CITY OF VERONA
MINUTES
COMMON COUNCIL
March 10, 2014
Verona City Hall

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hochkammer at 7:03 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Michael Bare, Luke Diaz, Elizabeth Doyle, Scott Manley, William ‘Mac’ McGilvray, Heather Reekie, Brad Stiner, and Dale Yurs. Also in attendance: City Administrator, Bill Burns; City Planner, Adam Sayre; Police Chief, Bernie Coughlin; and City Clerk, Kami Scofield.
4. Public Comment:
   - Rev. William Vernon of St. Andrews Catholic Church 301 N Main Street, thanked the Plan Commission and Common Council for all of the work they do and asked that the Silent Street amendment to the Downtown Plan remain as recommended by Plan Commission.
   - Karl Curtis, Executive Director of the Verona Area Chamber of Commerce, residing at 631 Maple Road, spoke regarding the Downtown Plan mentioning that the business community is pleased that the council is visiting a plan for the downtown corridor. Mr. Curtis encourages the Council and City staff to make the downtown plan a plan of action and that it doesn’t get adopted and then remains unused. He also encouraged that the plan be guidance for action in the downtown and to not a strict set of procedures. Mr. Curtis also commented on the WI Brewing Company item expressing support for their proposed outdoor patio expansion and related events.
   - Margaret Watson, 6743 Rolling Oaks Lane in the Town of Verona, spoke regarding the WI Brewing Company item. Ms. Watson stated that she supports the WI Brewing Company’s proposal in theory but not the hours associated with the patio expansion.
   - Steve Rudolph, 401 Ineichen Drive, spoke urging the Council to take into consideration the concerns raised by Mr. Curtis from the Chamber when voting on the Downtown Plan and to consider the Chamber as a strategic alliance in the future of the downtown.
   - Sasha Turmaat, 149 E Railroad Street, spoke on behalf the downtown item requesting that certain parts of the plan such as the Railroad/Main Street intersection be thoroughly examined to accommodate nearby residents, that the speed on Railroad Street remain appropriate for a residential area, exploring other ways to redirect traffic without removing some of the trees in the area and that overall the plan is implemented in a thoughtful way.
   - Joann Gauthier, 2125 Hills Drive in the Town of Verona, spoke regarding the WI Brewing Company Item. She is in favor of the proposed hours of 9 p.m. during the week and 10 p.m. on the weekends but nothing later.
   - Lisa Kinsman, 6742 Rolling Oaks Lane in the Town of Verona, spoke regarding the WI Brewing Company Item. She raised questions on the decibel levels of noise and also
has concerns relating to traffic. She urged the council to be respectful of the neighbors in the area.

5. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Yurs, seconded by Reekie, to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2014 Common Council meeting. Motion carried 8/0.

6. Mayor’s Business
   (1) Proclamation: March for Meals Month
       • Mayor Hochkammer congratulated the Verona Area Boys Hockey team for winning the State Championship

7. Administrator’s Report
   • There will be a public information meeting on the CTH M reconstruction project this Wednesday March 12th at the Senior Center from 6-8 p.m. This project includes the reconstruction of the Southern section of CTH M, from the City of Verona extending North through the CTH PD intersection. Additional concepts for the intersection at PD will be available on the City website.
   • Dane County Cities and Villages Association will host a noon meeting in Deforest also on Wednesday March 12th. Topics to be discussed include the DaneCom radio system status, the Dane County 911 Center status, and the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission including a discussion on the proposed fees that was recently discussed by the Council.
   • Last Friday there was scheduled to be a hearing on a motion for a summary judgment in the matter involving the City and the Fire Department hiring process in a lawsuit filed by the IAFF Union. The judge postponed the hearing and it has been rescheduled for April 24th. The judge indicated he need more time to review the materials from both parties.
   • The Fire Station Open House on the conceptual design of the new facility was held at the current Fire Station on February 25th. Materials from that open house are available on the City website. The architect is continuing to work with staff on the details of the design. Another Ad Hoc Committee meeting will be scheduled in the last week of March.
   • The Spring Election is coming up on April 1st. Absentee voting at City Hall will begin on March 17th and run through March 28th.

8. Engineer’s Report: None.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS
   A. Plan Commission
      (1) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Approving Ordinance 14-839 Adopting the Downtown Mobility and Development Plan as an Amendment to the City of Verona Comprehensive Plan. Ald. Stiner stated that he would be voting ‘no’ on this item as he feels the impact is too great on those living on Harriet Street with the proposed reconfiguration, the negative impact of the Railroad Street proposal on area businesses, and due to the potential Baptist Church removal for the expansion of the road. Ald. Manley commented on the cost of the plan and how it will affect taxpayers along with how actionable the plan is as far as cost and feasibility in implementation. Ald. Doyle spoke championing the plan as it is
a good guideline for responsibly developing the downtown. Ald. Reekie
mentioned that downtown planning should involve working with the School
District on redirecting streets and traffic. Ald. Manley championed the
Basswood extension into the high school parking lot.

Motion by Yurs, seconded by Doyle to approve Ordinance 14-839. Ald. Bare
spoke sharing the concerns of Mr. Manley but appreciates the design standards.
Mr. Bare would like to see more of what the City can actually do as opposed to
the conceptual ideas in the plan and would like the mechanisms involved in
implementing the plan more clearly identified.

Ald. Diaz made a Motion for an amendment to the Main Motion to change the
P4 Section in the plan regarding parking to be adjusted to include that the Park
Lane property currently owned by the City (102 Park Lane) be designated solely
as parking and the property North of the City owned property on Franklin Street
be removed from the plan as another parking area, seconded by Reekie. Motion
fails 1/7. Ald. Diaz stated that the plan isn’t perfect but it’s a good blueprint for
what’s to come and future planning. Ald. McGilvray suggested adding language
to the plan to state that it would not be the City’s intent to use eminent domain.

Motion by McGilvray, seconded by Diaz to amend the Main Motion to include
the following language in Ordinance 14-839: It is the intent of the Council
adopting the plan that the City not use eminent domain to acquire property
resulting in the loss of a building or business or that would limit the use of the
property without the owner’s consent. The Motion to amend the Main Motion
carried 8/0. Ald. Diaz requested a roll call vote on the Main Motion. Motion
carried 6/2 with Ald. Manley and Ald. Stiner voting ‘no’.

(2) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Resolution R-14-005 Approving a
Conditional Use Permit to allow for the Expansion of an Outdoor Seating/Patio
Area for the Wisconsin Brewing Company located at 1079 American Way. The
members of the Council expressed support for this item. Motion by Yurs,
seconded by Bare to approve Resolution R-14-005 with the conditions listed and
the following added revisions: Condition 5 be revised to include the City
Administrator, Planner and Police Chief in the City staff and that the CUP is
reviewed by November 1st of each year and Condition 6 be revised to reflect the
hours of music from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and outdoor operations ending at 11 p.m.
Sunday-Thursday and music from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. with outdoor operations
ending at 12 a.m. Friday-Saturday Motion carried 8/0.

(3) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Resolution R-14-006 Approving a Precise
Implementation Plan to allow for the Construction of 76 Apartment Units to be
known as the Murray Glen Apartments located on Lots 3, 4, and 5 on the Prairie
Oaks Second Addition Plat. Motion by Yurs, seconded by Doyle to approve
Resolution R-14-006. Motion carried 7/1 with Ald. Stiner voting ‘no’
(4) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Resolution R-14-007 Approving a Preliminary Plat for the Prairie Oaks Second Addition to Create 6 Lots and 3 Outlots. Motion by Yurs, seconded by McGilvray to approve Resolution R-14-007. Motion carried 8/0.

(5) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Resolution R-14-008 Approving a Final Plat for the Prairie Oaks Second Addition to Create 6 Lots and 3 Outlots. Motion by Yurs, seconded by McGilvray to approve Resolution R-14-008. Motion carried 8/0.

B. Finance Committee
(1) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Payment of Bills. Motion by McGilvray, seconded by Doyle to approve the payment of bills in the amount of $433,753.60. Motion carried 8/0.
(2) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Claim of Excessive Assessment for Property owned by Apex Hawthorne Hills, LLC and Apex Hometown Grove, LLC for the 2013 Tax Year. Motion by McGilvray, seconded by Manley to deny the claim and to note that the claimant failed to appear at the 2013 Board of Review. Motion carried 8/0.

C. Public Safety & Welfare Committee
(1) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Approving an Application for a Class B Beer and Class C Wine License for Brews Brothers Pub located at 611 Hometown Circle, Steven Day, Agent. Motion by Manley, seconded by Bare to approve the license. Motion carried 7/0 with Ald. McGilvray abstaining.
(2) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Approving an Application for a Temporary Class B Beer license for ‘Verona Mud Fest’ on Saturday May 17, 2014 from Mike O’Brien, Ice Inc. Motion by Manley, seconded by Reekie to approve the license. Motion carried 8/0.
(3) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Approving Ordinance 14-840 Amending Section 27 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Code of Ordinances- Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Parking Prohibited Zones to Prohibit Parking on American Way Between CTH PB and John P. Livesey Boulevard. Motion by Manley, seconded by Yurs to approve Ordinance 14-840. Motion carried 8/0.

10. New Business
(1) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Approval of Operator Licenses from Travis Murray, Prairie Oaks Citgo; Steven Caldwell, The Draft House; and William Foust, Wildcat Lanes. Motion by Bare, seconded by Yurs to approve the operator licenses. Motion carried 8/0.

11. Announcements
- Ald. Stiner announced there will be a Senior Commission Meeting tomorrow March 11th at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- The Verona Area Historical Society will host a discussion on local schools on March 19th at 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bye Bye Birdie will come to the Verona Area Community Theatre next month. Tickets are currently on sale.
• Ald. Reekie announced that a park planning meeting for the Cathedral Point Park will be held this Wednesday, March 12th at 6:00 at City Hall.

12. Adjournment
   Motion by Diaz, seconded by Manley, to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m. Motion carried 8/0.

   Kami Scofield, Clerk