

Public Hearing
Ordinance No. 447
Amending Chapter 8 Sewer Use Ordinance/User Charge System

January 15, 2013

Public hearing called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Village President Dennis Manthei. Trustees present: Iverson, Lautz, Leicht, Schumacher, and Wehrs. Excused: Koelbl. Also present: Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, Coulee News Special Correspondent Emily Staed, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

Ordinance No. 447, if adopted, will delete and re-create Sections of Chapter 8 of the Village Code of Ordinances in order to facilitate a variable rate increase to users of the sanitary sewer system. The variable rate charge will increase from \$1.85 per thousand gallons of water used to \$2.04 per thousand gallons of water used. The proposed rate increase will take effect on January 24, 2013, and will affect the May 1, 2013, quarterly sewer billing.

There were no citizens present to speak for or against the proposed Ordinance.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to adjourn the public hearing at 6:51 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator

Regular Board Meeting

January 15, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Dennis Manthei. Trustees present: Iverson, Lautz, Leicht, Schumacher, and Wehrs. Excused: Koelbl. Also present: Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker, Recreation Director Michelle Czerwan, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, Coulee News Special Correspondent Emily Staed, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Wehrs, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2013, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$2,368,979.71
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$20,107.16

Sewer Utility: \$29,783.96

Storm Water Utility: \$3,041.68

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the payment of all claims as listed. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

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Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve Ordinance No. 447 Amending Chapter 8 Sewer Use Ordinance/User Charge System. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Ordinance No. 448 – Annexation

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to schedule a public hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 448 Direct Annexation by Unanimous Approval of Real Property from the Town of Hamilton for Tuesday, February 5, 2013, at 6:45 p.m. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Emergency Communications Equipment Update

Police Chief Charles Ashbeck informed the Board of continued radio communication issues between the West Salem Police Department and the La Crosse County Sheriff's Department. A West Salem Police Officer responded to a call in the northwest area of the Village, and the police officer was unable to communicate with the La Crosse County Sheriff's Department. Therefore, County Deputies were required to take over communications. Chief Ashbeck has been given a different model of radios to field test to determine if this will resolve the radio communication issues. It was requested Chief Ashbeck keep the Village Board informed on this matter.

Alcohol Beverage License

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve alcohol beverage licenses for Christopher Arnold Nicolai and Jada Rae Rice. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Wehrs reported on the January 8, 2013, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was for the Committee to meet with the Police Union to continue discussions on a new police union contract. Union President Robert Schuppel stated the Union will agree to the Village's revised offer if a 48-hour cap on compensatory time instead of the Village's proposed 24-hour cap is acceptable. If the Village stays on the 24-hour cap, the issue will be taken back to the Union for a vote, and Mr. Schuppel did not feel it would pass the vote. Chair Merlin Wehrs asked the Union to leave the meeting at 4:01 p.m. so the Committee could discuss the Union's offer. The Committee discussed the 48 hours versus the 24 hours of compensatory time cap, and Mr. Wehrs asked the Union to rejoin the meeting at 4:16 p.m. Committee member James Leicht explained to the Union the Village position on compensatory time accrual of a total of 24 hours. Over the last two contract years, the Union has acquired 48 hours of personal time off. The allowed vacation, holiday, personal sick, and the natural time off due to work rotations already computes to an average of between 7½

months to 8½ months out of 12 months an officer actually works in a year. The Village believes this is not an unreasonable request, and, therefore, it stands on limiting compensatory time to 24 hours per year. Mr. Schuppel stated there is nothing in the present contract setting forth terms of compensatory time off. Past practice of the department operated under a no cap on the amount of compensatory time off that may be earned. The West Salem Public Works Department is allowed to accrue up to 40 hours of personal time off, and the Police Union believes it should be allowed the same work week maximum accrual. The Union will discuss the revised offer and will contact the Village with its response.

Motion by Trustee Wehrs, seconded by Trustee Iverson to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2013, Law Enforcement Committee meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Street Committee

Trustee Lautz reported on the January 9, 2013, Street Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss for recommendation to the Village Board Ordinance No. 6.05 as it relates to parking of school buses on Village Streets. The Committee does not rate school buses parking on Village streets as an issue as long as the school bus does not obstruct traffic or pedestrian travel, is parked away from intersections, does not block driveways or mailboxes, or in any other manner affect safety. Ms. Schnitzler requested Village Engineer Dave Sauer give an engineering opinion on the impact of temporary parking of school buses on the street. Mr. Sauer responded the impact of having an empty school bus parked on a Village street for one to two hours each day is minimal since the buses are not loaded and are stationary. Heavy vehicle traffic does the most damage when a vehicle turns or has to stop and start or if it sits in one spot for long periods of time. Mr. Sauer pointed out there are some streets in the Village which have better pavement and base, and if those streets are close to where the drivers live, he would recommend the Village encourage parking on the better streets. The Committee discussed the parking of trucks larger than 9,000 pounds or more gross weight, semitrailers, mobile homes, and recreational vehicles on streets. The Committee did not recommend changing these sections of the ordinance. Chief Ashbeck periodically receives requests not to enforce the recreational vehicle parking prohibition for special reasons, and the Committee agreed Chief Ashbeck should continue to use his discretion and review such requests on a case-by-case basis. The Committee recommended amending 6.05(C)(5) to exempt school buses temporarily parked on Village streets on school days. James Leicht informed the Committee he had received inquiries about the Village's ordinance on driving snowmobiles on Village streets. The ordinance was re-drafted by Village Attorney Bryant Klos in 2011, but it was not presented to the Village Board for action as the entire Chapter 11 was being reviewed for updates. The Committee recommended the revised snowmobile ordinance be presented to the Village Board for review and action and a copy of the proposed ordinance presented to the local snowmobile alliance for its review and comment.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2013, Street Committee meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Ordinance No. 449

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Leicht to schedule a public hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 449 Parking School Buses on Village Streets for Tuesday, February 5, 2013, at 6:50 p.m. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Ordinance No. 450

Motion by Trustee Wehrs, seconded by Trustee Iverson to schedule a public hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 450 Amending Snowmobile Ordinance for February 5, 2013, at 6:55 p.m. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Wehrs, seconded by Trustee Leicht to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator