

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 11, 2023

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

Roll Call: Present – Council Members Gilles, Hayden, Hooker, Roesler, and Weisenbeck. Absent: Council Member Schofield. Also Present: Administrator Rasmussen, City Clerk Morgan, Public Works Director Gilles, Police Chief Ridgeway, Fire Chief King, and Ambulance Director Miller. Due and proper notice of meeting was confirmed.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Comment: None

Scheduled Appearances: None

Consent Agenda: The City Council Members reviewed the Regular Council Meeting minutes from December 28, 2022 and a bartender license for Sophie C Bechel at Corral Bar. Motion by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Gilles to approve Regular Council Meeting minutes from December 28, 2022 and a bartender license for Sophie C Bechel at Corral Bar as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Business Agenda - Mayor's Report: Mayor Milliren gave an update of City events. The Auditor should be attending the next City Council Meeting. The swimming pool will be on the next City Council Agenda to discuss the 2023 season.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Rasmussen gave an update City events. Administrator Rasmussen reminded everyone about the first half of tax payments are due by January 31st. There were a number of complaints regarding cleaning sidewalks. The Funfest Group is making plans for the upcoming event. The first meeting in February, Maria Nelson from Pepin County will be present to discuss the Pepin Co Hazard Mitigation Plan. This will be an item on the February agenda.

Discussion and possible action regarding potential use of ARPA funds. The areas that are eligible for ARPA funds can be used for Public Health and Safety, Emergency Business Loans, Premium Pay, revenue losses, Water/Sewer, and Broadband. Motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck to approve full-time employees receive \$1,000 and part-time employees receive a graduated percent that the Administrator calculated with a minimum of \$25 including Ambulance Department. Roll Call Vote: 3 ayes, 2 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding a change in the Kwik Trip organization, Scott Zietlow is the new President, there is no change in their licensed agent. Motion by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck to approve a change in the Kwik Trip organization, Scott Zietlow is the new President, there is no change in their licensed agent. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Safety – Police Department: Police Chief Ridgeway was unable to attend the meeting. Police Chief Ridgeway discussed training that officers have been taking. One of the Police Department Explorers is through with his training, the other one is starting his training with Sergeant Schellhorn. He also discussed parking during snow events, he reminded everyone about Nixel alerts. Chief Ridgeway discussed an upcoming agenda item for a School Crossing Sign. The Durand Police Department was involved in training with the Pepin County Sheriff's Department, Durand Fire Department, Durand Ambulance and many other surrounding departments did an all-day training at the High School.

Discussion and possible action regarding Police Department Use of Grant Funds. Motion by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve the use of Police Department use of the SAFER Communities Grant and Kwik Trip donation to purchase one evidence computer for \$3,175, a subscription to I Crime Fighter cloud-based storage system for \$2,800/2 yrs., and four active threat vests for \$2595.92, for a total purchase request in the amount of \$8,570.92 (\$8,000 from grant/donations and \$570.92 from operating budget). Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Fire Department: Fire Chief King gave the monthly report for the Fire Department. Chief King discussed the house burn last month.

Ambulance Department: Ambulance Director Miller gave his monthly report for the Ambulance.

Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report: Engineer R. Kiviniemi was unable to attend the meeting. Engineer Kiviniemi discussed the upcoming projects. The City will resubmit our grant applications this spring.

Public Works/Utilities: Public Works Director Gilles gave an update of the Public Works Department. Public Works Director Gilles discussed snow emergency procedures. Administrator Rasmussen and Public Works Director Gilles will be meeting with the DNR on Thursday, January 19th to kick off the Urban Forestry grant process.

Discussion and possible action regarding appointing a new Cemetery sexton, Larry Plumer. Motion by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve the appointment of Larry Plumer as the new Cemetery sexton for \$150 per month. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Closed Session: Motion to go into closed session at 7:47 pm by Council Member Hayden, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(c) and WI Statutes 19.85 (1)(f). Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion to go back into open session by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck at 8:09 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Hayden, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve the vouchers presented #28448 – 28485 in the amount of \$556,676.83 and payroll for January 6, 2023 in the amount of \$32,793.72. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next City Council Meeting is on Wednesday, January 25, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Hayden, seconded by Council Member Roesler at 8:15 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Angela Morgan, City Clerk