

**ABSTRACT/SYNOPSIS OF THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE OFFICIAL ACTIONS OF
THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEWATER, WALWORTH AND
JEFFERSON COUNTIES, WISCONSIN.**

January 17, 2023

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President Dawsey Smith. MEMBERS PRESENT: McCormick, Allen, Smith, Majkrzak, Gerber, Brown, Schreiber. MEMBERS ABSENT: None. LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT: Wallace McDonell.

It was moved by Schreiber and seconded by Brown to approve the Council Minutes of 12/6/22 and 12/20/22; and to acknowledge receipt and filing of the CDA Minutes of 11/17/22; the Library Board Minutes of 11/21/22; the Plan and Architectural Review Commission Minutes of 12/12/22; the Public Works Committee Minutes of 10/11/22; and the Whitewater Police Department 2022 Third Quarter Report. AYES: McCormick, Smith, Allen, Majkrzak. Brown, Gerber, Schreiber. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

CITY MANAGER REPORT. City Manager Weidl highlighted events in the City including the beginning of TDS laying optic cable in the City. Also mentioned were water main breaks, hydrant flushing, and the fire that occurred at John's Disposal Plant.

STAFF REPORTS. **Proclamation honoring retiring Fire Chief, Mike Higgins** – City Manager Weidl read a proclamation honoring **Mike Higgins** for forty-one years of service with the Whitewater Fire Department.

Update on Immigration Advisory Attorney: City Manager Weidl stated that he would try to answer any questions the Council had. Councilmember Gerber asked if the two-hour presentation to department directors and impacted city staff would be open to Common Council as well. She would like to attend. Weidl said that he would follow up with the Chief and get back to her as to details about the presentation.

HEARING CITIZEN COMMENTS. None.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT 424 FOREST AVENUE. The Library Board owns the property at 424 Forest Avenue, which was purchased some time ago for the purpose of library expansion. It has been determined that the property is no longer needed under the current expansion plans, and was listed for sale. The property is owned by the City on behalf of the Library Board. The Title Insurance company would like the Common Council to adopt a Resolution approving the sale.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT
424 FOREST AVENUE, WHITEWATER, WISCONSIN**

WHEREAS, the City of Whitewater Library Board is the beneficial owner of real estate located at 424 Forest Avenue, Whitewater, Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, for legal reasons, said property is held in the name of the City of Whitewater, and

WHEREAS, the City of Whitewater Library Board has decided to sell said property and because the property is held in the City of Whitewater's name, it is necessary and appropriate for the City of Whitewater Common Council to pass a resolution authorizing the transfer,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Whitewater approves the sale of 424 Forest Avenue, Whitewater, Wisconsin, based on the terms of the sale approved by the Library Board, and the City Manager and City Clerk are authorized to sign any documents necessary to transfer said property.

Resolution introduced by Council Member Allen, who moved its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Schreiber. AYES: McCormick, Schreiber, Brown, Gerber, Majkrzak, Allen, Smith. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ADOPTED: January 17, 2023.

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Michele R. Smith, City Clerk

AMENDMENT TO 2023 SALARY RESOLUTIONS TO ADJUST FOR NEW FIRE AND EMT POSITION SALARIES. Amendments were made to the 2023 salary resolution, to adjust for new fire and EMT positions. Fire Chief Kelly Freeman indicated that various staffing models were reviewed, including the “24-48” model, the “48-96” model, and the California model. The 24-48 model is where employee works 24 hours, then has 48 hours off. Freeman said that this model is harder to staff in regard to sick and vacation time. The 48-96 model has an employee work 48 hours and have 96 hours off. Freeman said that this model could lead to a lower level of care toward the end of a 48 hour shift, if there had been many calls and the employees are tired. The California model is one that was chosen as the best fit for the fire department. (Salary Resolution attached as Exhibit A to Minutes).

Allen moved approval of the amendment to the salary resolution. Schreiber seconded the motion. AYES: McCormick, Smith, Allen, Majkrzak. Brown, Gerber, Schreiber. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ADOPTED: January 17, 2023.

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SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO VIBRANT SPACES, TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE WHITEWATER EFFIGY MOUNDS. Parks and Recreation Director Eric Boettcher stated that over the last couple of years, there has been an effort to clean up the effigy mounds park. He is asking for \$25,000 and to apply for a \$25,000 matching grant through Vibrant Spaces to continue the cleanup, with improvements to the park entrance area. It was moved by Allen to authorize submission of the grant application. Brown seconded the motion. Councilmember Gerber asked whether any other locations had been considered. She thought there had been discussion about improving the downtown outdoor eating area. Boettcher indicated that only the Effigy Mound Park location had been considered. Weidl said that the money for the mound park is already allocated in the approved budget. Gerber said that she would have liked to see more than one project considered for this grant. McCormick stated that this project has been put off for too long and this is a feature that should be showcased.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A WISCONSIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION VIBRANT SPACES GRANT

WHEREAS, State monies are available under the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Community Development Investment (CDI) program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Whitewater, Wisconsin has been notified of a project that is eligible for a CDI grant application through WEDC, and said project would enhance and develop public spaces; and

WHEREAS, per the WEDC CDI grant program, the Community Development Authority of the City of Whitewater, Wisconsin must apply for the grant, and if awarded, will pass through funds to the project owner; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council must authorize the preparation and filing of a grant application for the Parks and Recreation Department for the City of Whitewater, Wisconsin to receive funding through this program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Whitewater does approve and authorize the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Whitewater, Wisconsin

to take all necessary steps to prepare and file the grant application for funds under the WEDC CDI program in accordance with this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the grant is awarded, the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Whitewater, Wisconsin Parks and Recreation Director may enter into an agreement with WEDC to accept the funds and expend the grant funds in a manner that is in accordance with the terms of the WEDC CDI Vibrant Spaces grant award.

Introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Whitewater on January 17, 2023 by a vote of seven in favor and zero opposed.

AYES: McCormick, Smith, Allen, Majkrzak. Brown, Gerber, Schreiber. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ADOPTED: January 17, 2023.

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RESOLUTION URGING STATE TO FIX BROKEN SYSTEM OF FUNDING CRITICAL LOCAL SERVICES. City Manager Weidl said that there is currently a caucus considering changing the amount of money allocated to local governments, possibly to increase the amount. The League of Municipalities has asked municipalities to pass this resolution. McCormick asked if this was in relation to the large state budget surplus. Weidl said that it was.

Urging Legislature and Governor to Fix Broken System of Funding Critical Local Services

Whereas, Wisconsin's system for funding vital local services like police, fire protection, EMS, well maintained streets, parks and libraries is broken, unsustainable, and needs to be reformed; and

Whereas, communities are forced to rely on property taxes and flat or declining state aid to pay for critical local services that residents and businesses need; and

Whereas, state sales and income tax revenues have tripled in the last 30 years, but the share of those taxes going to support police, fire, EMS, and other local services has gone DOWN; and

Whereas, over the last 20 years, state aid for police, fire and other critical services has steadily declined in real dollars, while inflation has caused average prices to increase by 51 percent. (The funding level for County and Municipal Aid in 2003 was \$938,529,507. Today, it is \$753,032,613); and

Whereas, County and Municipal Aid payments to the City of Whitewater has dropped from \$4,316,975 in 2003 to \$3,297,178 in 2022; and

Whereas, the steady decline in the state's contribution to the cost of critical local services has forces communities to rely more heavily on property taxes to maintain police, fire, and EMS service levels; and

Whereas, the over reliance on property taxes to pay for critical local services must end; and

Whereas, to compete globally, Wisconsin needs to develop and maintain quality communities that can attract and retain talent and enterprise and spur job creation; and

Whereas, for local communities to flourish and the state's economy to grow, state and local leaders must work collaboratively; and

Whereas, Local governments need reliable, growing, sustainable, and diverse sources on revenue to continue to deliver police, fire protection, ambulance services and safe streets now and into the future.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City of Whitewater urges the Legislature and the Governor to work collaboratively with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin Towns Association, other local government leaders, and business leaders to create a better way of funding local governments that includes revenue options other than property taxes to continue delivering police, fire, EMS, and other critical services.

Resolution introduced by Councilmember Allen, who moved its adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Brown. AYES: McCormick, Schreiber, Brown, Gerber, Majkrzak, Allen, Smith. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ADOPTED: January 17, 2023.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 2.70.010, CITY EMPLOYEE MANUAL. City Manager Weidl stated that the first step in the process of changing from an employee manual to a policy structure is to repeal the ordinance requiring an employee manual. **Majkrzak moved to repeal the ordinance section 2.70.010.** Allen stated that he thinks there should be a new ordinance before repealing the current one. He said that this is a big topic and wondered if it should wait for the new Council to be seated. Smith asked for clarification as to whether repealing the ordinance would repeal

the physical employee manual, not remove all of the policies previously approved. Smith thought it would just allow for the flexibility of a digital version.

Weidl indicated Smith was correct. If the Council wants an employee manual, Weidl said that it could be done, but steps had been previously taken by prior administration to move toward a policy structure. Weidl noted there are a series of policies that are being enforced, and the employee manual is not up to date. Councilmember Allen agreed that an electronic version would be acceptable.

Councilmember Gerber asked whether the policies will still be enforced if the ordinance is repealed. Weidl concurred they would. He stated that later on the agenda there is an item regarding the proposed governance policy, which is also being worked on. This is the policy which guides how policies are created.

Councilmember Gerber said that if there are two different policies, why had nothing come to Council previously, to update the policies. Weidl stated that the City has an out of date manual, but up to date policies that reflect the intention of the manual. Weidl said this is what the Council asked for. Gerber said that the policies, except for possibly three, have not been updated; they were merely transferred to an electronic version. Gerber questioned why the Council would repeal something that was not changed.

Councilmember Allen asked whether this is something Human Resources has been working on. Weidl responded that the project has been ongoing for about one and a half years. He noted that the policies are being used, and the governance policy guides that. Gerber asked why both can't be updated, and then the Council choose one option. Councilmember Schreiber asked what the difference between the manual and the policies is. Weidl indicated that they are essentially the same information.

Councilmember Schreiber asked whether the policies have been updated. Weidl said that some have. He indicated that the staff will create based on whatever direction the Council would like to go. He indicated that staff should go back and make sure everything is up to date. Weidl opined that it was not the best use of staff time to update both the manual and policies, and subsequently choose one. Weidl requested that a direction be chosen first. Allen said that it makes sense to take what we have and make it electronic. Weidl responded that they are already electronic and accessible to the employees.

Councilmember McCormick suggested the formation of a policy committee to review and streamline them. **Brown seconded the motion to repeal the ordinance.** Attorney Wallace McDonell said that this repeals the document called the "employee manual", so that it will not be a governing document imposed by the Common Council via ordinance. After ordinance repeal, there will be a second action by the Council to repeal the manual as it relates to the administrative aspect. Weidl stated that everything in the employee manual is in the policy structure with some additional policies that do not apply to every employee. Allen asked if changes will come to Council. Weidl said that they would. AYES: McCormick, Smith, Majkrzak. Brown, Schreiber, Gerber, Allen. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

DUTIES OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; CDA FUNCTIONS; AND LEADERSHIP OF CDAs.

Kristin Fish-Peterson of Redevelopment Resources presented a short description of Community Development Authorities (CDAs). She explained that a CDA is a separate body for the purpose of carrying out blight elimination, slum clearance, urban renewal projects and housing projects. A CDA combines the functions of a housing authority and a redevelopment authority. It is comprised of seven residents, usually five residents and two Common Council members, who have experience and ability in urban renewal, development and housing. A CDA can prepare, carry out, acquire, lease and operate housing projects approved by the council, and provide for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, alteration or repair of a housing project.

A CDA acts as agent for a government in connection with the acquisition, construction, operation or management of a housing project. A CDA may acquire property through eminent domain. A CDA can own and sell property, invest funds, sue and be sued, prepare plans for redevelopment and urban renewal and carry out those projects within the City limits, enter into contracts to fulfil its purposes, and borrow money, issue bonds, and lend money.

Fish-Peterson provided examples of how other communities have used CDAs. These include overseeing planning activities for redevelopment and new development, creating and operating loan funds, implementing redevelopment projects, overseeing development deals, constructing and managing public housing, and constructing and managing incubators. A CDA is typically staffed with City employees who serve the organization as well as the City. A CDA is the first stop for development approval. If incentives are involved, such as TIF, it moves on to Common Council for final approval.

CDAs are able to run loan programs without Common Council approval, except for original capital funding. Large projects involving City owned property or incentives, start with the CDA and move on to Common Council for final approval. Development and redevelopment planning happens at the CDA level and moves to Common Council for final approval. Whitewater has used the CDA as development agent for housing and industrial properties, realtor, lender, marketer and to attract businesses. Some funds used by the CDA include the housing program, mostly funded through CDBG grant money; the façade fund, capital catalyst fund, Pauquette Center Loan fund, and UDAG fund.

Fish-Peterson stated that CDA members serve at the request of the City manager and are approved by the Common Council. It is important to appoint people with the talents and skills that will help the process.

Councilmember Allen commented that the CDA manages the Business and Tech Park and Innovation Center, and is quasi independent. Allen noted that there are times come in and do not want to bring their project in front of a group of administrators. The director then works directly with the management team at City Hall to make things happen. Allen indicated that over the last several years, the CDA has tried to streamline the process to make things happen as quickly as possible, so as not to make developers feel as though they were turned away. Allen stated that about half of the funding comes from the City and half from profits from the CDA. He said that he thinks it is pretty clear what properties are owned by the CDA and which are owned by the City.

City Manager Weidl indicated that there are times when the City holds the title out of necessity, but the properties are not really the City's. Weidl said that the goal is to get everyone going in the same direction. Councilmember Allen said that over the last several years, a lot of those questions have been answered. Weidl asked whether the Council is leaving the appointing of the CDA director and the handling of those duties to the CDA?

Allen indicated that the CDA manages the TIF districts, and the TIF law, and that the CDA has its own staff. Allen said that typically it has been the CDA members along with the City Manager who have chosen the CDA Director, although Allen agreed that can change.

Weidl said that he will go to the CDA to see how they want it handled, but wants to know if the Council generally wants the City Manager to work with the CDA to handle it. Brown said that the City has a housing crisis and needs new housing, but has some beautiful homes that need to be repaired. She would like to see the CDA be able to give low interest loans to homeowners to be able to fix up their homes. Weidl said that the City secured \$1.9 million for housing and Council can turn some of that over to the CDA. Allen said that this is where the CDA has fallen short. There already is money for low interest loans, but the public does not seem aware. Majkrzak said that as far as hiring a CDA Director, he likes

the approach Allen mentioned Majkrzak appreciated the explanation as to when the CDA needs to go before the Council for approvals.

Councilmember Smith opined that in hiring a CDA Director, the CDA should have some input, but the appointee needs to be someone who works with the municipal team on a more regular basis. She feels the City cannot sit on the housing extension money any longer; that a policy is needed quickly. Smith would like to see a review of ordinances to see if they allow for reactivity to blighted properties. Smith also said she would like to see a much larger focus on the big picture, instead of reacting to what is needed now, look farther ahead several years.

Resident, Jeff Knight, 405 Panther Court, stated that one of the restrictions is staff turnover. He said that he would like to see the term limits of CDA Board members reviewed and possibly increased. Knight stated that he would be willing to help the CDA and Fish-Peterson.

TELECOMMUTING POLICY. City Manager Weidl stated that under the administration of the former City Manager, some employees have been allowed some form of telecommuting. For consistency, Weidl feels that a formal policy is needed if telecommuting is going to continue.

Councilmember McCormick asked whether telecommuting started as a result of the pandemic. Weidl confirmed it did, but there is holdover for several organizations, including some government organizations. McCormick said that the City is a community service organization, and she believes that everyone should be working in person. McCormick asked, since this is allowed and someone is approved to do it, what is to prevent them from, instead of taking a sick day, working from home because they didn't have child care. She notes there are some loopholes.

Weidl said that he understands and that it is reasonable to not allow it, or allow it in very limited circumstances, but that is up to the Council to decide. Weidl stated that the City has approved the use for pregnancy leave, when a new parent is looking for child care; or in circumstances of injury; and some allowances out of convenience. Councilmember Allen stated that it seems like the ability has been extended to administrators, not line staff, which can cause a rift and bad morale. He said he agrees with McCormick that our local government is a service organization and when someone has a Park and Recreation question they expect to be able to come in and speak to someone. He reiterated that the policy seems to favor administration, rather than hourly staff and Allen said he would be voting no.

Councilmember McCormick said if there is another pandemic, maybe it can be readdressed. Allen said that there may be extra special circumstances where Weidl should be able to have the ability to say yes to someone regarding this. Brown said that it should be an option, even if it a rare option. It can be revisited on maybe a six month basis, but she feels it should be an option if needed. Majkrzak agreed with Brown and said that Weidl should have the ability to manage this is appropriate. It doesn't apply to everyone in any organization, but that is not a reason not to allow it.

Councilmember Schreiber stated that he does not like the idea of allowing telecommuting. After his experience attending virtual classes, he said he is not as focused when attending online. There are too many distractions, and potential downfalls in productivity. If it is allowed, it should be only in extraordinary circumstances, not just for convenience. Schreiber said that in a service industry, the public expects to see employees in the office, and someone should be there at all times.

Councilmember Smith stated that Weidl did indicate he wanted to see some kind of action on this. **Allen moved that this policy be struck down and the language that under extraordinary circumstances, the City Manager has the ability to waive the policy on a one month basis, as long as it is communicated through email to the City Council before it must be reevaluated. Councilmember**

McCormick seconded the motion. Majkrzak wondered how other organizations are using this and defining short term, and if one month is an appropriate length of time as compared to other organizations. It would be wise to come back when that length of time is determined. Weidl stated that he is comfortable with revisiting it every month. If it isn't working he will bring it back to Council. AYES: McCormick, Smith, Majkrzak. Schreiber, Gerber, Allen. NOES: Brown. ABSENT: None.

GOVERNANCE POLICY. Weidl stated that the City needs guidance on how the City Manager or other staff forwards policy recommendations to the Council, or how the Council would come up with the policy recommendations themselves and how the manager would deal with those recommendations. Councilmember McCormick asked who the "policy owner" is. Weidl explained that it is the staff person most likely responsible for keeping that policy up to date, and if recommendations need to be made, that person is making them. McCormick clarified that it is just a generic term and Weidl said that it was.

Councilmember Allen asked if there is an immediate need for this or if it should be put off for the future Council. Weidl said that there is not an immediate need, but having just repealed the employee handbook, there is a need for this within the next several months. Weidl said he would like to know how the Council would like him to proceed.

Councilmember Gerber asked if the sections within the policy would be policy owner, standard, guidelines, and procedure. Weidl said that was correct. Gerber said that the policy draft states that for storage the Finance and Administrative Services Director would ensure that the duties are completed in a timely manner. She thought storage and retention of records should fall under the City Clerk. Weidl said he is open to changes. Gerber said that it talks about an annual review of policy documents on a three to five year cycle. Is that all of the policies or can it say which policies will be reviewed when, so they know what they can expect to see. It talks about review in a timely manner. Is that the three to five years. It talks about a review process, but doesn't say who is in the review process.

Weidl said he would look into all of the sections that Gerber mentioned. The Council asked for this information to be clarified and brought back to the Council. Smith asked what kind ability there was to put the policies online for transparency purposes.

