

CITY OF RHINELANDER COMMON COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2011 - 6:00-8:15 P.M.

City Hall Council Chambers
135 S. Stevens St., Rhineland, WI

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Rhineland was called to order by Mayor Johns at 6:00 p.m. Proper notification was given to the press and the public.

ROLL CALL

The following Alderpersons were present: Belliveau, Freudenberg, Gleason, Kelly, Paszak, Pelletier, Salzer and Young.

Others present: Mayor Dick Johns, Golf Course Superintendent Joe Andersen, City Administrator Bill Bell, Lauri Goscha of Bailey Edward Design, Dennis, Mary and Mike Hastreiter of Buckethead's, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Tim Kingman, Public Works Director Randy Knuth, Administrative Assistant Lisa Kuczmariski, Payroll Specialist Beth Mannikko, Finance Director Julie Ostrander, Parks, Buildings & Grounds Director Gunder Paulsen, Assistant Water/Wastewater Superintendent Tim Phelan, Police Chief Mike Steffes, Fire Chief Terry Williams, and a number of interested persons.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY ALD. SALZER, SECOND BY ALD. PASZAK, TO APPROVE THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 4/18/11. 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ALD. BELLIVEAU, SECOND BY ALD. PELLETIER, TO APPROVE THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 5/9/11. 7 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSTENTION (FREUDENBERG); MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ALD. SALZER, SECOND BY ALD. FREUDENBERG, TO APPROVE THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 5/16/11 AS CORRECTED. 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

APPEARANCES BY CITIZENS - None.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY ALD. FREUDENBERG, SECOND BY ALD. SALZER, TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER APPLICATIONS OF SALLY J. TOWNE, ELIZABETH J. HALVERSON, JULIE M. BETTINGER, CATHERIN M. MATHISON, DEBRA K. SHEPHERD AND LISA M. MACIOSEK; AND TO SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING ORD. 06-11, REZONE THE PROPERTY AT 714 N. STEVENS ST (RH 829) FROM R2 (TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT) TO B3 (GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT); AND TO SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING ORD. 08-11, BICYCLE ORDINANCE. 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

MOTION BY ALD. PASZAK, SECOND BY ALD. FREUDENBERG, TO WAIVE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT ORD. 07-11, NO PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HARVEY STREET BETWEEN ALBAN AND THAYER STREETS. 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE, BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Parks, Buildings & Grounds

(A) MOTION BY ALD. BELLIVEAU, SECOND BY ALD. FREUDENBERG, TO APPROVE LONG TERM USE AGREEMENT WITH ART START. ROLL CALL: 6 AYE, 2 NAY (PELLETIER, YOUNG); MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ALD. BELLIVEAU, SECOND BY ALD. SALZER, TO APPROVE 2011 YMCA LIFEGUARD CONTRACT, WITHOUT PROVISION FOR POLICE VISITATION. ROLL CALL: 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ALD. BELLIVEAU, SECOND BY ALD. PELLETIER, TO POSTPONE ACTION ON NEW SIGNAGE FOR HODAG FARMERS MARKET, AT NO COST TO THE CITY. 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ALD. BELLIVEAU, SECOND BY ALD. FREUDENBERG, TO APPROVE COORDINATION OF JULY 4TH ACTIVITIES IN HODAG PARK BY ERIC VAUGHAN. 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

Protection of Persons and Property

(B) MOTION BY ALD. KELLY, SECOND BY ALD. FREUDENBERG, TO AUTHORIZE CREATION OF AN AGREEMENT TO LEASE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BUCKETHEAD'S AT 46 N. BROWN STREET, FOR SEASONAL OUTSIDE SEATING AREA TO OCCUPY THREE PARKING STALLS, AND TO INCLUDE AN AMENDED DESCRIPTION OF LICENSED PREMISE TO INCLUDE THE OUTDOOR SEATING AREA. 6 AYE, 2 NAY (BELLIVEAU, SALZER); MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ALD. YOUNG, SECOND BY ALD. KELLY, TO APPROVE THE LATE BARTENDER APPLICATIONS OF CATHERINE L. METZ, ABIGAIL C. BLOCH, MICHELE OLSON, JACQUELYN BELGRAM, KATHERIN KUJAC, MELISSA GOOSSEN, DENNIS L. HOKKER, COLLEEN THOMPSON, JAMES BONJEAN, CHRISTINA JOHNSON, JUDITH J. ROBL, ED A. ORLIKOWSKI, HAROLD F. NOVAK, SHERRY L. SCHILLINGS, PATRICK ADAMS, KATHLEEN ORLIKOWSKI, ED N. ORLIKOWSKI, JEFFREY A. KOENIG, AMY L. HERMAN, SYDNEY SEAMANS, BILLIE JO SWANSON, JAIME JACINTO, CHRISTA STOLZMAN, GARY E. RAMSEY, MEGAN VOLZKA AND JANIS WARREN. 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ALD. YOUNG, SECOND BY ALD. FREUDENBERG, TO APPROVE DAVID H. WOLFF AS AGENT FOR WOLFF'S LOG CABIN, 719/721 W. KEMP STREET. 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ALD. FREUDENBERG, SECOND BY ALD. KELLY, TO APPROVE JEREMY R. EVANS AS AGENT FOR ROBBIE'S PLACE, 127 W. RIVES STREET. 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ALD. YOUNG, SECOND BY ALD. SALZER, TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF THE FOLLOWING CLASS A, CLASS B, WHOLESALE, ARCADE, TAXI, THEATER, MOBILE HOME AND MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES FOR THE 07/01/11-06/30/12 LICENSING PERIOD. 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED:

CLASS B (LIQUOR & BEER)	ADDRESS OF PREMISES	TRADE NAME	ARCADE DEVICES
1. Sacketts Bar, LLC	66 N. Brown St.	Sackett's Bar	8 devices
2. Northwestern Hotel and Lounge Bar, Inc.	119 S. Brown St.	Northwestern Hotel & Lounge	5 devices
3. Claridge Corp.	70 N. Stevens St.	Claridge Motor Inn	8 devices
4. Buckethead's Sports Bar & Grill, LLC	46 N Brown St.	Buckethead's Sports Bar & Grill	Major Arcade
5. Patrick D. Deau	70 S. Brown St.	Pat's Tavern	4 devices
6. Andrew R Quade	82 S. Brown St.	Quade's Place	8 devices
7. David S. O'Melia	3131 Golf Course Rd.	Mulligans	2 devices
8. Sammy Jr. Enterprises, LLC	801 Coon St.	Sammy Jr.'s	8 devices
9. Lynda Diane Jenkins	312 Thayer St.	Moonlighting	8 devices
10. JJM Ventures, LLC	17 N. Brown St.	Elbo Room	2 devices
11. Rhinelander Café, Inc.	33 N. Brown St.	Rhinelander Café' & Pub	1 device
12. Nancy L. Lorbetske	50 S. Brown St.	Knight Gallery II	8 devices
13. Rhinelander Bowling Center, Inc.	1843 N. Stevens St.	Hodag Lanes	Major Arcade

14. Robin D. Schillings	127 W. Rives St.	Robbie's Place	4 devices
15. Pretender, Inc.	2135 N. Stevens St.	Rusty Nail	1 device
16. Krishna Hotels d/b/a Quality Inn	668 W. Kemp St.	Quality Inn	5 devices
17. John J. Loduha	1013 Lincoln St.	Broker's	8 devices
18. Rhinelander Bowling Center, Inc.	1540 Pueblo Dr.	The Taj Mahall	6 devices
19. T.A. Solberg Co., Inc.	232 S. Courtney St.	Trig's Food & Drug	0 devices
20. Rhinelander Country Club	1699 Eagle St.	Rhinelander Country Club	0 devices
21. Meinen & Meinen, Inc.	16 N. Brown St.	Bugsy's	Major Arcade
22. Caroll M. Levanetz	137 W. Rives St.	Sunset Junction	5 devices
23. Holly Liu	825 Lincoln St.	Peking Chinese Restaurant	0 devices
24. Wolff's Log Cabin LLC	721 W. Kemp St.	Wolff's Log Cabin	1 device
25. Aaron A. Schultz	21 W. Davenport St.	Big Daddy's	Major Arcade
26. Maria Lugo-Jimenez	343 Lincoln St.	Casa Real	0 devices
27. \$10,000 License			
28. Dormant			
29. Dormant			
30. Dormant			
31. Dormant			
32. Dormant			

CLASS C (WINE)	ADDRESS OF PREMISES	TRADE NAME	ARCADE DEVICES
1. Maureen E. Brown	424 Lincoln St.	The Crimson Café	0 devices
2. Northern Coffee Haus, LLC	34 S. Brown St.	Northern Coffee House LLC	1 devices

CLASS B (BEER) NO CARRY-OUTS	ADDRESS OF PREMISES	TRADE NAME	ARCADE DEVICES
1. Dina Mia Kitchens of Wisconsin, Inc.	1873 N. Stevens St.	Dina Mia	3 devices
2. PH Wausau, LLC	304 Lincoln St.	Pizza Hut	0 devices
3. Daniel J. Buckley	3131 Golf Course Rd.	Rhinelander's Northwood G.C.	0 devices

CLASS A (LIQUOR & BEER) CARRY-OUTS	ADDRESS OF PREMISES	TRADE NAME	ARCADE DEVICES
1. John R. Stein	1011 Lincoln St.	Stein's Lincoln Street Liquors	0 devices
2. Wittock's House of Spirits, Inc.	69 N. Brown St.	House of Spirits	0 devices
3. T.A. Solberg Co., Inc.	232 S. Courtney St.	Trig's Food & Drug – Cellar 70	0 devices
4. Wal-Mart Stores East, LP	2121 Lincoln St.	Wal-Mart Supercenter #1931	0 devices
5. Dormant			
6. Dormant			

WHOLESALE	ADDRESS OF PREMISES	TRADE NAME	ARCADE DEVICES
1. Dean Distributing, Inc.	1500 Chippewa Dr.	Dean Distributing, Inc.	0 devices
2. H & H Distributing Company, Inc.	1517 N. Eagle St.	H & H Distributing	0 devices
3. Vacant			

MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES	ADDRESS OF PREMISES	TRADE NAME	ARCADE DEVICES
1. Rapid Cab Co., Inc.	PO 206/320 W. Phillip St	Rapid Cab	
2. Michael Rouman (Rouman Amusement)	PO 637/110 N. Brown St.	State Theater	0 devices
3. Michael Rouman (Rouman Cinema)	1205 Lincoln St.	Rouman Cinema	Major Arcade
4. Yves Riopel	PO 852/1520 Eagle St.	Edgewater Mobile Home Park	
5. Brian Leaf	PO Box 731, Skokie, IL	Woodland Heights MHP	
6. Brian Leaf	PO Box 731, Skokie, IL	Woodland Heights Terrace MHP	

(C) MOTION BY ALD. YOUNG, SECOND BY ALD. KELLY, TO APPROVE A CLASS B BEER LICENSE FOR NORTHERN COFFEE HAUS, LLC AT 34 S. BROWN STREET. 7 AYE, 1 NAY (SALZER); MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ALD. YOUNG, SECOND BY ALD. PASZAK, TO POSTPONE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT OF DESCRIBED PREMISES FOR WOLFF'S LOG CABIN, 719/721 W. KEMP STREET, TO INCLUDE THE "BUCKETS ON THE RUN" LOCATION. 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ALD. YOUNG, SECOND BY ALD. PASZAK, TO APPROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT UNION REQUEST FOR "FILL THE BOOT" EVENT FOR THURSDAY-SATURDAY, JULY 7-9, 2011. 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

Airport Commission – Nothing to report.

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

- (D) MOTION BY ALD. GLEASON, SECOND BY ALD. PELLETIER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2011-14, AMENDING SCHEDULE OF FEES RELATING TO ANIMAL SHELTER. 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

Board of Public Works – Nothing to report.

Finance, Wage & Salary

MOTION BY ALD. PELLETIER, SECOND BY ALD. FREUDENBERG, TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,918,750.18. ROLL CALL: 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ALD. PELLETIER, SECOND BY ALD. PASZAK, TO ACCEPT LETTER OF RESIGNATION AS SUBMITTED BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR BILL BELL. 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ALD. PELLETIER, SECOND BY ALD. SALZER, TO APPROVE CITY ADMINISTRATOR RECRUITMENT PROCESS AND HIRING TIMELINE. 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

- (E) MOTION BY ALD. PELLETIER, SECOND BY ALD. FREUDENBERG, TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF BETH MANNIKKO TO FINANCE ASSISTANT – UTILITY BILLING POSITION TO REPLACE DAVE ERICKSON UPON HIS RETIREMENT (7/29/11) WITH A START DATE OF TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2011 TO ALLOW FOR NECESSARY CROSS-TRAINING. ROLL CALL: 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

- (F) MOTION BY ALD. PELLETIER, SECOND BY ALD. GLEASON, TO APPROVE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT JOB DESCRIPTION TO REPLACE PREVIOUS LEGAL/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT DESCRIPTION FOR LISA KUCZMARSKI. 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ALD. PELLETIER, SECOND BY ALD. FREUDENBERG, TO APPROVE ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR FIRE/EMS BUILDING EXPANSION PROJECT. ROLL CALL: 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ALD. PELLETIER, SECOND BY ALD. FREUDENBERG, TO APPROVE CITY'S INTENT TO PROVIDE CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE PARKING ADVISORY BOARD PROGRAM. ROLL CALL: 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

Golf Course – Nothing to report.

Planning Commission

MOTION BY ALD. FREUDENBERG, SECOND BY ALD. YOUNG, TO AUTHORIZE ISSUING REQUEST FOR ENGINEERING PROPOSALS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND UTILITY. ROLL CALL: 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ALD. SALZER, SECOND BY ALD. FREUDENBERG, TO APPROVE CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 17 S. BAIRD AVENUE (ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH). 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

(G) MOTION BY ALD. BELLIVEAU, SECOND BY ALD. FREUDENBERG, TO AUTHORIZE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR CITY HALL RENOVATION PROJECT (ELECTRICAL, EXTERIOR/MASONRY, CITY HALL ROOF). ROLL CALL: 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

Water & Wastewater Utilities

MOTION BY ALD. PELLETIER, SECOND BY ALD. SALZER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2011-11, APPROVING COMPLIANCE MAINTENANCE ANNUAL REPORT. 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ALD. PELLETIER, SECOND BY ALD. PASZAK, TO APPROVE RATIFICATION OF PAY REQUEST #18 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$799,756.90 FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT. ROLL CALL: 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ALD. PELLETIER, SECOND BY ALD. GLEASON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2011-12, APPOINTING AUTHORIZING REPRESENTATIVE TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE OF WISCONSIN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT FUND. ROLL CALL: 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ALD. PELLETIER, SECOND BY ALD. FREUDENBERG, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2011-13, RESOLUTION DECLARING OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES FOR CLEAN WATER FUND (CWF) PROJECT. ROLL CALL: 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

The Mayor noted that the Historic Preservation Commission held a public hearing regarding the creation of a Downtown Historic District. At the hearing, the public was opposed, so no historic district will be created at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALD. FREUDENBERG, SECOND BY ALD. PASZAK, TO ADJOURN THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2011 AT 8:15 PM. 8 AYE, 0 NAY; MOTION CARRIED.

Approved by

Received by

(A) LONG TERM USE AGREEMENT WITH ART START

Joe Salzer stated that he would like to hear from City Attorney Phil Parkinson as to any concerns he may have with this. It was noted that Phil is on vacation, and not present at the meeting.

Mark Pelletier stated that he wished Phil was here, as he has a few questions. He noted that there has been some back and forth as to whether or not the building can go back to the Federal government if necessary; according to the memo from Phil, it can't. Mark stated that changes the question for him; he really has a hard time voting on anything like this without our attorney present. He noted there was an email stating the GSA wants the City to commit to paying the utilities in the event ArtStart fails to do so; Mark stated we can't afford to pay anything more without laying people off. He stated that he's putting the taxpayer first, and there's still a lot of questions that need to be answered. Mark stated that if he was assured we could give the building back, he would be honored to support this proposal.

Joe Salzer asked if we have already taken ownership of the building. Bill Bell advised that we submitted the application after the last meeting; after review by the GSA historical section, some recitals were added regarding federal guidelines, and GSA requested some photos and descriptions; we worked with ArtStart representatives and made those changes. Bill stated that after hearing the GSA wanted certain language, he referred the issue to the City Attorney, and that's where some of the miscommunication came up. Bill stated that we originally talked with the GSA real estate section, which hasn't changed its opinion that the federal government would most likely take the building back, as long as it's well maintained. Contractually, ArtStart is responsible for maintaining it to those standards. Bill noted that ArtStart has a large constituency, and has already raised about \$34,000. He stated that from the very beginning, nothing has really changed other than the fact that when GSA Historical didn't like the original application, they felt the City wasn't behind the project and showing as much excitement as we should have been. Those concerns were relayed to the City Attorney, which sent up some red flags for him. Bill stated that from a worst case standpoint, if ArtStart fails and the building gets run down, we could cut the historic ties, and sell or keep the building for another use. He stated that there is a bit of a risk involved, but he is assuming that ArtStart will succeed.

Bill Freudenberg stated that everything is a risk when you're believing in something and forming new partnerships. He stated he understands what Mark is saying about fiscal responsibility, but we don't have final numbers from the state and we really don't know what's going to happen. He stated that by creating relationships and partnerships, and forming something we've never had in this community before, opportunities will be created. Bill stated that he believes in this community and he wants to see good things for the people, and he believes this is one of those things.

Mark Pelletier stated that he is totally in favor of this project, but he is concerned with the fiscal aspects. He noted that when we set up a TIF District, we take a very limited gamble because we build in allowances to cover potential shortfalls. For example, if the Concord Development condominium project is unable to construct additional buildings as projected, they are responsible through a letter of credit, to safeguard the City's interests. Mark stated that the Council was elected to protect the taxpayer, and you can't roll the dice the same way with other people's money. He stated that when Bill Bell says it's "likely" the federal government would take the building back, that scares him, as it doesn't cover the "what if." Under the lease, Art Start can get out in 60 days. He asked what if the roof fails, or what if there are asbestos concerns, and the City's on the hook for those expenses, do we raise taxes or lay people off. Mark stated that he supports ArtStart, but is trying to cover the financial end. He would like to see this issue at a special meeting called for this issue only, with our City Attorney present, as this is something we may be stuck with for 100 years and nobody can tell us for sure. Mark stated that's a pretty big gamble.

Bill Bell stated that if the worst case scenario happens, there are monies available in TIF District #8 to cover it. He stated that as far as waiting for the City Attorney, we've already been given three time extensions by the GSA, and they won't give us any more.

Mark Pelletier asked Bill Bell if he can guarantee we could give the building back; Bill stated no. Mark noted this is a 100 year commitment; the TIF life is 20 years.

Lauri Goscha stated that she would like to offer some facts. She referred to the federal code of regulations which specifically talks about what happens if you have to revert title back to the government. Lauri stated there is a process, but it's not unheard of. She stated that GSA is very specific about what their expectations are, and they actually address totally shutting off utilities as an acceptable measure; you can patch a roof. She noted that they talk about hazardous materials; it's understood such materials are there at the time of the transfer, and GSA knows they'll still be there if they get it back. Lauri stated that she does not believe this is a huge risk to the City; she feels the lease is very fair to the City, and ArtStart is behind this building. She stated that the concern about risk is well understood based on hearsay, but is really not there.

The Mayor stated that if we don't take a chance, there's nobody out there that's going to help us. He stated that he's been involved with state and federal grants over the years, and they always come with strings attached. The Mayor feels if you're willing to gamble, he thinks you'll come out all right; if you don't take the chance, you'll never know. He asked what control we will have over that building if we don't take it; someone else could buy it and turn it into a use we don't like. The Mayor stated that as a citizen and Mayor of this community, he says, let's take a chance, let's do it.

Dan Kuzlik stated that he initially thought there was good support for this project, but it turned out much better than he expected. He stated that we continuously hear that one thing is missing from downtowns, and that's cultural items. Dan referred to an excerpt from BoomtownUSA's "Top 10 Things to do in Downtown," which stated that arts are important to downtowns.

Sherrie Belliveau stated that she's been involved with this from the beginning, and the support is tremendous. ArtStart has their heart in it and they're going to do the best job possible to keep it going.

Mark Pelletier stated that he doesn't want to come out of this looking like a bad person. He stated that he's more than happy to give some of his personal time to this project. However, he has to look at the taxes; it's going to be very hard this year. Mark stated that he hopes nobody takes it the wrong way.

Edda Fretz stated that she has worked in planning and been involved in the art community for many years in different places. She stated that when you're talking about generating downtown business, art connects the community, it connects communities with each other, and it's not based on gender or age, but is open to everybody. Edda stated we have lots of people who want to teach, and lots that want to learn. She's been in that building a few times now, and believes it will be very successful.

(B) BUCKETHEAD'S SEASONAL OUTDOOR SEATING AREA

Alex Young stated that he understands this was discussed by the Parking Advisory Board. The plan is to use 3 parking stalls to put up a fenced-in outdoor seating area for serving food and beverages.

Mike Hastreiter stated that the deck would be set up in front of Buckethead's, using 3 parking stalls. The deck will be enclosed and staffed at all times. It would be for seasonal use, and taken down at the end of September. Mike said it would really help with lunches and dinners to be able to offer outdoor seating. He has no room behind his building, and has nowhere else to go with it. It would be a 12x24 deck, fenced, manned all hours; it would be very nice, and he thinks it would add a lot to the downtown.

Sonny Paszak asked if there would be smoking in that area. Mike stated that he wants to see how his customers feel about it before making a decision.

Bill Freudenberg noted that we previously discussed that anybody sitting on the deck will be served by waitstaff. Mike confirmed that, stating that food and beverages would be carried from the building to the deck only by employees.

Sue Bessert stated that this idea was well received at the Parking Advisory Board. She stated that Mike has talked to his neighbors, and they're all supportive. She noted that this will be a trial; a lot of eyes are going to be on Mike, so he'll have to keep it clean and keep it staffed. Sue noted that an ongoing issue downtown is that the businesses on the east side of Brown Street just have no place to go for outdoor seating.

Sonny Paszak asked if this was also brought to the other businesses in the downtown. Sue stated that this was an entrepreneur's idea that was brought properly to the PPP Committee, and Mike did talk to his neighbors. Sue stated that she also talked to other bar owners. In addition, the idea was brought up at a Downtown Rhinelander, Inc. Economic Restructuring Committee meeting, and they thought it was a good idea.

Sherrie Belliveau asked the Police and Fire Chiefs if they had any public safety concerns. Police Chief Mike Steffes stated that he and Fire Chief Terry Williams reviewed it together. They recommend lighting on top of the deck, along with concrete abutments to make sure cars don't hit the structure. He noted that July 4th should be considered; we remove all cars to provide the necessary width for the parade, but now the deck will be there. Mike noted that hours of operation will run into the evening; there are a lot of people who live down there, and he feels there should be a specific closing time. Mike stated that he sent out an email to other police chiefs, and learned that Neenah recently adopted an outdoor seating ordinance, and the City of Kiel has a special permit process where the Council reserves right to revoke the permit at any time.

Alex Young stated that it was discussed at PPP Committee that in the long run, we'd like to look at making Brown Street a more pedestrian-friendly area. The Committee felt that this idea was a good trial to see how it would work. Alex noted that he hadn't thought about the parade, and it will be interesting to see how it plays out, but he thinks we should do this on a trial basis.

Sherrie Belliveau asked if it's a given that the concrete abutments will go up; Mike Hastreiter confirmed that they will. Sherrie asked about the hours of operation; Mike Steffes noted that this wasn't discussed at PPP. Mike Hastreiter stated that he's at the Council's mercy; he really wants this, and feels it's really important to his business, and he will follow the Council's guidelines. Sherrie asked if the deck could be removed for the July 4th activities. Mike stated that it would be possible, but would be very difficult; he would prefer not to do it, as it will probably take 2 days to dismantle it without damaging it. Bill Freudenberg thought that perhaps the deck could be incorporated into the July 4th activities, perhaps for judging of contests.

Joe Salzer stated that his biggest concern is where we'll have open intoxicants, and the potential for that to "creep". He noted that it could potentially be even more of a problem with limited hours of operation, as you wouldn't have staff out there after those hours. Mike Hastreiter stated that he will have one staff person assigned to monitor the area, and another two for serving. He stated that he is confident in his staff and customers.

Michele Smith-Grage stated that she believes there hasn't been much approach to the property owners downtown. She stated that this has not been discussed at DRI at any level, and she feels it should be; the property owners included in the Business Improvement District should have some input into this.

The Mayor stated that he doesn't know if the City's ready to regulate this. He noted that we don't have a permit process set up, and we don't have an ordinance or a penalty in place at this time. Mike Steffes stated that he thinks the City of Kiel's permit process is good, and our recourse is through the licensing process.

Mark Pelletier stated that as to enforcement, if somebody's drinking on the sidewalk, we deal with it the same way we deal with open intoxicants anywhere else.

Alex Young noted that it sounds like the preferred method would be to set up a permitting structure, but that's not in place at this time. He suggested that we lease the parking spaces to Mike Hastreiter on a trial basis, and write the lease such that if anything happens we're not happy with, we can terminate it. He noted that when the premise description is

amended to include the deck, if the lease is then terminated, the deck would come down and no longer be part of the description of licensed premise.

Tom Kelly stated that it seems like Mike has done his homework and is willing to work with the City and keep within the law. He noted that the long-term goal is a pedestrian-friendly downtown.

(C) NORTHERN COFFEE HAUS

Al Mancl stated that they currently have a wine license, and their customers have also requested beer and wine coolers. He noted that they are not open late; they have live music on Thursday nights, and are usually closed by 8:00 p.m.

(D) ANIMAL SHELTER FEES

Bill Bell stated that due to new laws, there are increased expenses for the Animal Shelter. Our fees were rather low, and this will increase them to help offset some of the increased costs.

The Mayor stated that it costs us more to take an animal than what we get for adopting it out; the cost actually comes out to more than \$100 per animal.

Sherrie Belliveau asked if there is any progress on getting Oneida County to contribute its fair share to the Animal Shelter. Tom Gleason stated it's his understanding that letters have been sent. Sonny Paszak stated that he has discussed this with the Mayor, and they will get something together and bring it to the County.

Tom Kelly noted that the proposed change removes the provision for \$10 from an adoption fee to go into the spay & neuter fund. Tom Gleason stated that the Shelter is using aluminum can money to fund the spay & neuter account; the proceeds are substantial each month.

(E) APPOINTMENT OF BETH MANNIKKO TO FINANCE ASSISTANT – UTILITY BILLING POSITION

Tom Kelly asked who will be handling payroll. Bill Bell stated that we will also be filling the part-time Payroll Specialist position currently held by Beth Mannikko. Sherrie Belliveau noted that Beth will continue to do payroll until the position is filled.

(F) APPROVE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT JOB DESCRIPTION TO REPLACE PREVIOUS LEGAL/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT DESCRIPTION FOR LISA KUCZMARSKI

Bill Bell noted that at the Finance Committee, the question was asked why "Executive Assistant" is the new title. Bill noted that Lisa Kuczmariski is in charge of a several different programs (City-wide deer hunt, loss control, workers compensation, employee safety, etc.) He stated that there is no increase in pay other than what was previously discussed in budget meetings.

(G) CITY HALL REMODELING

Lauri Goscha stated that they have revised the plans to remove all mechanicals. She noted that traditionally, a 2-week bid period is used. She noted that we'll also be employing the bidder's list, and will contact them this week to let them know this is coming. We have set Thursday, June 30, 2011 for the bid opening. The new bid documents provide for bids on three separate contracts: general (interior remodeling), exterior, and electrical.

Sherrie Belliveau asked Lauri to clarify the interior remodeling. Lauri stated that Bill Bell advised her that with his pending departure, there is some question about proceeding with the new offices for the City Administrator and his secretary; the new plans include only the new meeting room, and not the offices. Sherrie stated that we have now

learned there is a problem with the roof. After further discussion, it was agreed that the bids be broken out as electrical, exterior/masonry, and City Hall roof.

Gunder Paulsen stated that the quote to update light fixtures and install motion sensors was \$35,000. He noted that this is something that would save money over time, as our existing fixtures are becoming obsolete, and we're going to be forced into it eventually. He stated that if we're already doing the wiring, why not also replace the old fixtures. Sherrie stated that this will be discussed at the next Parks meeting; at this time, the exterior is our priority.