

**CITY OF CEDARBURG  
COMMON COUNCIL  
June 27, 2011**

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UNAPPROVED**

A joint meeting of the Common Council and Village of Grafton Village Board and a joint meeting of the Common Council and the Library Board of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Monday, June 27, 2011 at City Hall, W63 N645 Washington Avenue, second floor, Council Chambers. Mayor Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present - Common Council: Mayor Gregory P. Myers, Council Members Chris Reimer, Ron Reimer, Art Filter, Paul Radtke, Michael Maher, Douglas Yip, Bob Loomis

Grafton Village Board: President James Brunnquell, Trustees David Antione, James Grant, David Liss, Susan Meinecke, Richard Rieck, Lisa Uribe Harbeck

Cedarburg Library Board: Elizabeth Bryde, Sue Karlman, Art Palleon, Vonna Pitel, Steve Ruggieri, Michael Maher

Also Present - City Administrator/Treasurer Christy Mertes, City Clerk Constance McHugh, Police Chief Tom Frank, Library Director Mary Marquardt, Assessor Cathy Timm, Building Inspector Mike Baier, Public Works Superintendent Jeff Boerner, Wastewater Superintendent Ron Clish, City Forester Kevin Westphal, Senior Center Director Carol LaFontaine, Public Works Secretary Judy Guse, Accountant II Kathy Huebl, Economic Development Coordinator Mary Sheffield, various other Department Heads and staff from the City of Cedarburg and the Village of Grafton, interested citizens and news media

**STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

At Mayor Myers' request, City Clerk McHugh verified that notice of this meeting was provided to the public by forwarding the agenda to the City's official newspaper, the *News Graphic*, to all news media and citizens who requested copies, and by posting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law. Citizens present were welcomed and encouraged to provide their input during the citizen comment portion of the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Council Member Loomis, seconded by Council Member Filter, to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2011 meeting.

Council Member Maher said that he did not make the comment that is attributed to him in the third paragraph on page 6 of the June 13, 2011 minutes. The comment was made by Building Inspector

Baier. Council Member Radtke said that he did not make the comment that is attributed to him in the second to the last paragraph on page 5 of the same minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes as corrected carried unanimously.

**DISCUSS SHARED SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF CEDARBURG AND THE VILLAGE OF GRAFTON**

Mayor Myers said the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the concept of sharing services with the Village of Grafton. He said details will not be discussed tonight, but rather subcommittees will be appointed by him and Village President Brunnquell with the purpose of meeting to discuss areas of possible sharing. The purpose tonight is to bring the two governing bodies together to show the public that both communities are committed to working together to save money.

President Brunnquell said both communities need to be fiscally responsible, share services where it makes sense, and look at opportunities to save money.

Council Member Loomis said he is glad both communities are working together. He said it makes sense for both communities to talk and discuss ways to share services. He said there are four or five areas where the communities could possibly work together to share services and save money. He said the Council does not want to raise taxes but also does not want to cut employees or sacrifice services. Sharing services may be a way to solve this dilemma. He said he is thrilled with the opportunity to work with the Village of Grafton.

Council Member Radtke said there are a lot of similarities between the two communities and a lot of differences. He said he hopes working together can benefit the two communities beyond the financial aspects and will make the two communities stronger.

Council Member R. Reimer said he is pleased to be working in a cooperative manner with Grafton. He said this is a public display that both bodies want to work together. Any ideas or proposals to share services will come back to the respective public bodies for further discussion and action.

Trustee Grant said his concern is that of public safety. He said the Village Board needs to keep its officers on the streets and keep dispatch local. He said Grafton has a facility that could be used for combined dispatch and has the expertise.

Trustee Harbeck said the Grafton Library Board held a joint meeting with the Cedarburg Library Board in May. Ways to work together was a topic that was discussed.

Trustee Grant said the Grafton Library has a lot of room for expansion. He said the Grafton Library is not within walking distance for Cedarburg residents but it is close enough.

Mayor Myers said he will meet with President Brunnquell to discuss a timeline and the structure of future discussions.

Council Member C. Reimer said that dispatch and Library services have been mentioned as possible ways to share services. He asked if there are any other topics that could be discussed.

Council Member Loomis said sharing parks and recreation services and sharing a yard waste facility are other areas that were identified initially as ways to share services and cut costs.

Trustee Grant said Grafton has a new facility outside the Village limits for yard waste and recycling collection.

Trustee Rieck said he is pleased both communities are getting together. He said he is in favor of keeping every position in Grafton as is.

Trustee Antione said the Village needs to save all the jobs it can.

Council Member R. Reimer said both boards share that motivation along with not incurring additional costs from the sharing of services.

Council Member Maher said he hopes the two bodies look at cost savings and also doing things without compromising public safety and employees who work at the police departments. He said both bodies need to think long and hard before any action is taken. He said he believes it would be a huge disservice to Cedarburg residents to say Cedarburg will just move into the Grafton Library or that there will be just one library for both communities.

Council Member C. Reimer said he is looking forward to working together to enhance services and save money.

Mayor Myers said that good ideas and concerns have been raised tonight that need to be addressed with open minds. He said sharing of services may not occur in all four areas, but if it works in one or two areas it is a good start. He said both communities cannot do business as in the past. He pointed out it will not be easy to make changes.

President Brunquell said this joint meeting signifies the willingness to work together. What both communities do will be observed by other communities. He said he is very encouraged by what he has heard tonight.

A woman in the audience asked who the subcommittees will consist of.

Mayor Myers said he will discuss this with President Brunquell. The subcommittees could consist of staff and elected officials from both communities.

Art Palleon, N35 W6546 Wilson Street, Cedarburg, said the first step would be for both communities to discuss how the communities are already working together. For example, the libraries in the two communities already work together even though there are two buildings.

An employee from the Village of Grafton said he thought people would be able to address concerns at this meeting.

Mayor Myers said this meeting is not a public hearing, but rather a meeting to discuss the concept of sharing services. He suggested concerns be expressed to the Administrators, which can be provided to the subcommittees.

Mayor Myers again reiterated that he will be talking or meeting with President Brunnquell in the near future to discuss the composition of the subcommittees and the timeline. He said that hopefully something can be pulled together by October when both bodies are working on their respective budgets.

The Grafton Village Board was excused at this time.

Constance K. McHugh, MMC/WCPC  
City Clerk