

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 8, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Patrick J. Milliren.

Roll Call: Present – Council Members Hooker, Kavanaugh, Menke, Roesler, Weisenbeck, and Weishapple. Also Present: Administrator Carlson, City Clerk Morgan, Public Works Director Gilles, Police Chief Ridgeway, and Second Assistant Fire Chief Sedlmyr. Absent: Fire Chief King, and Ambulance Co-Director Bignell. Due and proper notice of meeting was confirmed.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Council Member Hooker and seconded by Council Member Roesler to adopt the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda: The City Council Members reviewed the Special City Council Meeting minutes from December 30, 2024 and approval budget comparison report. Motion by Council Member Kavanaugh, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve Special City Council Meeting minutes from December 30, 2024 and approval budget comparison report as presented under the Consent Agenda.

Business Agenda - Mayor's Report: Mayor Milliren gave an update of City events. Mayor Milliren instructed the City Administrator to plan an Economic Development Committee Meeting. He would also like to plan a Park Board Committee Meeting in the next few weeks. Mayor Milliren and Administrator Carlson met with the Swim Club to discuss the donations. There will be a ribbon cutting for River and Grace on Main Street at 9:00 am on January 30th.

Discussion and possible action regarding closing pool construction line of credit at Security Financial Bank. Motion by Council Member Menke and seconded by Council Weishapple to approve the appointment of Election Workers for the 2025-2026 term: Marcia Berger, Cindy Biederman closing pool construction line of credit at Security Financial Bank. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Carlson discussed the new EAP program; orientation will be next week for all employees. The website design has been created; it is moving forward into the next stages.

Public Safety – Police Department: Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update of the Police Department. Police Chief Ridgeway discussed the training for our new Part-time Officer Boigenzahn. He discussed the training that they attended in Pepin in late December. The new squad has arrived and should be in service by the end of the month.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Chief to work special events and grant assignments. Motion carried by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Menke to approve the Chief to work special events and grant assignments. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Fire Department: Second Assistant Fire Chief Sedlmyr gave an update of the Fire Department. They had 10 calls for December. He discussed the Santa visit in December, Gas Meter training, and the upcoming Annual Fundraiser.

Ambulance Department: Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update for the Ambulance Department. For the month of November there were 36 calls, 35 emergent, and 1 transfer request, that was declined. For December there were 32 ambulance calls, 32 emergent and 0 transfers, all of the calls were made. Police Chief Ridgeway discussed the Ambulance training.

Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report: Engineer R. Kiviniemi gave an update on the City projects. Engineer Kiviniemi gave an update on the 7th Avenue E project, and the Swimming Pool Project.

Public Works/Utilities: Public Works Director Gilles gave an update of the Public Works department. The Public Works department will be removing Christmas lights by the end of the week. The flags will be at half-staff for the entire month of January for the passing of President Carter. Work is progressing on the Pool project.

Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a new Public Works pick-up truck. Motion carried by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck to approve purchase of a new Public Works pick-up truck in the amount of \$46,545 for the GMC Sierra 1500. Roll call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Confirming the hiring of Gregory Boigenzahn as Pool Director. Motion carried by Council Member Weishapple, seconded by Council Member Kavanaugh to approve hiring Gregory Boigenzahn as Swimming Pool Director. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion and possible action regarding the pool fee schedule. Motion carried by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Menke to approve the 2025 Reduced Admission Fee Rates for the Swimming Pool. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Menke, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck to approve the vouchers presented #30232 – 30256 in the amount of \$515,159.64, payroll for December 20, 2024 in the amount of \$48,234.62, and payroll for January 3, 3035 in the amount of \$37,411.96. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next Regular City Council Meeting is Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Menke, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck at 7:21 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Angela Morgan

Angela Morgan, City Clerk