

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 12, 2022

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Council Member Hartung and seconded by Council Member Schofield to adopt the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment: L Bender was present for a request for a dog park with 2 options within the City of Durand. This will be sent to the Public Welfare Committee this month.

E Mercer was present to request to update the City Ordinance to match Pepin County's update to the ATV/UTV Ordinance. And some updates for the highway 10 bridge, State Senator's would like a letter of recommendation from the City to address the length of the bridge length to change. Mayor Milliren will have the City Administrator to send a letter of support, since the City Council has went on record in support.

G Sweeney was present for the American Legion to request assistance from the City for the American Legion park flag replacement. They spend \$1,000 a year and would like the City to split the cost with them. The Mayor directed this request to go to the next Finance Meeting. The Swim Club will have a Fun Day at Tarrant Park in February, everyone is welcome.

Scheduled Appearances: Scott Teigen from Kwik Trip was present to discuss the Kwik Trip plans. The Kwik Trip in Durand will be store number 840ish. There are over 450 Kwik Trip's in Wisconsin. The store is scheduled to open the first week of December. Demo will begin next week. They will employ 30-35 co-workers.

Consent Agenda: The City Council Members reviewed the Special Council Meeting minutes from December 29, 2021. Motion by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Gilles to approve the Special Council Meeting minutes from December 29, 2021 as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Business Agenda - Mayor's Report: Mayor Milliren gave an update of the City events. Congratulations to Steve Gilbertson on his retirement from the City. The Mayor also discussed the upcoming meetings for January.

Administrators Report: The City Administrator was not able to attend the meeting.

Public Safety – Police Department: Chief Ridgeway gave an update of the Police Department. Chief Ridgeway discussed the Explorer's Program. The Police Department is looking for Part-time Police Officers.

Fire Department: Fire Chief King gave an update of the Fire Department. The Fire Department had 15 calls for the month of December. The Fire Department is working on changing the night fire whistle from 9:00 pm to 7:00 am, it would only be using it for emergency fire calls and severe car accidents. This would not affect the storm/severe weather whistle, that is controlled by the National Weather Service.

Ambulance Department: Ambulance Director Miller gave an update of the Ambulance Department.

Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report: R. Kiviniemi gave an update on the Laneville Avenue and Drier Street Project.

Discussion and possible action regarding Certificate of Substantial Completion for Skid Steer Guy LLC. Motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Hartung to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Skid Steer Guy LLC. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

Public Works/Utilities: Public Works Director Gilles gave an update of the Public Works Department. There was a leak at the property on the corner of Drier Street, the property owner got the leak repaired. There was an impeller that needed repairs, it will need replacement in the next couple of years.

Discussion and possible action regarding payment request #7 for A-1 Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$29,470.20 for the 3rd Avenue East Reconstruction Project. Motion by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Gilles to accept payment request #7 for A-1 Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$29,470.20 for the 3rd Avenue East Reconstruction Project. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Schneider to approve the vouchers presented #27519 - 27560 in the amount of \$447,007.62, payroll for January 7, 2022 in the amount of \$32,679.50. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

The next meetings are a Economic Development Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 5:00 pm, a Finance Meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 5:00 pm, the Regular Council Meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 6:30 pm, and a Public Welfare/Park Board Committee on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Gilles at 7:24 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Angela Morgan, City Clerk