SPECTRUM UPGRADE EQUIPMENT AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF \$9,000 EXPENDITURE FOR EQUIPMENT. Based on existing cable franchise agreements, the City receives franchise fee income and the ability to broadcast content on the cable provider's network. Since mid-2020, the City has not been able to get Charter / Spectrum to respond or furnish and install the digital equipment. The cost of the equipment needing installation is \$9,000 plus installation fees. It was moved by Allen and seconded by McCormick to authorize the expenditure of up to \$15,000 for the installation of digital broadcast equipment. AYES: Majkrzak, Allen, Schreiber, McCormick, Brown, Smith, Gerber. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

AGREEMENT WITH VEOLIA FOR SOUTHWEST WATER TOWER TANK ASSET MANAGEMENT. With the new Southwest Elevated Tank now in service, city staff reached out to Veolia (the City's current provider) to inquire about a Tank Asset Management Program, similar to the one in place for the Cravath Elevated Tank. The Program covers ten years with preprogrammed annual payments. The Program covers annual tank inspections with reports, necessary cleanings/disinfections and repairs, emergency services, and power-washing. Renovation after the 10th year would include bringing the condition of the tower and coatings to like new conditions. Items include and overcoat painting of the exterior with appropriate surface preparation, blast and recoat the interior of the tank, damage to the tank is repaired and any appurtenances are brought up to the current standards. The ten-year total of \$360,763 is broken

into ten approximately equal payments. Year one payment was reduced to be able to fit the payment into the 2023 budget. Additional money was added to years 2-6 to make up the difference. The proposed costs are in line with the current costs associated with the Cravath Elevated Tank. By implementing a program such as this, the water utility can incorporate the costs on an annual basis rather than waiting for a one-time bigger cost where borrowing would more than likely need to occur. The current program with the Cravath Street elevated tank has been in service since at least 2009 and works very well. It was moved by McCormick and seconded by Allen to enter into an agreement with Veolia on the terms proposed. AYES: McCormick, Schreiber, Brown, Gerber, Majkrzak, Allen, Smith. NOES: None. Absent: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF TASK ORDER WITH STRAND ASSOCIATES FOR WATER STORAGE BUILDING DESIGN. It was moved by Allen and seconded by Majkrzak to enter into Task Order 23-02 with Strand Associates, for a sum not to exceed \$90,000, for design of the new storage building for the water department. AYES: McCormick, Schreiber, Brown, Gerber, Majkrzak, Allen, Smith. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS. Steve Chiemeliewski and Jerry Braatz of the University of Wisconsin Extension were present. City Manager Weidl explained that Whitewater's last Strategic Plan was completed in 2017. Steve noted that biennial budget priorities would be discussed. There would be a three-hour workshop. Participants would work to understand strengths and ways others process information, such as different learning styles and understanding ways you could better work together. This would include staff and Common Council. The process would consist of three-four meetings with a timeline of completion by March 15. Public participation would occur. The intent would be to narrow it down to three-five strategic directions. UW Extension's cost would be \$10,000. City Manager Weidl requested a determination on whether the Council wanted an event or a process. The number of public sessions to be held was discussed, and there were varying opinions. Councilmember Smith believes it is critical to keep moving forward. Councilmember Brown recommended inviting the council candidates. Councilmembers were open to comparing CVMIC and UW Extension services. City Manager Weidl summarized by confirming that he will obtain further information from both CVMIC and UW Extension and plan on multi-sessions. City Manager Weidl indicated further information would be brought to the next council meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR FUTURE POLCO QUESTIONS. None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. It was moved by Smith and seconded by Allen to adjourn to closed session ***TO RECONVENE***, pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes and 19.85(1)(e) "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". **Items to be Discussed:** 1) **Negotiation of agreement with Whitewater Unified School District relating to Whitewater Aquatic and Fitness Center;** and 2) **Negotiation of agreement with Verizon to lease ground and water tank space on new Southwest water tower (to allow for installation of telecommunications system).** AYES: Majkrzak, Allen, McCormick, Schreiber, Brown, Gerber, Smith. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION. The council reconvened into open session at 8:40 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBER APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEE TASKED WITH NEGOTIATING NEW AGREEMENT FOR WHITEWATER AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER. It was moved by Allen and seconded by Schreiber to appoint Lisa Dawsey Smith and Jill Gerber to the Whitewater

Aquatic and Fitness Center negotiating committee. AYES: McCormick, Schreiber, Brown, Gerber, Majkrzak, Allen, Smith. NOES; None. ABSENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT. It was moved by Allen and seconded by Majkrzak to adjourn the meeting. AYES: McCormick, Schreiber, Brown, Gerber, Majkrzak, Allen, Smith. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Smith, Clerk