

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 22, 2025

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Council Member Weisenbeck and seconded by Council Member Menke to adopt the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment: None

Scheduled Appearance: Ehler's PSC Water Rate Case presentation

Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 25-01 Authorizing Direct Charge of Public Fire Protection Fee to water bills. Offered by Council Member Roesler, motion by Council Member Kavanaugh, seconded by Council Member Menke to approve Resolution 25-01 Authorizing Direct Charge of Public Fire Protection Fee to water bills. Roll call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding submission of PSC Water Rate Case filing. Motion by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve submitting the PSC Water Rate Case Filing. Roll call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: The City Council Members reviewed the Public Works Committee Meeting from January 8, 2025, the Regular City Council Meeting minutes from January 8, 2025 and bartender licenses for Amy M Neary and Erin N Bowen-Brazell at Cell Block II, and Emma R Alitz-Ziegler at Consumers Coop. Motion by Council Member Menke, seconded by Council Member Kavanaugh to approve Public Works Committee Meeting from January 8, 2025, the Regular City Council Meeting minutes from January 8, 2025 and bartender licenses for Amy M Neary and Erin N Bowen-Brazell at Cell Block II, and Emma R Alitz-Ziegler at Consumers Coop as presented under the Consent Agenda.

Business Agenda - Mayor's Report: Mayor Milliren gave an update of City events. Mayor Milliren thanked DIG for the invite to their open house. We are working with a new sign company for the Swimming Pool. Just a reminder of the ribbon cutting at Ribbon & Grace on Main Street January 30th at 9:00 am

Administrator's Report: Administrator Carlson discussed the DIG Bandshell history. She also discussed a monthly all staff meeting that will begin next week.

Discussion and possible action regarding creating a room tax ordinance. Motion by Council Member Weisenbeck and seconded by Council Menke to approve creating a room tax ordinance. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion and possible action regarding creating a Farmers Market. Motion by Council Member Roesler and seconded by Council Kavanaugh to approve creating a Farmers Market. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion and possible action regarding a contract with General Code for a complete recodification of current ordinances. This item is tabled to until a later date.

Public Safety – Police Department: Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update of the Police Department. Police Chief Ridgeway discussed released the body cam footage for the Eau Claire incident that made the news last week. Mayor Milliren commended the staff for their handling of this incident.

Fire Department: Fire Chief King was not able to attend the meeting.

Ambulance Department: Ambulance Director Bignell gave a brief update for the Ambulance Department.

Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report: Engineer R. Kiviniemi was not present at the meeting.

Public Works/Utilities: Public Works Director Gilles gave an update of the Public Works department. The Public Works department has received the Construction Approval from the PSC today, we can move on to the next step. The 7th Avenue project sidewalks were discussed. He also discussed the Madison Street project cost analysis.

Discussion and possible action regarding the contract for Dahlby Conservation Services LLC in the amount of \$4,700 for Forestry Management. Motion carried by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Kavanaugh to approve contract for Dahlby Conservation Services LLC in the amount of \$4,700 for Forestry Management. Roll call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Closed Session: Motion to go into closed session at 8:13 pm by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Menke pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) deliberating on negotiating the investing of public funds or conducting other specified business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session relative to EMS and Police Department facility needs. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion to go back into open session by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Menke at 8:36 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

No action taken.

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Kavanaugh, seconded by Council Member Menke to approve the vouchers presented #30257 – 30302 in the amount of \$102,440.03, payroll for January 17, 2025 in the amount of \$31,447.38. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next Regular City Council Meeting is Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Roesler at 8:42 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Angela Morgan

Angela Morgan, City Clerk