

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
CUDAHY, HELD AT THE CUDAHY MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 5050 S. LAKE DR.  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**CERTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETING LAW REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVAL OF THE  
AGENDA**

The proper open meeting statement was read at this time.

Mayor Hohenfeldt called a recess at 8:45 P.M. and reconvened at 8:55 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor John Hohenfeldt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following answered, “present” to the roll call: Council Members Morales, Johnson, Hollenbeck, Litkowiec and St. Marie-Boelkow. City Attorney Eberhardy, Clerk/Treasurer Broderick, DPW Director Lange, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Toms-Neary, Police Chief Poellot, Clerk Sobieski, Clerk Eichner, Engineer Birkel, Engineer Schmidt, and Engineer Tech Schultz were also in attendance.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation of Resolution No. 7187 entitled “A Resolution Recognizing the many years of service of Patti Borkowski on the City of Cudahy’s Board of Health.”
2. Presentation of Resolution No. 7188 entitled “A Resolution Congratulating Jen’s Sweet Treats Upon Being Named Best Desserts by Milwaukee “A” List in 2017.”

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (agenda items)

1. Greg Loferski of 2533 E. Donald Ave. spoke regarding the salt dome.
2. Terry Pawlarczyk of 3912 E. Van Norman Ave. spoke regarding the salt dome.
3. Daniel Furdek of 5902 S. Robert Ave. spoke regarding the salt dome.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

(Items under the consent agenda may be acted upon by one motion. If in the judgment of any Council Member, a consent agenda item needs discussion, the item can be removed and discussed under “Items Removed from Consent Agenda”). **MOTION BY ALD. LITKOWIEC, SECOND BY ALD. ST. MARIE-BOELKOW** to approve. On the roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

1. Minutes of the Community Development Authority held November 28, 2017.
2. Minutes of the Regular Common Council held January 16, 2018.
3. Minutes of the Personnel Committee held January 16, 2018.
4. Claims ending October 31, 2017 in the amount of \$868,708.16.
5. Claims ending December 31, 2017 in the amount of \$871,210.87.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

## NEW BUSINESS

**MOTION BY ALD. MORALEZ, SECOND BY ALD. LITKOWIEC** to amend the agenda and move New Business Item #5 Power Point Presentation on Construction of the Salt Storage Facility to first order of business. On the roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

5. Power Point: Presentation on Construction of the Salt Storage Facility.

**MOTION BY ALD. HOLLENBECK, SECOND BY ALD. ST. MARIE-BOELKOW** to Suspend the Rules of Dialogue between and with the Audience for Question and Answer session. On the roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

After presentation by DPW Director Lange the following citizens spoke:

1. Daniel Furdek of 5902 S. Robert Ave. spoke regarding the presentation and mismanagement.
2. Thomas Schmidt of 3954 E. Birchwood Ave. spoke regarding salt brine and associated costs.
3. Daniel Kozaczok of 4664 S. Packard Ave. spoke regarding salt dome site land ownership and comparison between South Milwaukee and St. Francis.
4. Roger Davis of 2809 E. Donald Ave. spoke regarding salt dome finances.
5. Mel Milinovich of 6030 S. Crosswinds Unit #3 spoke regarding value of salt to be stored.
6. Terry Pawlarczyk of 3912 E. Van Norman Ave. spoke regarding DNR salt usage and storage.
7. Richard Molenda of 6160 S. Elaine Ave. spoke regarding compliance of current salt dome.
8. Greg Loferski of 2533 E. Donald Ave. spoke regarding presentation, salt usage, verification of costs.
9. Richard Bartoshevich of 5962 S. Robert Ave. spoke regarding using salt brine.
10. Diane Zagrodnick of 6075 S. Elaine Ave. spoke regarding comparing to neighbor cities, concrete costs, current storage costs, more investigating.
11. Allen Henderickson of 6113 S. Delaware Ave. spoke regarding unpredictable weather, past processes, staying neutral.

### Council Discussion

1. Ald. Morales spoke regarding need to resolve issue now, hindering other projects and is dating back 2 years. Other projects in excess of \$350,000.00 were not a problem. Council is here to do what is best, they are residents also. Cost of updating existing building may be near costs of a new building. Past bids came in right around projected costs by DPW Director Lange. There is confusion because there are a lot of variables. Has a potential ROI of 10 or 20 years with a 60 year lifespan, best for community. What is the actual impact of THIS project on the taxpayer. Average cost to taxpayer is estimated in 2016 around \$20 per \$200,000 household, costing \$100 over 5 year period or less. Labor costs to move around salt could be up to \$200.00
2. Ald. St. Marie-Boelkow spoke regarding unknown citizen input in 2014. Financing, cost of salt and usage, bottom line, brine costs, do not need 2000 tons or salt dome, look at other options, cost savings, reconsidering bond issue. Possible information was not shared with all Alderpersons. Using building for other storage was not presented to residents. Requests Ehlers or bond counsel to present information regarding scrapping project effects on city financials to residents.
3. Mayor Hohenfeldt spoke regarding these are the citizens buildings, replacing roof, updating building, cost of water damage, arson cart fire cost \$60,000 damage, investing in infrastructure, costs also include security for the property. Bond proceeds must be spent on project requested for, will hurt city's financial credibility with bond agencies as well as Moody's and S&P. Bond conferences were this day, and not a simple process to cancel a bond. Ehlers and Bond counsel to provide information regarding canceling of a project in the borrow. Mayor is to get costs of repairs and compliance to current building. 20 year cost to city in principal would be \$1,458.33 on \$350,000 for 20 years.
4. Ald. Hollenbeck spoke regarding preparing for worst, hope for best. 2000 tons of salt does not expire. Buy cheaper and store saving tax dollars. Comparable facility off I94, can use for other storage.

Reconsider bond issue, cannot use for a different project. Questions: Average normal Council meeting in May, how many residents are present? Answer: Ald. St. Marie-Boelkow and Litkowiec, 1 person. Unrealistic to plan on minimum, plan on the most.

5. Ald. Johnson spoke regarding emotion under all of this, \$350,000 spent on dispatch center not a problem, investing in infrastructure for city, salt dome should be constructed, can be used for other storage.
6. Ald. Litkowiec spoke regarding 4 year average 975 tons. 600 tons stored leaves 400 tons which are stored improperly. Pay back may take more than 5 years, but it will happen. Either way must construct at least concrete and storm water. 850 tons use through beginning of February.

Mayor to provide requested information to residents and council such as bond question.

1. Discussion and necessary action regarding execution letter of engagement regarding Tax Increment District Audit, continuing work. **MOTION BY ALD. MORALEZ, SECOND BY ALD. JOHNSON** to approve. On the roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
2. Discussion and necessary action regarding execution letter of engagement regarding auditing services with Baker Tilly. **MOTION BY ALD. JOHNSON, SECOND BY ALD. ST. MARIE-BOELKOW** to approve. On the roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
3. Discussion and necessary action regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between the Cudahy Police Department and South Shore Joint Tactical Unit. Tabled, to be brought back to Common Council February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
4. Discussion and necessary action regarding publishing and posting of meeting notices with the City Clerk/Treasurer's Department. No Action taken.

## **DEPARTMENT MANAGER OR ELECTED OFFICIAL UPDATES.**

### **Mayor**

- Correspondence received by Office of the Mayor.
- Mayor's report to the Common Council Finance Department Report.

## **INTRODUCTION/PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

### **ORDINANCES**

None

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Discussion and necessary action regarding Resolution No. 7196 entitled "A Resolution Honoring Richard Adamczewski City of St. Francis 2017 'Citizen of the Year'." **MOTION BY ALD. ST. MARIE-BOELKOW, SECOND BY ALD. LITKOWIEC** to approve Res. 7196. On the roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
2. Discussion and necessary action regarding Resolution No. 7197 entitled "A Resolution Congratulating the Gift Shoppe of Cudahy for Being Named "Best of Milwaukee Gift Shop" by the Shepard Express in 2017." **MOTION BY ALD. JOHNSON, SECOND BY ALD. HOLLENBECK** to approve Res. 7197. On the roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
3. Discussion and necessary action regarding Resolution No. 7198 entitled "A Resolution Opposing the Cuts in Services to the Students of the City of Cudahy with Elimination of Route 88." **MOTION BY ALD. LITKOWIEC, SECOND BY ALD. JOHNSON** to approve Res. 7198. On the roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
4. Discussion and necessary action regarding Resolution No. 7199 entitled "A Resolution Congratulating Project Concern of Cudahy-St. Francis for 50 Years of Service to our Communities."

**MOTION BY ALD. ST. MARIE-BOELKOW, SECOND BY ALD. JOHNSON** to approve Res. 7199. On the roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and necessary action regarding Resolution No. 7200 entitled “A Resolution Opposing Parking Meters and Having to Pay to Park While Utilizing Milwaukee County Parks Located in the City of Cudahy.” **MOTION BY ALD. JOHNSON, SECOND BY ALD. HOLLENBECK** to approve Res. 7200. On the roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

**\*PUBLIC COMMENT** (on any subject items)

1. Diane Zagrodnick of 6075 S. Elaine Ave. spoke regarding Milwaukee County Parks Department issuing tickets, alley of district 1 and 2 garbage cans, bids - why not Cudahy business need lowest bids.

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION BY ALD. JOHNSON, SECOND BY ALD. LITKOWIEC** to adjourn at 10:16 P.M. On the roll call vote, Motion carried unanimously.

Passed and approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2018.

John Hohenfeldt, Mayor

ATTEST: Dennis Broderick/Clerk Treasurer