

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY HALL, PLANNING/ENGINEERING CONFERENCE ROOM (WEST)
Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 4:00 PM

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Justin Nickels, Grace Brandl, Janet Breuer, Jerry Censky, Linda Hunter, June Kramer, Anthony Mack, Charles Stangel

Absent: Alder Chris Able, Pat Chermak

Guest(s): Brandon Bacalzo, Cole Becker, Mary Evetan, Paige Ruh, Zach Berres, Liam Casey, Deanne Censky, Ned Breuer, Dan Koski

Minutes: Submitted by Linda Hunter, Secretary

- I. Meeting called to order at 4:00pm by Chairperson Tony Mack.

- II. Update from Mayor Nickels
 - a. Budget – The Finance Committee hasn't changed anything yet.
 - b. In addition to Qdoba and Buffalo Wild Wings and new yogurt shop, Kay Jewelers and KFC are in the building process. The new theater will open in January. Jagemann is adding 100 jobs. Federal-Mogul is adding more than 200 jobs from their Wausau plant.
 - c. City Hall continues to use the LEAN process for greater efficiency and cost saving.
 - d. While the owner of the Mirro property has removed asbestos from the 3-story corner of the property, he is resisting the required letter of credit before he gets a permit for demolishing the building. The City has offered to accept \$50,000 instead to protect the City. They are still negotiating.
 - e. Fire Department – The \$800,000 occurred for at least two reasons (1) the billing from City Hall was at least six months behind; (2) the outsourced collection agency also was making very little progress. Some of the money was covered by not filling positions in the department and a grant. The Chief's retirement was a mutually agreed upon decision with the City and the Chief.
 - f. Camp Vits was given to the City long ago. It's a lovely spot just off R between Parkview Rd and Middle Rd. The mountain bike group built the trail.
 - g. Red Arrow Company bought the old Elks Club and will consolidate some of its buildings there.
 - h. There are no current plans for the former theater building on Dewey St other than the DMV. A Dialysis Center is being built near it.

- III. Guest Speaker – Director of Public Infrastructure Dan Koski, City of Manitowoc
 - a. Dan has been employed by the City for five months and described several ongoing plans:
 - i. Red Arrow Park – One grant allowed the City to raise the elevation of the beach to prevent e-coli. Dune grass has been 25% completed with volunteers. A contractor, covered by another grant, will finish it. The tennis courts will be resurfaced next year.
 - ii. Dewey Street Park – A baseball field for children with disabilities will be constructed by private donations. It will be turned over to the City for maintenance. In addition, the retention pond will be turned into a detention pond. It will cover a 600 acre area. These ponds are monitored by our Engineering Department with State monitoring as well.
 - iii. The Waldo Boulevard project has been postponed until 2018.
 - iv. The Zoo Board will be presenting a new cat exhibit in the spring.
 - v. The Business Process Improvement has worked on the snow removal process. New management procedures were necessary after the staff was reduced by half. There will be

a new snow dump this year as well as using a pre-wet system to be used before the salt is put down. Less costly and will require less salt. A member of the Committee objected to the changes in the plowing procedures.

- IV. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 12.03.2013, beginning at 4:00pm at the City Hall, Planning/Engineering Conference Room (West.)
- V. Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm