The Common Council for the City of New Lisbon convened in session on Monday, July 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the New Lisbon community Center with the following members present: Mayor Lloyd Chase, Alderperson: Roy Granger, Gary Cowan, and Karren Elsing. Also present: Bob Anderson and Lisa Vinz. Absent: Greg Lowe.

A motion was made by Granger and second by Cowan to approve the meeting minutes with the changes identified. Upon a voice vote all members present voted “aye”.

Sarah Shanahan was in person representing a group of citizens who want limits on money that are spent in political contests specifically corporate, unions, and individual person’s interests. This group submitted signed petitions by qualified electors of the City of New Lisbon request the Common Council to approve the resolution.

A motion was made by Cowan and second by Granger to approve Resolution R0720-26-02, supporting the Move to Amend Campaign’s 28th United States Constitutional Amendment. With a voice vote all members present voted “aye”.

The Common Council was presented with an invoice in the amount of $207,484.90 from Acker New Lisbon LLC. As part of the developer’s agreement, Acker New Lisbon LLC is looking to be reimbursed for construction costs. It was reported that the City has spent $49,153.84 in material for the electrical installation outside to and including the transformer. A motion was made by Elsing and second by Granger to approve payment to Sterling Bank in the amount of $207,484.90 as per the invoice. With a roll call vote all members present voted “aye”.

Juneau County EEA is hosting the 2015 Fly-in and is requesting the City of New Lisbon to consider a $1,000.00 donation. A motion was made by Cowan and second by Elsing to donation $1,000.00 to the Juneau County EAA Fly-in. With a roll call vote all members present voted “aye”.

Lisa Vinz presented the Council with a six month year-to-date budget for 2015. The report compared the expenses and revenues to 2014. Noted items were the attorney fees are higher in 2015 due to the development of the employee handbook and additional attorney cost for the Rocket Rec condition use permit. In the Street Department wages and fringes the payout of Dan Murphy’s sick and vacation accumulated leave increased the expense compared to 2014. The park operating expenses were higher in 2015 due to the water lines. The pool wages are considerably lower than 2014 due to the swim lessons not scheduled until July instead of June in 2014 and the lower number of guards hired. In the revenue area the City received a fireworks donation from Lemonweir Valley Telephone.

Operator licenses were presented to the Council for their approval. All the applications were reviewed by Chief Granger. A motion was made by Granger and second by Elsing to approve all the operator license applications. With a voice vote all members present voted “aye”.

Bob Anderson, Director of Public works informed the Council on some of the problems the contractors are having on the natural gas extension. Seven water services have been replaced per the DNR’s recommendations. Public works is waiting to repair the streets until the fire hydrant
and valve replacements are completed. Public Works will install a valve on the Dentist Clinics service to avoid turning off their service if there is a break in the main along Monroe Street.

Lisa Vinz, City Clerk-Treasurer updated the Council on the status of room tax collections. The Council was informed of the pool and park operations to date. Scheduling with fewer guards seems to be adequate coverage. Lloyd will issue a letter to the New Lisbon and Necedah school districts requesting the school districts to provide a WSI certified instructor for their swimming lessons. Lisa explained the lawn mowing ordinance and the process the City uses to issue a notice, mowing, and invoicing. Gary Cowan asked about the possibility of a new letterhead. Samples will be brought to the August meeting.

Mayor Chase announced that Dan Acker has invited the Council to the open house on Tuesday, August 11th at 11:00 AM. Lloyd updated the Council on the Medearis Motors property. Citations have been issued and Attorney Chiquoine has issued letters requesting clean-up of their property. Lloyd requested new phone cards be issued. Bob will make changes to the current cards and give to Jennie to update and reissue new ones.

Gary Cowan thank everyone for their efforts made during WaDaShuda days. This year was another successful year. Gary would like to recommend that no tent camping be available in the future. Nothing to report for PFC.

Roy Granger notified the Council that he received a call from someone who would like to donate a merry-go-round at Heritage Park. The Council recommended they contact the Lions Club. Roy is working with the DOT to finalize the new ATV routes. The routes are not on the website. Ho-Chunk will provide flags for the island.

Karren Elsing updated the Council with the latest Library information. The summer reading program has 42 kids enrolled. Ho-Chunk Nation visited the Library’s artifacts and was very impressed with the size of the display. The Friends of the Library raised $400.00 on the book sale and $2,700.00 on the pie auction.

A motion was made by Cowan and second by Granger to approve the payment of bills in the amount of $43,368.45. With a roll call vote all members present voted “aye”.

Elsing made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Cowan second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Lisa Vinz
City Clerk