



## **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CITY HALL, First Floor Conference Room West**

**Tuesday, September 4th, 2018 at 4:00 PM**

### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Mary Balte, Dan Becker, Theresa Collins, Stacey Groll, June Kramer, Ralph Kramer, Ken Sitkiewitz, and Ben Stalvey

**Absent:** Janet Breuer, Alderman Rhienna Gabriel, Mayor Justin Nickels, Ed Rappe, Erin Schultz, Joanne Vogds, Gloria Wallace, and Anna Marie Wood

**Minutes:** Stacey Groll, Assistant to Mayor Nickels

- I. Call meeting to order
  - a. Meeting was called to order by Stacey Groll at 4 p.m.
- II. Introduction of New Committee Members
  - a. Ben Stalvey – local citizen interested on how government operates, works for a local company, applied to join the committee
- III. Approval of August Meeting Minutes
  - a. Approved
- IV. City of Manitowoc Update by Mayor Justin Nickels and Suggestions/Recommendations to Mayor and Common Council
  - a. Mayor Nickels was unable to attend this meeting due to a scheduling conflict
  - b. Stacey invited committee members to share questions or concerns that will be passed along to Mayor Nickels
    - i. Newspaper Reporting on TIF District
      1. Some committee members feel the reporting is not completely factual
      2. Interested in hearing from Mayor Nickels how TIF districts actually work
    - ii. Mayor's Weekly Update
      1. Committee members are interested in finding out where they can receive this information
      2. Stacey explained that Mayor Nickels has the opportunity to publish these weekly, and this committee will be added to that email list
    - iii. Meeting Notices
      1. Reportedly, the newspaper is no longer printing the notices; there is reportedly a new network-wide policy that states people can still submit letters to Brandon for consideration
      2. Radio announces them

3. Suggestion arose to invite Editor Brandon Reid to an upcoming meeting to explain and clarify recent changes at the HTR
  - iv. Dedicated Truck Routes
    1. Frustration that Briess is using Washington instead of Franklin
    2. Viebahn detour is not being utilized by Pfister Farms, who has trucks traveling through 6-7 times each day
  - v. Railroad Tracks
    1. Green Bay has taken it upon themselves as a City to repair the railroads themselves (Stacey reminded the group that if the City of Manitowoc did this, it would be a decision on behalf of all tax payers, plus, we would then be setting the precedent with the railroad that we're willing to take on this responsibility when our crews are already spread very thin)
  - vi. Veterans Memorial/Eternal Flame Fund
    1. Frustration seems to be that the City has money for dog parks, but not for Veterans
    2. Why is a collection being taken for this monument, and it's not being taken care of through the City budget?
    3. Stacey will find out the answers to these questions from the City Finance Director, Steve, before the next meeting
  - vii. Aquatic Center
    1. Question arose as to why they close so early in the year when they're so far in debt?
- V. Discussion on hosting a "Unity in the Community" event
- a. This discussion did not take place, as the previous item took more time than expected
- VI. Discuss nomination of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary
- a. Committee would like to see terms for officers be 1 year, and would like to vote again each October
  - b. There was a nomination for Ken Sitkiewitz to be Chair, and received a 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - c. There was a nomination for Dan Becker to be Vice Chair, and received a 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - d. There was a nomination for Theresa Collins to be Secretary, and received a 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - e. Stacey will send notification out to entire committee by email/mail (depending on how committee members receive their notifications) asking for and additional nominations or volunteers, and a decision will be made at the October meeting
- VII. Adjournment – 5:00 p.m.

Next meeting 10/02/18 at 4 p.m. in First Floor Conference Room West