

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 8, 2023

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Comment: None

Scheduled Appearances: Maria Nelson, Pepin Co. Emergency Management Director was present to present the Pepin County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan 2023-2028. The plan is available on the Pepin County website.

Consent Agenda: The City Council Members reviewed the Regular Council Meeting minutes from January 25, 2023, a bartender license for Michael T Teigen at Bodhi's Saloon, and a picnic license for Pepin County Tavern League Fun Putt Crawl on March 4, 2023. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck to approve Regular Council Meeting minutes from January 25, 2023, a bartender license for Michael T Teigen at Bodhi's Saloon, and a picnic license for Pepin County Tavern League Fun Putt Crawl on March 4, 2023 as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Hearings: A public hearing was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Mayor Milliren to consider any public input relating to Licensing for a "Class "A"" Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage License for Consumer's Co Op Oil Company dba Consumer's Coop Durand C-Store at 420 – 2nd Avenue E, Jean M Ford, Agent. Seeing that no one wishes to address the Council on the pending application, Mayor Milliren closed the hearing at 6:37 p.m.

Business Agenda - Mayor's Report: Mayor Milliren gave an update of City events. Mayor Milliren discussed the upcoming City events.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Rasmussen gave an update on City events. Clerk Morgan discussed the February Primary on February 21, 2023.

Discussion and possible action regarding a Combination "Class "A"" Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage License for Consumer's Co Op Oil Company dba Consumer's Coop Durand C-Store at 420 – 2nd Avenue E, Jean M Ford, Agent. Motion by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Hayden to approve a a Combination "Class "A"" Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage License for Consumer's Co Op Oil Company dba Consumer's Coop Durand C-Store at 420 – 2nd Avenue E, Jean M Ford, Agent. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion and possible action regarding **Resolution 23-03** Adopting The Pepin County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan 2023-2028. (To view the full document, see Pepin County website under the Emergency Management Department). Offered by Council Member Schofield, motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck to **Resolution 23-03** Adopting The Pepin County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan 2023-2028. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Public Safety – Police Department: Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update of the Police Department. