

## COORDINATING COMMITTEE, A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

Time & Place: Wednesday, February 4, 2015, at 5:30 pm., in Council Chambers at City Hall  
Members Present: Wagner (C), Nagle, Rasmussen, Oberbeck, Abitz, Winters  
Others Present: Mielke, Kellbach, Jacobson, Giese, Rayala, media

Noting a quorum of members present Chairperson Wagner called the meeting to order.

### **1. Discussion and possible action regarding forming a special committee to study Council rules**

- Wagner mentioned that it may be good to have someone like a lawyer, someone from outside the council on the committee
- Nagle questioned what specific problems do we have to have some rules changed or updated?
- Winters mentioned the Charter ordinance change [if there will be an aldermanic election each year] and combination of Standing Committees
- Wagner mentioned how the chairs of committees are selected.
- **Chair appoints members and/or citizens to a special committee (Rule 13.D.)**
- **For purpose of studying Council rules and making recommendations to Coordinating Committee**
  - It was discussed that this special committee would forward recommendation to full council. Gisselman and Winters are interested in being on this special committee.
  - Rasmussen mentioned reviewing of Chapter 2 & 3 of the code
- **Chair appoints chairperson of special committee**
- **Consider term of appointment**
- **Consider date recommendations due**

*Passed by consensus to form a special committee to study council rules.*

### **2. Discussion regarding Marathon County Education and Economic Development Committee Report on Brokaw Study Findings and Recommendations**

- Wagner feels that the four entities should get tighter and discuss the findings and recommendation
- Rasmussen thinks that we should continue to talk. She expects this would go to Economic Development
- Nagle feels it isn't so much talk, as listening. We should plan to move north along the river. The mayor should tell Brokaw and the town boards, "We are listening."
- Rasmussen asked how involved has the mayor been?
- Winters felt that this process has hit some rocks. All municipal attorneys should talk. All four communities should hire Andy Phillips and hire one attorney.
- Rasmussen said that this could start in Economic Development
- Abitz recommended that Marathon County be a mediator on this issue.
- Oberbeck asked what is Wausau doing here?

*This item was directed to the Economic Development Committee.*

### **3. Discussion regarding exchange of memos relating to request for salary information and their related content:**

- January 21, 2015 memo from Mayor Jim Tipple to Alderman Keene Winters re: Request for Salary Information
- January 22, 2015 memo from Keene Winters to Romey Wagner re: Accusations from Mayor Tipple
  - Wagner asked what can be done to clear this up.
  - Oberbeck feels that chairs should be able to go to the department heads
  - Rasmussen referenced that the staff are being pulled in two different directions
  - Winters recommended his resolution to the Committee of the Whole

*The two resolutions brought forth by Winters will be presented to the Committee of the Whole.*

### **4. Discussion and possible action on Proposals received for the engagement of an Operational and Efficiency Study for City operation**

- Wagner recommended this go to the Finance Committee. He also questioned what the timetable

is.

-Oberbeck feels that planning should begin for operational changes, not waiting until 2016.

-Nagle said that spending \$50,000/\$60,000 may not be necessary if an administrator could do the operational study.

*This item is tabled until at least April.*

Motion by Oberbeck, second by Winters to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Rayala  
City Clerk