

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2015 AT 5:00 PM

Mayor Horne opened the meeting by announcing that this was an open meeting of the Common Council. Notice of this meeting was given to the public at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by forwarding the complete agenda to the official City newspaper, the New Richmond News, and to all news media who have requested the same as well as posting. Copies of the complete agenda were available for inspection at the City Clerk's office. Anyone desiring information as to forthcoming meetings should contact the City Clerk's office.

Roll call was taken.

Members Present: Mayor Horne, Alderman Kittel, Ard, Jackson, Hansen, Volkert, and Zajkowski.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Alderman Zajkowski moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderman Hansen, and carried.

Impact Fees

Beth Thompson presented information regarding impact fees collected in the past and how they compare to other communities in the area. She also outlined a proposal for future impact fees. Considerable discussion followed regarding the proposed impact fee structure and whether changes should be made. A small sub-group will look at the preliminary information and the impact analysis report that outlines the reasons for the percentage breakdowns for the impact fees for residential versus commercial development.

Capital Improvement Projects

There was discussion regarding capital improvement projects and determining priorities. Considerable discussion followed regarding street and utility projects. The Utility Commission has voted to proceed with soft costs on the North Fourth Street and Paperjack Drive projects. The Public Works Committee will be discussing whether to assess for replacement of sidewalks and installation of new sidewalks. They will bring a recommendation back to the Council at a later date. At the February work session, the Council will discuss the possibility of an Aviation Technical Park.

Communications & Miscellaneous

Alderman Ard stated that the Loyalty Day events are listed on their facebook page. Also, Sheila Harsdorf will be in New Richmond on Thursday night, January 29, 2015.

Closed Session

Alderman Ard moved to go into Closed Session per State Statute 19.85 (1)(e) TIF 6 Development Proposal, seconded by Alderman Hansen and carried.

Open Session

No action was taken.

Alderman Ard moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Zajkowski and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Tanya Reigel
City Clerk