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AGENDA

Monday, January 11, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Claire Burke Chamber

- I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. Important Announcements and Good News**
- III. Public Comment Period – Non agenda items (3 minute limit please)**
- IV. Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Minutes of December 21, 2009
 - b. Minutes of Liquor Control of January 4, 2010
 - c. Accounts Payable Warrant as Closed January 7, 2010
(Motion: "I move that we accept the items on the consent agenda as presented/amended.")
- V. Action Agenda:**
 - a. Reappointments/Appointments
 - WHA Reappointments – Diane Potvin, Tim O'Brien
 - Coalition for a Safe & Peaceful Community Rep. – Sally Tipson(Motion: "I move to approve...")
 - b. Grant Proposal to Oakland Foundation – B. Dimasi
(Motion: "I move to approve...")
 - c. Grant Proposal to Agnes M. Lindsay Charitable Trust & Turrell Fund – B. Dimasi
(Motion: "I move to approve...")
 - d. Grant Proposal to USDA for VT Recreation Facilities – J. Ladd
(Motion: "I move to approve...")
 - e. Grant Proposal to VCDP to modify accessibility to City buildings – J. Ladd
(Motion: "I move to approve...")
 - f. Grant Proposal to USDA to modify accessibility to City buildings – J. Ladd
(Motion: "I move to approve...")
 - g. Grant Proposal and loan request to USRD for purchase of fire truck – J. Ladd
(Motion: "I move to approve...")
 - h. Resolutions supporting CCRPC grant proposals for energy conservation – J. Ladd
(Motion: "I move to approve...")
 - i. Certified Equalized Education Property Value – J. Trzepacz
(Motion: "I move to approve...")

- j. Request by Robert Millar for resolution on March ballot reading:
Shall the voters of (Winooski) request the Vermont legislature to:
 1. Deny approval for the operation of Vermont Yankee after March of 2012, which marks the end of its 40 year design life.
 2. Require that the Entergy Corporation of Louisiana fulfill its pledge to fully fund the cleanup and decommissioning costs of closing Vermont Yankee.
 3. Seek safe, renewable, regional sources of electricity combined with efficiency conservation measures to replace the power presently provided by Vermont Yankee.

(Motion: "I move to approve...")
- VI. **Discussion Agenda:**
 - a. VT Works for Women will introduce the energy conservation outreach and education project.
 - b. Myers Pool Fund Raiser
 - c. Revenue projections for 2011 General Fund Budget - Deac
- VII. **City Manager Update**
- VIII. **Executive Session – Contract Issue**
- IX. **Adjourn**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Deputy Mayor Michael Mahoney.

Members Present:

Mayor Michael O'Brien

Councilors: Michael Mahoney, Erik Heikel, Jodi Harrington, Sally Tipson

Officers Present:

Katherine R. Decarreau, City Manager; Angela M. Aldieri, Clerk's Office Administration; J. Ladd, Community Development; Bob Dimasi, Parks & Recreation; James Trzepakz, Zoning, Planning & Assessing; Steve Palmer, City Engineer

Others Present:

Dave Bowers, Jeff Myers, Robert Millar, Rachel H., Israel Smith, Colin Robinson.

II. Important Announcements and Good News:

Ms. Decarreau announced that Pauline's sister passed away and therefore her retirement reception scheduled for January 14th is to be postponed until January 21st.

III. Public Comment Period

Steve Palmer announced that the City skating rinks located at Landry Park and the Champlain Mill have been flooded and are now open. Both locations are equipped with night lighting and were in use over the weekend.

Minutes of January 11, 2010

Winooski City Council

IV. Consent Agenda

MOTION by Councilor Harrington, seconded by Councilor Tipson to accept the items on the consent agenda as presented. Voted and passed 4-0.

V. Action Agenda

a. Reappointments/Appointments

-WHA Reappointments – Diane Potvin, Tim O’Brien

Ms. Decarreau informed the Council that neither Ms. Potvin nor Mr. O’Brien was present; however, they have submitted requests to be reappointed to the Winooski Housing Authority Board and are supported by WHA staff.

MOTION by Councilor Tipson, seconded by Councilor Mahoney to approve the reappointment of Diane Potvin and Tim O’Brien to the Winooski Housing Authority Board. Voted and passed 4-0.

-Coalition for a Safe & Peaceful Community Rep. – Sally Tipson

Mayor O’Brien asked the wishes of the Council regarding the appointment of Councilor Tipson as a representative with the Coalition for a Safe & Peaceful Community.

MOTION by Councilor Harrington, seconded by Councilor Mahoney to appoint Councilor Tipson a representative with the Coalition for a Safe & Peaceful Community. Voted and passed 3-0-1 with Councilor Tipson abstaining.

b. Grant Proposal to Oakland Foundation – B. Dimasi

Mr. Dimasi informed the Council that he wishes to apply for a grant from the Oakland Foundation in the amount of \$5,000.00 to fund the playground to be built behind the O’Brien Community Center. See attached grant application form. The total cost of the playground is anticipated to be \$20,000 with other grant sources from the state to be applied for. Ms. Decarreau informed the Council that the Oakland Foundation Grant could be used as match funds for other grants.

MOTION by Councilor Harrington, seconded by Councilor Mahoney to allow the application for Oakland Foundation grant funds as presented. Voted and passed 4-0.

c. Grant Proposal to Agnes M. Lindsay Charitable Trust & Turrell Fund – B. Dimasi

Mr. Dimasi asked to present the two grant requests as separate motions. He went on to inform the Council that he wishes to apply for a grant from the Agnes M. Lindsay Charitable Trust in the amount of \$10,000.00 to fund the operating costs of the Thrive summer program. See attached grant application form. Ms. Decarreau reminded the Council that the Thrive summer program is completely grant funded.

MOTION by Councilor Harrington, seconded by Councilor Heikel to allow the application for Agnes M. Lindsay Charitable Trust grant funds as presented. Voted and passed 4-0.

Mr. Dimasi stated that the proposed Turrell Fund grant application is for \$15,000 to support the Thrive summer program. See attached grant application form. Mr. Dimasi informed the Council that the Thrive summer program operating costs last fiscal year totaled approximately \$44,800.00.

MOTION by Councilor Harrington, seconded by Councilor Mahoney to allow the application for Turrell Fund grant as presented. Voted and passed 4-0.

d. Grant Proposal to USDA for VT Recreation Facilities – J. Ladd

Mr. Ladd informed the Council this grant is to pave the fire lane behind the O'Brien Community Center for a basketball court and the adjacent playground installation. This grant is for 35% of development costs. With the state grant the City cost would be about \$12,700.00. If the Oakland Foundation grant discussed earlier is received this cost would be reduced more, see attached budget. The match required for this grant could be from other grant sources or the Community Center capital fund. The match would not be paid with tax dollars.

MOTION by Councilor Heikel, seconded by Councilor Harrington to allow the application for USDA grant funding for Vermont recreation facilities as presented.

Voted and passed 4-0.

e. & f. Grant Proposals to VCDP & USDA to modify accessibility to City buildings

Mr. Ladd asked to present the grant proposals to VCDP and USDA to modify accessibility to City buildings together as they are for the same project. This project is in response to a request from the Accessibility Committee. Mr. Ladd states that with the proposed grant applications the total cost to the City would be approximately \$6,400.00.

MOTION by Councilor Mahoney, seconded by Councilor Tipson to allow the application for both the VCDP and USDA grants to modify accessibility to City buildings as proposed. Voted and passed 4-0.

g. Grant Proposal and loan request to USRD for purchase of fire truck – J. Ladd

Mr. Ladd requested approval to apply for at 35% grant to partially cover the cost of the fire truck purchase. The remaining funds to purchase the truck would be part of a lease to own agreement with a third party; the details of such a transaction are still being negotiated. This would reduce the amount of money the City would have to take on a debt.

MOTION by Councilor Heikel, seconded by Councilor Mahoney to allow the grant application for funds from the USRD as proposed. Voted and passed 4-0.

h. Resolutions supporting CCRPC grant proposals for energy conservation – J. Ladd

Mr. Ladd requested that the Council approve and sign two resolutions supporting the grant applications to CCRPC for energy conservation projects. The applications for the grants were previously approved by Council, but signed resolutions would strengthen the application.

MOTION by Councilor Harrington, seconded by Councilor Heikel to approve both resolutions supporting grant applications to the CCRPC for energy conservation. Voted and passed 4-0.

i. Certified Equalized Education Property Value – J. Trzepacz

Mr. Trzepacz requested permission from the Council to pursue redetermination of Equalized Education Property Value due to some changes in the data used to calculate the value. This change could alter the common level of appraisal but it is unknown at this time if it will be statistically significant.

MOTION by Councilor Heikel, seconded by Councilor Mahoney giving permission for Mayor O'Brien to sign a letter to the Vermont Department of Taxes petitioning for redetermination of equalized education property value. Voted and passed 4-0.

Mr. Trzepacz reminded the public if they own property to file their HS122 form with the State even if they are not filing for income tax in order to qualify for the homestead education tax rate.

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Robert Millar requested that the Council include a question regarding Vermont Yankee and renewable energy appear on the March ballot as presented above. Rachel H., Colin Robinson, and Israel Smith appeared in support of the request. Discussion regarding procedure and precedent followed.

MOTION by Councilor Harrington, seconded by Councilor Heikel that the item regarding Vermont Yankee and renewable energy appear on March ballot as presented. Voted and passed 3-1, with Councilor Mahoney voting no.

VI. Discussion Agenda

a. VT Works for Women will introduce the energy conservation outreach and education project.

Ms. Decarreau informed the Council that Vermont Works for Women will be including the roof and insulation project at the O'Brien Community Center as part of their curriculum providing the educational activities component of a Congressional Earmark awarded to Center.

b. Myers Pool Fund Raiser

Jeff Myers informed the Council that has established the Ken Myers Memorial Pool Foundation. Members of the community including the Facilities Manager, Joe Shaw, have volunteered assistance. Mr. Myers stated that he has inspected the pool with Mr. Shaw and believes the current pool can be used with minor repair for only 1-2 more years. The goal of the foundation is to raise \$125,000 needed to replace the pool by 2011. Mr. Myers asked for help from the City to find grants for the replacement and stated that the Foundation would supply all match money required. Fund raising will begin next week with a spaghetti bingo next week with 1-2 events to happen per month.

c. Revenue projections for 2011 General Fund Budget - Deac

Ms. Decarreau presented the Council with a breakdown of revenues for the anticipated fiscal year 2011 budget, see attached. A line by line discussion of forecasted revenues

followed. Ms. Decarreau stated that her numbers were conservative estimates based on current year receipts to date and historical data. The presented numbers do not include an increase to the tax rate or other fees; however, such increases may be included in the future.

VII. City Manager Update

Ms. Decarreau informed the Council that the McKee's Enterprises has requested a change to their granted catering permit for January 23rd at 17 East Allen Street altering the event location to the Champlain Mill. The Council came to a general consensus to approve the change.

VIII. Executive Session

MOTION by Councilor Heikel, seconded by Councilor Harrington to go into executive session to discuss Spinner Place contract negotiations with the understanding the Council would only reconvene to adjourn. Voted and passed 4-0.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk's Office Administration