

COMMON COUNCIL
July 5, 2022

A meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Ward. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Bacon, Statz, Williams, Gustafson, Wiederanders and Reeths were present. Nault was excused.

Williams/Statz to adopt the agenda. Carried.

No one spoke during public comment.

Heidi Erickson, Door County YMCA CEO gave presentation on their Capital Campaign and Building Addition. Tom and Penny Beerntsen expanded on the Capital Campaign.

Bacon/Wiederanders to approve following bills: General Fund – \$38,051.05, Capital Fund - \$390,487.29 and Cable TV - \$6,005.53 for a grand total of \$434,543.87. Roll call: All voted aye. Carried.

Reeths/Wiederanders to approve consent agenda:

- a. Approval of 6/21/22 regular Common Council minutes.
- b. Place the following minutes on file:
 - (1) Zoning Board of Appeals – 6/14/22
 - (2) Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee – 6/14/22
 - (3) Industrial Park Development Review Team – 6/16/22
- c. Place the following reports on file:
 - (1) Fire Department Report – April 2022
 - (2) Fire Department Report – May 2022
- d. Consideration of: Approval of Beverage Operator's licenses.
- e. Consideration of: Approval of Sidewalk Café Permit for The Gnoshery.
- f. Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee recommendation re: Approve the lease amendment for the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club/Sail Training Foundation as presented.

Carried.

There were no mayoral appointments.

RECOMMENDATION

We, the Personnel Committee, hereby recommend to increase the hourly wage range for Community Service Officers to \$17.00 - \$19.00 effective immediately with no budget impact for 2022.

Personnel Committee
By: Dan Williams, Chr.

Introduced by Williams. Williams/Gustafson to approve. Carried.

RECOMMENDATION

We, the Personnel Committee, hereby recommend to approve the Labor Agreement between the Sturgeon Bay Professional Police Officers' Union Wisconsin Professional Police Association/LEER Division Local 449 and the City of Sturgeon Bay for January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025.

Personnel Committee
By: Dan Williams, Chr.

Introduced by Williams. Williams/Gustafson to adopt. City Administrator gave brief description. Carried. There was no need to go into closed session.

Williams/Gustafson to adopt Memorandum of Understanding between City of Sturgeon Bay and Sturgeon Bay Professional Police Association Local 449 and Wisconsin Professional Police Association/LEER regarding lateral entry. Carried.

Community Development Director Olejniczak introduced consideration of assignment of sale from Cherry Point Investments to Phillips Development. Doreen Phillips has requested property at 1048 Egg Harbor Road be transferred to a different LLC in order to receive tax benefits. The property and future development will still end up being controlled by Cherry Point Investments. Williams/Statz to approve the assignment of the sale of 1048 Egg Harbor Road from Cherry Point Investments, LLC to Phillips Development, LLC. Carried.

Appearing via Zoom, Ashley Lehocky, attorney at Town Counsel Law & Litigation, presented the results of mediation with Wal-Mart in regards to the evaluation of their 2021-2022 property assessment. Stan Riffle was the mediator for the City. City Administrator VanLieshout commented that Wal-Mart, along with other national retailers nationwide are using strategy to lower the amount they pay in property taxes. After a brief description, Council members chose to discuss further in closed session.

After Mayor Ward announced the statutory basis, Reeths/Nault to convene in closed session in accordance with the following exemption: Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(g)

- a. ~~Consideration of: Collective Bargaining Agreement.~~ Did not discuss.
- b. Consideration of: Wal-Mart Property Assessment Settlement.

Roll call: Carried. The meeting moved to closed session at 6:45 p.m.

The Council reconvened in open session at 7:13 p.m.

Williams/Statz to accept the following settlement terms for Wal-Mart's 2021 and 2022 assessed valuation as recommended by attorney.

- The 2021 Assessed Valuation for the properties shall be \$6,893,600 (approximately \$60 per sq. ft.)
- The 2022 Assessed Valuation for the properties shall be \$6,670,900 (approximately \$57 per sq. ft.)
- Interest shall be waived.
- Refund check shall be paid within 30 days of the Order of Dismissal.

Carried.

City Administrator VanLieshout gave his report.

Mayor Ward gave his report.

Wiederanders/Reeths to adjourn. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Spittlemeister
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer