

**Administrative & Judiciary Committee
of the City of Onalaska**

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

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1 The meeting of the Administrative & Judiciary Committee of the City of Onalaska was called to
2 order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 2018. It was noted that the meeting had been
3 announced and posted at City Hall.

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5 Roll call was taken with the following members present: Ald. Jerry Every, Ald. Ron Gjertsen,
6 Ald. Bob Muth

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8 Also Present: City Administrator Eric Rindfleisch, City Clerk Cari Burmaster

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10 **Item 2 – Approval of minutes from the previous meeting(s)**

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12 Motion by Ald. Gjertsen, second by Ald. Every, to approve the minutes from the previous
13 meeting as printed and on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

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15 On voice vote, motion carried.

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17 **Item 3 – Public Input (limited to 3 minutes/individual)**

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19 Ald. Muth called three times for anyone wishing to provide public input and closed that portion
20 of the meeting.

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22 **Consideration and possible action on the following items:**

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24 **Administrative**

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26 **Item 4 – Approval of Operator’s Licenses as listed on report dated April 4, 2018**

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28 Cari noted she had distributed a new report to committee members and said it has one additional
29 license listed. Cari said all the applicants have gone through background checks with the Police
30 Department.

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32 Motion by Ald. Gjertsen, second by Ald. Every, to approve the Operator’s Licenses as listed on
33 report dated April 4, 2018.

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35 On voice vote, motion carried.

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37 **Item 5 – Miscellaneous licensing reporting**

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39 Cari noted she had distributed a new list of Recreational Burning Permits and said there are now
40 52.

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42 Motion by Ald. Gjertsen, second by Ald. Every, to approve the miscellaneous licensing

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43 reporting.

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45 On voice vote, motion carried.

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47 **Judiciary**

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49 **Item 6 – Ordinance 1605-2018 – to amend Section 1, Chapter 4 of Title 2, of the Code of**
50 **Ordinances of the City of Onalaska relating to Board of Review (First and Second**
51 **Reading)**

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53 Motion by Ald. Muth, second by Ald. Gjertsen, to approve Ordinance 1605-2018 – to amend
54 Section 1, Chapter 4 of Title 2, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Onalaska relating to
55 Board of Review (First and Second Reading).

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57 Cari said the City of Onalaska is required to have an ordinance pertaining to confidentiality with
58 the Board of Review when it comes to financial information. Cari also noted that the city’s legal
59 counsel had drafted this ordinance.

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61 On voice vote, motion carried.

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63 **Item 7 – Ordinance 1606-2018 – to rezone property located in Section 8 Township 16,**
64 **Range 7 in the City of Onalaska, La Crosse County, Wisconsin from Neighborhood**
65 **Business District (B-1) to Public & Semi-Public District (P-1) (Skogenheim Rezoning) (First**
66 **and Second Reading)**

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68 Motion by Ald. Muth, second by Ald. Gjertsen, to approve Ordinance 1606-2018 – to rezone
69 property located in Section 8 Township 16, Range 7 in the City of Onalaska, La Crosse County,
70 Wisconsin from Neighborhood Business District (B-1) to Public & Semi-Public District (P-1)
71 (Skogenheim Rezoning) (First and Second Reading).

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73 Cari said both the Plan Commission and the Common Council had approved this rezoning. Cari
74 said this is the area where the former Spillway Pub is located and noted the building will be
75 razed so that Dash Park may be expanded. Cari promised to include a map of the area in the
76 Common Council packets for the Council’s April 10 meeting.

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78 Ald. Muth asked, “Does it have to be First and Second Reading? Is there any reason that this is
79 going to be delayed for another month, and then another month before it’s final?”

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81 Cari told Ald. Muth the committee may suspend the rules and give the ordinance its First,
82 Second, Third and Final Reading. If the committee just gives the ordinance its First and Second
83 Reading tonight, the Third and Final Reading would occur at the May 2 Administrative and
84 Judiciary Committee meeting.

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86 Cari asked City Administrator Rindfleisch, “Do you have any more information on how quickly
87 they would need it? I have not gotten any indication from anybody.”

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89 City Administrator Rindfleisch said, “I don’t know if they would necessarily need it done by
90 then. But I know as soon as the frost comes out they tend to complete the demo of the existing
91 building first. However, if there’s no objection then suspending the rules and doing the First,
92 Second and Third Reading puts that issue to bed.”

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94 Ald. Every asked, “Would it have anything to do with public hearings?”

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96 Cari and Ald. Gjertsen both noted the Plan Commission had held a public hearing at its February
97 27 meeting.

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99 City Administrator Rindfleisch said, “I know the real reason is it would need to be zoned before
100 they can then combine the lots of the Certified Survey Map to the entire park. There’s no real
101 hurry for that.” City Administrator Rindfleisch said he knows there is a construction plan in
102 place because the site plan already was approved, and he told committee members to suspend the
103 rules and give the ordinance its First, Second, Third and Final Reading if there are no objections.

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105 Ald. Gjertsen noted that both Sue Kolve-Feehan and Bill Feehan, owners of Sue Kolve’s Salon
106 and Day Spa, had spoken at Tuesday evening’s Board of Public Works meeting, and he asked
107 City Administrator Rindfleisch, who was present during parts of the meeting, if he knows what
108 he is referring to.

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110 City Administrator Rindfleisch said both Sue Kolve-Feehan and Bill Feehan had expressed
111 concern regarding a lack of parking in the area of their salon, David Reay’s Restaurant, and Dash
112 Park. City Administrator Rindfleisch said, “They feel that the better use of the Spillway would
113 be for parking spots. The Plan Commission has already approved the plan for the park and
114 rezoning. That can be reviewed that way. I can say that the handicapped spots, based on
115 location, would be two, maybe three spots. The requirement of parking is not on-site parking,
116 but it’s within 300 feet which, ____ what they constructed in conjunction with the city, meets
117 those requirements. I don’t think the Plan Commission has interest in seeing two or three spots
118 there. It’s a solution that was brought up in terms of the overall parking problems we have.”

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120 Ald. Gjertsen said, “My concern was, we went through all this many times over. The handicap
121 parking [issue] was solved [Tuesday] night; it was a fairly easy thing to solve. It could have
122 been the other way, but you knew it was going to be a double barrel. I was never comfortable
123 with the way that went. Just due to the way the street is down there ... there has been infighting
124 down there for decades. That’s probably never going to get solved.”

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126 City Administrator Rindfleisch said this particular parcel had been discussed at Tuesday

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127 evening's Board of Public Works meeting, and a request had been made to have the owner
128 utilize the parcel for parking.

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130 Ald. Gjertsen, who also sits on the Board of Public Works, said he is under the impression after
131 listening to Bill Feehan speak a second time at Tuesday evening's meeting that Bill wishes to
132 instigate legal action. Ald. Gjertsen also said Bill did not name the City of Onalaska or David
133 Skogen and added, "This fight is just going to keep on going for a while."

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135 On voice vote, motion carried.

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137 **Adjournment**

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139 Motion by Ald. Every, second by Ald. Gjertsen, to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.

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141 On voice vote, motion carried.

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144 Recorded by:

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146 Kirk Bey