

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
January 27, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Patrick J. Milliren  
Roll Call: Present – Council Members Gilles, Hartung, Hooker, Roesler, Schofield, and Schneider. Also: Administrator Rasmussen, City Clerk Morgan, Public Works Director Gilles, and Police Chief Ridgeway were also in attendance. Absent: Fire Chief King, and Ambulance Director Miller. Due and proper notice of meeting was confirmed.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Scheduled Appearances:** None

**Consent Agenda:** The City Council Members reviewed the Special Council Meeting minutes from January 13, 2021, and bartender licenses for Nathan N Seipel for Handy Mart. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve the Special Council Meeting minutes from January 13, 2021, and bartender licenses for Nathan N Seipel for Handy Mart 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. City Hall will remain closed throughout February, opening March 1<sup>st</sup> if things improve. Thank you to the staff for the Public Information Meeting last night. Congratulations to Jeff Doughty for being named EMT of the Year and to Luke Hayden for being named Firefighter of the Year.

**Administrators Report:** The City Administrator gave an update of the City events. Administrator Rasmussen gave an update of the Library accounts, restitution, and the insurance claim. The Library accounts have been made whole with the insurance payment less the \$1,000 deductible. Administrator Rasmussen also discussed how the City of Durand used the COVID-19 Routes to Recovery Funds. He also discussed the funds that were available from Pepin County for Block Grant funds.

**Public Safety – Police Department:** Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update of the Police Department.

Discussion regarding Snow Emergency Parking. Police Chief Ridgeway discussed the options that are used for the Snow Emergency Parking notifications. There was a technical error during a recent snow event, that created some issues. The City is looking at options to assist with this issue.

Discussion on sidewalk snow and ice removal policy. Administrator Rasmussen discussed the City Policy regarding sidewalk snow/ice removal and clearing the sidewalk all the way into the street.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief King was not in attendance.

**Ambulance Department:** Ambulance Director Miller was not in attendance. Director Miller would like to get the townships involved.

**Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report:** R. Kiviniemi was not able to attend the meeting. Public Works Director Gilles gave an update regarding the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Laneville Avenue and Drier Street Project. The project will be put out for bid mid-February. The Public Information Meeting had a good turnout. There will be another Open House for the project on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Works/Utilities:** Public Works Director Gilles gave an update of the Public Works Department. The new plow truck has been delayed a few weeks.

Review of the results from the Laneville Avenue Survey.

Discussion and possible action regarding sidewalks on the Laneville Ave project. Motion by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Schneider to put sidewalk on Laneville Avenue from Drier Street to Lee Street, adding sidewalk from the middle of the block of Drier Street continuing on to Lee Street and no sidewalk on Laneville Avenue from Lee Street to Country Lane. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Continued discussion on the City's Special Assessment Process.

**Closed Session:** Motion to go into closed session at 7:51 pm by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Schofield pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(c). Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion to go back into open session by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Hooker. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Vouchers:** Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Hartung to approve the vouchers presented #26645 – 26682 in the amount of \$95,839.21, payroll for January 22, 2021 in the amount of \$26,627.73. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

The next meetings will be Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Schneider at 8:06 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Angela Morgan, City Clerk