

**Common Council
Organizational Meeting**

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

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1 The Common Council Organizational Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday,
2 April 19, 2016. It was noted that the meeting had been announced and a notice posted at City
3 Hall.

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

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

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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 – Approve minutes from previous meeting**

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18 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Blomquist, to approve the minutes from the previous
19 meeting as printed and on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

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21 On voice vote, motion carried.

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23 **Item 4 – Public Input: (limited to 3 minutes/individual)**

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

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28 **Item 5 – Recognition of public service by standing boards and committees**

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30 Mayor Chilsen said, “I want to thank everybody that serves on a board, a commission, that has
31 come to a meeting, that has spoken at public input or given any other kind of input to myself and
32 to the Council. I want to thank you profusely for giving us the opportunity to do our jobs better.
33 I think it’s democracy at its best, and I certainly want to make sure that everybody in Onalaska
34 knows how much we appreciate their input. Thank you.”

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36 **Item 6 – Oath of Office for newly elected officials**

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38 For the Office of Mayor, Cari asked Mayor Chilsen to raise his right hand and repeat the
39 following: “*I, Joe Chilsen, having been elected to the Office of Mayor, swear that I will support
40 the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin, and will
41 faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of said office to the best of my ability, so help me
42 God.*”

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44 For the Office of First District Alderperson, Cari asked Ald. Olson to raise his right hand and
45 repeat the following: *“I, Jim Olson, having been elected to the Office of First District*
46 *Alderperson, swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution*
47 *of the State of Wisconsin, and will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of said office to*
48 *the best of my ability, so help me God.”*

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50 For the Office of Second District Alderperson, Cari asked Ald. Muth to raise his right hand and
51 repeat the following: *“I, Bob Muth, having been elected to the Office of Second District*
52 *Alderperson, swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution*
53 *of the State of Wisconsin, and will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of said office to*
54 *the best of my ability, so help me God.”*

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56 For the Office of Third District Alderperson, Cari asked Ald. Bertrand to raise his right hand and
57 repeat the following: *“I, Harvey Bertrand, having been elected to the Office of Third District*
58 *Alderperson, swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution*
59 *of the State of Wisconsin, and will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of said office to*
60 *the best of my ability, so help me God.”*

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62 **Consideration and possible action on the following items:**

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64 **Item 7 – Public Hearing: Approximately 7:00 P.M. (or immediately following oath of office**
65 **for newly elected officials) – Public hearing for a Final Resolution to Vacate and**
66 **Discontinue Main Street west of 2nd Avenue South/State Road 35 and the Court Street**
67 **Alley between Main Street and Irvin Street**

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69 Mayor Chilsen opened the public hearing and called for anyone wishing to speak in favor of the
70 Final Resolution to Vacate and Discontinue Main Street west of 2nd Avenue South/State Road 35
71 and the Court Street Alley between Main Street and Irvin Street.

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73 Mayor Chilsen called three times for anyone wishing to speak in favor of the Final Resolution to
74 Vacate and Discontinue Main Street west of 2nd Avenue South/State Road 35 and the Court
75 Street Alley between Main Street and Irvin Street and closed that portion of the public hearing.

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77 Mayor Chilsen called three times for anyone wishing to speak in opposition to the Final
78 Resolution to Vacate and Discontinue Main Street west of 2nd Avenue South/State Road 35 and
79 the Court Street Alley between Main Street and Irvin Street and closed the public hearing.

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81 A. **Resolution 27-2016** – Final Resolution to Vacate and Discontinue Main Street west of
82 2nd Avenue South/State Road 35 and the Court Street Alley between Main Street and
83 Irvin Street

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85 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Bertrand, to approve Resolution 27-2016 – Final
86 Resolution to Vacate and Discontinue Main Street west of 2nd Avenue South/State Road 35 and
87 the Court Street Alley between Main Street and Irvin Street.

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89 On voice vote, motion carried.

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91 **Item 8 – Election of a Council President**

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93 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Binash, to nominate and elect Ald. Bob Muth as
94 Council President.

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96 Mayor Chilsen called for any other nominations.

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98 On voice vote, motion carried.

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100 **Item 9 – Appointments to standing committees, boards, commissions, and other committees**

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102 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Olson, to approve the recommendations of
103 appointments to standing committees, boards, commissions, and other committees with one
104 change: Ald. Bob Muth will serve as Chair on the Plan Commission Sub Committee.

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106 Ald. Muth noted that there is a vacancy on the Police and Fire Commission and asked if he may
107 make a nomination.

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109 Mayor Chilsen said yes.

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111 Motion by Ald. Muth, second by Ald. Bialecki, to appoint Lori Olson to the Police and Fire
112 Commission.

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114 Ald. Muth said Lori Olson serves as the Director of Human Resources and Program Chair at
115 Western Technical College. Ald. Muth noted that Lori also had served on the committee that
116 had discussed hiring a City Administrator, adding that she also has served on the Town of
117 Campbell Police and Fire Commission.

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119 Mayor Chilsen noted that the appointment of Mary Hallstead to the Technology Advisory
120 Committee is being delayed for one month because the city is currently involved in a Request for
121 Proposals process.

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123 Vote on Lori Olson's appointment to the Police and Fire Commission.

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125 On voice vote, motion carried.

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127 Ald. Binash noted he has been listed as Chair of the Technology Advisory Committee and
128 pointed out that Diane Wulf has been serving as Chair. Ald. Binash asked if this will be
129 changing.

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131 Ald. Bertrand said it is his understanding that Diane is serving as Interim Chair.

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133 Cari noted that the Chair of the Technology Advisory Committee is elected and said a Chair will
134 be elected at the committee's first meeting following tonight's Organizational Meeting. Cari
135 said Ald. Binash could be elected as chair, but he has not been appointed as Chair.

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137 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Bertrand, to amend the original motion and approve
138 any and all changes made to the appointments to standing committees, boards, commissions, and
139 other committees.

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141 On voice vote, motion carried.

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143 **Item 10 – Resolution 29-2016 – Public Depositories**

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145 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Olson, to approve Resolution 29-2016 – Public
146 Depositories.

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148 On voice vote, motion carried.

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150 **Item 11 – CLOSED SESSION**

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152 To consider a motion to convene in Closed Session under Section 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of
153 considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public
154 employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility:

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- 156 • Reorganization of First Floor Suite
- 157 • Interim City Management

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159 And to consider a motion to convene in Closed Session under Section 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose
160 of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any
161 public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility,
162 and under Section 19.85(1)(g) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of conferring with legal
163 counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to
164 be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved:

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- 166 • City Cash Management Procedures

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

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- 173 • Consideration, development and approval of negotiating strategy regarding boundary
174 agreement with Town of Medary
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176 If any action is required in Open Session, as the result of the Closed Session, the Council will
177 reconvene in Open Session to take the necessary action and/or continue on with the printed
178 agenda.

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

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182 On roll call vote: Ald. Harvey Bertrand – aye, Ald. Barry Blomquist – aye, Ald. Bob Muth –
183 aye, Ald. Jim Olson – aye, Ald. Jim Binash – aye, Ald. Jim Bialecki – aye. In Closed Session.

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185 **Adjournment**

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187 Motion by Alderperson Jim Bialecki, second by Alderperson Jim Olson to adjourn from closed
188 session at 8:55P.M.

189 On roll call vote: Ald. Muth-aye, Ald. Olson-aye, Ald. Bertram-aye, Ald. Blomquist-aye and
190 Ald. Bialecki-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

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192 Recorded by:

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194 Kirk Bey