

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016 – 6:30 PM
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

The Columbus Common Council held a regular meeting on Wednesday May 18, 2016 at 6:30 pm at Columbus City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Crombie and notice of open meeting was noted as posted. Present: Mayor Crombie, Council members Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler, City Attorney Johnson, City Administrator Vander Sanden, City Clerk Donahue, interested citizens and the media. Excused Melotte.

Mayor Crombie led the Council in the pledge of allegiance. Motion by Royem second by Rule to approve the agenda. Motion carried voice vote.

Jason Lietha, 436 W School St, presented information to the council about Columbus Area Endowment (CAE) and the annual local grant cycle. Since 2011 CAE has awarded \$12,070 in local grants. CAE has received a matching funds grant from Madison Community Foundation and is launching a capital campaign to raise funds to be used for local grant awards. CAE is a 501c3 tax exempt organization.

Mayor Crombie read the items on the Consent Agenda. The minutes of the Tourism Commission were asked to be withdrawn. Motion by Royem second by Thom to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion carried voice vote.

Fire Chief Koehn reported Columbus has received the Assistance to Firefighters Grant application through FEMA and will receive grant funds in the amount of \$170,315. Grant funds will be used to replace the department's self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

Motion by Thom second by Royem to approve the Scope of Engagement Letter with Quarles & Brady to be paid for with bond proceeds from the Electric and Waterworks System Revenue Bonds Series 2016A. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes.'

Greg Johnson, Ehlers Associates, reported on the bond sale earlier today. Three bids were received on the offering with a true interest cost of 2.3483. The winning bid came from BOSC, Inc. The bonds received an A3 rating from Moody's investor's Service.

Motion by Thom second by Royem to approve Resolution No. 13-16, A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$3,915,000 Electric and Waterworks System Revenue Bonds, Series 2016A of the City of Columbus, Columbia County, Wisconsin, and Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and Other Details with Respect to the Bonds. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes.'

Motion by Royem second by Rule to grant a "Class B" Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of MP's Town Tap, LLC, 158 N Ludington Street, Maria Peterson, Agent, contingent upon the Towne Tap surrendering their license. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes.'

Motion by Rule second by Royem to approve the request of Michael Eisenga for the release of surplus funds in the amount of \$7,264 held in escrow for the planting of trees in the Columbus Commerce Center development. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes.'

Motion by Rule second by Royem to approve repairs to the Meister Park concession stand roof in the amount of \$2,499.47. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes.'

Motion by Reid second by Royem to accept a 2009 Silverado vehicle for the Fire Department from Enbridge Energy, approve the sale of the 2001 Suburban and provide for the proceeds from the sale of the Suburban be used to outfit the donated vehicle. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes.'

Motion by Royem second by Thom to donate the Fire Department's surplus Jaws of Life tools to Robert Groh for transport to Nicaragua. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes.'

Motion by Reid second by Thom to approve restoring the corner lot of W Mill and N Ludington to the present configuration instead of as designed in the 2016 Street Project plans. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes.'

Motion by Thom second by Traxler to include conduit for a fiber optic connection from City Hall to 1149 W James St in the 2017 street light design contract contingent upon the DOT providing in writing the change will be included in the final plans for W James St. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes.'

HLPC President Fredericks reported HLPC received three bids on the project and the low bid was \$344,000. They are now checking references on contractors and subcontractors and will be preparing a contract for the work. Fredericks expects to have the final contracts ready for signatures within the month and the project should be on track to be completed by the end of the year.

Motion by Royem second by Rule to grant an operator license to Sara Zeinert. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes.'

Motion by Thom second by Traxler to approve payment of claims in the amount of \$100,349.94. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes.'

City Administrator Vander Sanden reported there will be a preconstruction conference on the intersection project at STH 16/STH 60 on May 25, 2016 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm at the Senior Center.

Mayor Crombie reported he attended the annual CAE dinner and the recreation fund raiser, Enbridge dropped off the donated truck to the Fire Department. Enbridge provides training to local fire, ems and safety groups.

Items placed on file through the Consent Agenda:

Council Minutes – 05/03/16, Public Hearing 05/02/16

Columbus Area EMS Group – 10/07/15

Library Board – 03/15/16

Recreation Advisory – 04/11/16

Treasurer's Report – April 2016

Picnic License: 4th of July Organization, 6/30/16 - 7/4/16, Fireman's Park, 4th of July Celebration

Street Closing: 4th of July Organization, 7/4/16, Middleton Street – Ludington/Park Ave, 4th of July Parade, 11:30-3:30 pm

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm a motion by Thom second by Rule. Motion carried voice vote.

Anne Donahue
City Clerk