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City of West Allis Matter Summary

7525 W. Greenfield Ave.
West Allis, WI 53214

File Number	Title	Status
2003-0156	Communication	In Committee
	Communication from Roosevelt Watson, Pressed Steel Tank employee.	
	Introduced: 3/18/2003	Controlling Body: Safety & Development Committee

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

File

MOVER: Kopplin AYES 5 NOES 0

SECONDER: Wanlock EXCUSED _____

COMMITTEE ACTION DATE 3/18/03

SIGNATURES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

[Signature]
Chair

Vice-Chair

COMMON COUNCIL ACTION placed on file

FINAL ACTION DATE March 18, 2003

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1. Barczak	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
2. Czaplewski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
3. Kopplin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
4. Lajsic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
5. Murphy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
6. Narlock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
7. Reinke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
8. Sengstock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
9. Trudell	<u>exc</u>	_____
10. Vitale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
TOTAL	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>

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CITY OF WEST ALLIS
CLERK/TREASURER

March 1, 2003

Dear *City Hall*

The City of West Allis issued a raze order for Pressed Steel Tank. The city has listed "136 code violations" claiming the building is and "eye sore", and "unfit for human habitation".

These violations did not seem to become and issue until Pressed Steel decided not to relocate. Pressed Steel Tank did consider other locations in the Milwaukee area, but found it was not an option economically, or in housing the equipment.

Why is the city so set on getting rid of a working business? Other more enlightened cities are giving grants and loans to attract well paying manufacturing jobs.

Pressed Steel has been an excellent part of the business community for over 100 yrs. The years of tax paying support are meaningless. Our Union scale family supporting jobs are no longer welcome, instead the city would like to demolish the buildings and put up a Jewel-Osco. There is a Pick-N-Save adjacent to this property.

There are many vacant store fronts in West Allis. Property across the street formally housed a Kohls Food store. Next to it an empty Builders Square. Down the road an empty Sams Club. All of which have been vacant for sometime.

Does the city realize the demolition of Pressed Steel could result in the destruction of approximately 125 JOBS? We choose to work here and feel it is a safe place to work and fit for "human habitation". Some workers are close to retirement, others are recent home buyers. A few are single parents with little or no other means of financial support.

Mayor Bell
cc: Stibal
Schaer

Will the city supply us with jobs with incomes and benefits we are accustomed too?


The city should be granting a low interest city loans to repair these relatively minor cosmetic repairs.

Work with us, not against us!

Bottom line. We are a group of hard working, family supporting, tax paying people that would like to keep our jobs.

PLEASE SUPPORT US IN KEEPING OUR JOBS!

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Roosevelt Watts in cursive script.