

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**CITY HALL, PLANNING/ENGINEERING CONFERENCE ROOM (WEST)**  
**Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 4:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

Present: Alder Chris Able, Grace Brandl, Janet Breuer, Pat Chermak, June Kraemer, Anthony Mack, Ed Rappe, Joanne Vogds, Gloria Wallace, Anna Marie Wood

Excused: Mayor Justin Nickels, Mary Balte, Linda Hunter, August Krieser, Charles Stangel

Guest(s): Rolf Johnson, Nick Moran, Ralph Kraemer

Minutes: Submitted by Anthony Mack

- I. Meeting called to order at 4:00pm.
- II. Update/Discussion from Alderman Chris Able
  - a. City 2015 Bugdet Passed
  - b. Need to be aware in the state legislature there is a movement to completely repeal the personal property tax.
    - i. Business owners usually pat the tax.
    - ii. Exemptions are granted to those who can lobby well.
    - iii. If repealed, 1.676 million would need to be found elsewhere for the City.
    - iv. Average \$100,000 home, if repealed, it would be an increase of \$70.00 to \$80.00 to go into general fund to make up the difference.
    - v. Does affect TIF districts, TIF districts will drop in revenue raised.
  - c. Blue barrels should be coming soon and the remainder of the leaves should be picked up.
- III. Guest Speaker – Rolf Johnson, Chief Executive Officer of the Wisconsin Maritime Museum
  - a. Rolf has been the Chief Executive Officer for close to a year.
  - b. Rolf has been involved with museums for over 30 years.
  - c. Rolf helped design and build Discovery World in Milwaukee.
  - d. Rolf feels Manitowoc is blessed to have an accredit museum in a City of this size.
  - e. NOAA = National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
    - i. Efforts to create Mid-Lake Region Marine Sanctuary ranging from Port Washington to Two Rivers
    - ii. Total area encompassing 875 square miles
    - iii. Contained within the proposed area are some of the best shipwrecks of the Great Lakes
    - iv. Started as a local movement and has now shifted to a regional movement with hopefully the combined efforts producing a NOAA Marine Sanctuary
    - v. Governor Walker has endorsed the process and has sent official documentation to NOAA for review and potential approval
    - vi. If approved, could be a significant boost to local economies
    - vii. Partnerships with University of Wisconsin-Manitowoc, Lakeshore Technical College, Silver Lake College, and public school districts all mean greater opportunities for educational advancement
    - viii. Next phase involved is getting people to spread the word, if the community is behind the movement, the greater the likelihood of NOAA approval

- IV. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 02.03.15, beginning at 4:00pm at the City Hall, Planning/Engineering Conference Room (West.)
- V. Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm