

**CITY OF MEQUON
COMMON COUNCIL
Organizational Meeting
April 21, 2015**

Mayor Abendroth called the Organizational Meeting of the Common Council to order at 7:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and the roll call.

PRESENT: Mayor Abendroth, Aldermen Strzelczyk, Pukaite, Leszczynski, Gierl, Hawkins, Nerbun, Adams; City Administrator/City Clerk Jones, City Attorney Sajdak, Deputy City Clerk Fochs, Assistant Community Development Director Zader; press and interested public

ABSENT: Alderman Mayr

1) **Report of April 7, 2015 Election Results:**

Deputy City Clerk Fochs reviewed the summary statement of the Board of Canvassers and stated John R. Hawkins was reelected Alderman to District 6, Andrew Nerbun was reelected Alderman to District 7 and Pam Adams was reelected Alderman to District 8.

2) **City Clerk to administer Oath of Office:**

Deputy City Clerk Fochs administered the Oaths of Office to Aldermen Hawkins, Nerbun and Adams and they took their places on the Common Council.

3) **Common Council President:**

a) **Nominations**

1) Alderman Hawkins nominated Alderman Nerbun for Common Council President

With no other nominations proposed, the need for a secret ballot was left up to the Council. Mayor Abendroth called for a vote. Council members approved the proposed nomination by voice acclamation 7/0 and proceeded onto electing the Common Council President.

b) **Election (secret ballot)**

Mayor Abendroth called for a vote from Council in lieu of a secret ballot. The election of Alderman Nerbun as Common Council President was passed by voice acclamation 7/0.

4) **Planning Commission Aldermanic Representative Appointments:**

a) Nomination by Common Council President: Alderman Nerbun presented a split appointment between Aldermen Adams and Strzelczyk.

b) Common Council confirmed by majority vote 5/0.

6) **Common Council Aldermanic Representative Appointments:**

a) Economic Development Board: Alderman Nerbun recommended Alderman Gierl with Alderman Pukaite as alternate, with a suggestion for both to attend as many meetings as possible.

The motion passed by voice acclamation 5/0.

- b) Library Board: Alderman Nerbun recommended Alderman Hawkins with Alderman Nerbun as alternate.

The motion passed by voice acclamation 5/0.

- c) Park Board: Alderman Nerbun recommended Alderman Leszczynski with Alderman Nerbun as alternate.

The motion passed by voice acclamation 5/0.

- d) Bikeway Commission (if desired): Alderman Nerbun recommended Alderman Strzelczyk.

The motion passed by voice acclamation 5/0.

- 6) **Convene as Committee of the Whole:** There being no objection; the Mayor declared the Council convened as Committee of the Whole (7:16 PM) to nominate and confirm Standing Committee Assignments. Alderman Nerbun presented the following recommendations for standing committees assignments and the Council approved by a 5/0 voice acclamation vote.

- a) Finance-Personnel: Alderman Pukaite
 Alderman Mayr
 Alderman Leszczynski

- b) Public Safety: Alderman Pukaite
 Alderman Leszczynski
 Alderman Hawkins

- c) Public Welfare: Alderman Strzelczyk
 Alderman Mayr
 Alderman Gierl

- d) Public Works: Alderman Hawkins
 Alderman Nerbun
 Alderman Adams

- e) Discussion regarding committee meeting dates/times: Mayor Abendroth advised committees to reevaluate scheduling all the major committee meetings on one night.

- f) Item for Discussion: **RESOLUTION 3301** – A Resolution opposing the freezing of funds for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program is a relevant issue for the State Budget Committee and Council thought it was imperative to express our opinion as soon as possible. It is a state program that has been providing money to state and local governments, to purchase and preserve open spaces and conservation easements since 1989. Mequon and Ozaukee County Washington Land Trust have benefitted numerous times over the years in obtaining funds from this program, i.e., Rotary Riverwalk and Mequon Nature

Preserve, and are currently in the process of applying for funds related to the recently acquired acreage along the Milwaukee River and other private projects around Mequon. The state is proposing a freeze of funding until at least 2028 because of concerns about their borrowing to fund these projects.

Reconvene as Common Council: There being no objection; the Mayor declared the Committee of the Whole reconvened as the Common Council (7:23 PM).

7) **New Business:**

a) **Designation of Official City Newspaper**

Deputy City Clerk Fochs stated per State Statutes the city is required to annually designate an official city newspaper for publication of its legal notices. Staff received two responses to this bid request, recommending that News Graphic be designated as the official city newspaper for 2015-2016.

Moved by Alderman Strzelczyk, seconded by Alderman Hawkins to confirm the News Graphic as the official city newspaper.

Motion passed upon roll call vote 7/0:

Favor: Pukaite, Leszczynski, Gierl, Hawkins, Nerbun, Adams, Strzelczyk

Opposed: None

b) **Mayoral Appointments:**

Architectural Board		
Name	Title	District
Paul Mattingly	Reserve Panel Member	4
Daniel S. Morgan	Architect	At Large
Bruce L. Nordgren	Reserve Panel Member	5
Scott D. Reed	Member	3
Bruce Stern	Reserve Panel Member	1
Michael J. Wade	Member	7
Debra Weich	Member	2

Board of Appeals		
Name	Title	District
James Levin	Member	At Large
Kathleen M. Massey	Member	At Large
Robert Stern	Alternate Member	At Large

Board of Review		
Name	Title	District
Steve Bersell	Alternate Member	At Large
Donald Chudnow	Member	At Large
Robert Walerstein	Alternate Member	At Large

Economic Development Board		
Name	Title	District
William Arpe	Member	At Large
Harry Kollman	Member	At Large
Andrew Petzold	Member	At Large

Joint Mequon-Thiensville Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission		
Name	Title	District
Robert G. Lengh	Member	At Large
Terence R. Mooney	Member	At Large

Landmarks Commission		
Name	Title	District
Richard Dobberfuhl	Alternate Member	At Large
James W. Schaefer	Member	At Large
Steven Severson	Member	At Large

Library Board		
Name	Title	District
Allen McIlwraith	Trustee	At Large
David Strifling	Trustee	At Large

Mequon Festivals Committee		
Name	Title	District
Bridget King	Member	At Large

Mequon Nature Preserve Inc., Board of Directors		
Name	Title	District
James Bell	Member	At Large

Optiz Cemetery Board		
Name	Title	District
Anton Usowski	Member	At Large

Park Board		
Name	Title	District
Mary Glenn Fuchs	Member	8
James Lysaught	Member	7
Thomas Roy Menzel	Member	5
Robert Walerstein	Member	2

Planning Commission		
Name	Title	District
LeRoy Bessler	Alternate Member	At Large
John Mason	Member	6
Rebecca (Becky) Schaefer	Member	1
John Stoker	Alternate Member	At Large

River Advisory Board		
Name	Title	District
Michael Gross	Member	At Large
Dale J. Mortensen	Member	At Large
Karen L. Stern	Member	At Large

Tree Board		
Name	Title	District
Claire M. Krause	Member	At Large

**NOTE: POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS ARE NOT
SUBJECT TO COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMATION**

Police & Fire Commission		
Name	Title	District
Edward Michalski	Member	At Large

Moved by Alderman Nerbun, seconded by Alderman Strzelczyk to confirm Mayoral appointments. The motion passed by voice acclamation 6/0.

c) Aldermanic Appointments:

Ethics Board		
Name	Title	District
Justin Strom	Member	6

Open Space Commission		
Name	Title	District
Michael J. Dolsky	Member	7
John H. Lhost	Member	6

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Hawkins to confirm Aldermanic appointments. The motion passed by voice acclamation 6/0.

- d) Moved by Alderman Strzelczyk, seconded by Alderman Nerbun to suspend the rules and take up agenda Item 7d – **RESOLUTION 3301** - A Resolution opposing the freezing of funds for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

The motion passed upon roll call vote 7/0:

Favor: Leszczynski, Gierl, Hawkins, Nerbun, Adams, Strzelczyk, Pukaite

Opposed: None

Moved by Alderman Strzelczyk, seconded by Alderman Nerbun to approve **RESOLUTION 3301**. The motion passed by voice acclamation 6/0.

Alderman Gierl recognized Thomas Roy Menzel who is his replacement on the Park Board.

8) Adjourn:

Moved by Alderman Nerbun, seconded by Alderman Strzelczyk to adjourn at 7:30 PM. The motion passed by voice acclamation 6/0.

William H. Jones, City Clerk