

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
January 24, 2024

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

Roll Call: Present – Council Members Hayden, Hooker, Menke, Roesler, Weisenbeck, and Weishapple. Also Present: Administrator Rasmussen, City Clerk Morgan, Public Works Director Gilles, and Police Chief Ridgeway. 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

**Scheduled Appearances:** None

**Consent Agenda:** The City Council Members reviewed the Regular Council Meeting minutes from January 10, 2024. Motion by Council Member Weishapple, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck to approve Regular Council Meeting minutes from January 10, 2024 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 Mayor met with Administrator Rasmussen and the Swim Club to discuss the donation wall design for the pool. Mayor Milliren discussed the closing of the hospitals in Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls. He also discussed the upcoming DIG Business Events. He commended the Ambulance staff and the Fire staff on the efforts the past few weeks with the number of calls.

**Administrator's Report:** Administrator Rasmussen gave an update City events. Administrator Rasmussen discussed the upcoming closing of HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital and the impact on the Ambulance Service and the community. Police Chief Ridgeway discussed the impact for mental health patients in the community. Administrator Rasmussen also reminded everyone that property taxes are due next week.

- Preliminary 2023 Budget Report. Administrator Rasmussen gave a preliminary 2023 Budget Report breakdown.

**Public Safety – Police Department:** Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update on Police Department. He introduced the new Full-time Police Officer M Stahlke. Chief Ridgeway discussed their upcoming training schedule. He shared a success story with our Security Resource Officer. Chief Ridgeway met with Purina this past week, and the donation to the Therapy Dog Program. The Police Department has had phenomenal support from the community. Sam, the Therapy Dog's training was discussed.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief King was not in attendance. The Rural Fire Department meeting tomorrow night will be held at City Hall due to training at the Fire Hall.

**Ambulance Department:** Co-Director Bignell was not in attendance. The hospital staff would like to thank the Ambulance staff for their assistance at the hospital. The Ambulance staff did a great job at the fire this past weekend.

**Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report:** Engineer R. Kiviniemi discussed the Madison Street project bids in 7.E.3.

**Public Works/Utilities:** Public Works Director Gilles gave an update on the department – he discussed the Public Works staff schedule.

Update:

- Madison Street Project bids were discussed, the lowest bid came in way over budget. Materials have increased by about 40% since 2021. Funding for the project was discussed. This will be on a future City Council agenda.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue E Project was discussed, work is continuing to advertise to bid in February.
- Blues on the Chippewa contacted the staff regarding moving Blues down to the river.

**Vouchers:** Motion by Council Member Menke, seconded by Council Member Hayden to approve the vouchers presented #29338 – 29375 in the amount of \$399,373.47. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next meeting is a Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Menke at 8:02 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Angela Morgan, City Clerk