the City Clerk's Office will be establishing the links once the YouTube  
515 channel is set up and Mike's involvement will be minimal.

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517 **Item 13 – REPORT FROM CITY CLERK**

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519 A. Preliminary estimate of January 1, 2016 Population

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521 Cari said the preliminary estimate of the January 1, 2016 population is 18,646.

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523 **Item 14 – CLOSED SESSION**

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

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- 530 • Full Release and Assignment from Hanover Insurance Group
- 531 • IAFF, International Association of Firefighters, Local 4169
- 532 • OPPA, Onalaska Professional Police Association
- 533 • SORD, Supervisory Officers Relation Division
- 534 • Sanitary sewer agreement
- 535 • Tornado Youth Hockey

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537 To consider a motion to convene in Closed Session under Section 19.85(1)(g) of the Wisconsin  
538 Statutes for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is  
539 rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to  
540 litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved:

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- 542 • City Administrator Ordinance Litigation
- 543 • Claim regarding personal information in lost billfold

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545 If any action is required in Open Session, as the result of the Closed Session, the Common

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546 Council will reconvene in Open Session to take the necessary action and/or continue on with the  
547 printed agenda.

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

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551 On roll call vote: Ald. Jim Binash – aye, Ald. Jim Bialecki – aye, Ald. Barry Blomquist – aye,  
552 Ald. Jim Olson – aye, Ald. Harvey Bertrand – aye, Ald. Bob Muth – aye. In Closed Session at  
553 7:53 p.m.

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556 Open session.

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558 Motion by Alderperson Jim Bialecki, second by Alderperson Jim Olson to approve then IAFF  
559 2016-2017 contract pending ratification by the IAFF Union.

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561 On voice vote, motion carried.

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564 Motion by Alderperson Jim Olson, second by Alderperson Jim Bialecki to adjourn at 8:47pm.

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566 On voice vote, motion carried.

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569 Recorded by:

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571 Kirk Bey