

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
January 26, 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: Administrator Rasmussen, City Clerk Morgan, Public Works Director Gilles, Police Chief Ridgeway, and Fire Chief King were also in attendance. Absent: Ambulance Director Miller. 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:** B. Winnekins from WRDN was present to discuss a new music rights groups, Global Music Rights.

**Scheduled Appearances:** None

**Consent Agenda:** The City Council Members reviewed the Regular Council Meeting minutes from January 12, 2022 and a bartender license for Chase E Brunkow at Durand Fresh Market. Motion by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes from January 12, 2022 and a bartender license for Chase E Brunkow at Durand Fresh Market as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Hearings:** A public hearing was called to order at 6:45 pm. by Mayor Milliren to consider any public input regarding the Citizen Participation Public Hearing for the CDBG Grant for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue E Street and Infrastructure Reconstruction.

- Discussion regarding CDBG-PF project and progress to date.
- Citizen input regarding the progress of the project and other CDBG activities.
- Eligible CDBG activities.
- Identification of any community development needs by the public.

No public had comments or questions. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:50 pm.

**Business Agenda - Mayor's Report:** Mayor Milliren gave an update of the City events. The Durand Swim Club will have their Fun Day at Tarrant Park in February. The Economic Development Committee Meeting will set soon.

**Administrators Report:** Administrator Rasmussen gave an update of the City events. Administrator Rasmussen is working on the letter that was requested by E Mercer from the Pepin ATV Club. He is also working with Pepin County Housing to get the payment-in-leu of taxes issue resolved. The initial snow sidewalk notices have gone out. ARPA funds were discussed in the Finance Committee Meeting.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Zoning variance request from Terry Hartung at 713 W. Prospect Street for a variance from Section 8.3.3(F), which sets the maximum building height for Accessory Structures. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve the maximum building height not to exceed 22 feet for the Accessory Structure. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Zoning variance request from Trent Auth at 830 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue W. for a variance from Section 8.3.3(F), which sets the maximum building height for Accessory Structures. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Gilles

to approve the maximum building height not to exceed 22 feet for the Accessory Structure. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding the American Legion request for funds for flag replacement. There is a donor for this year, but they can bring the request to the Administrator at budget time.

**Public Safety – Police Department:** Chief Ridgeway gave an update of the Police Department. A new Part-Time Police Officer has started last week. There was a press release regarding a drug overdose in the City last week (they were not local people). Chief Ridgeway thanked the two of the citizens that performed life saving measures. He also thanked the Joint Drug Task Force. The Police Department is still looking for Part-Time Police Officers.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief King gave an update of the Fire Department. Fire Chief King will have the Annual report for the next Council Meeting.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Rural Fire Department for the Ladder Truck purchase. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve the Rural Fire Department for the Ladder Truck contract. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Ambulance Department:** Ambulance Director Miller was not able to attend the meeting.

**Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report:** R. Kiviniemi gave an update on the Laneville Avenue and Drier Street Project. The DOT gave an update regarding a new BIL Program.

Discussion and possible action regarding liquidated damages for the Laneville Avenue/Drier Street project. Liquidated damages totaling \$68,310 to Skid Steer Guy LLC with 50 days delay minus 4 rain days total of 46 days at \$1,485 per day.

Discussion and possible action regarding payment request #5 for Skid Steer Guy LLC in the amount of \$137,230.02 for the Laneville Avenue/Drier Street Reconstruction Project. Motion by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Roesler to accept payment request #5 for Skid Steer Guy LLC in the amount of \$137,230.02 minus liquidated damages in the amount of \$68,310 for a payment total of \$68,920.02 for the Laneville Avenue/Drier Street Reconstruction Project. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Public Works/Utilities:** Public Works Director Gilles gave an update of the Public Works Department. The lights have arrived to Richardson Electric, we will make sure that we have received the proper credits before the light are installed. The interviews for Public Works Trainee were done last week, a decision will be made by next week.

**Vouchers:** Motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Hartung to approve the vouchers presented #27561 - 27598 in the amount of \$391,612.56. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

The next meetings are a Public Welfare/Park Board Committee on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 4:00 pm, and Regular Council Meeting on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Hartung at 7:57 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.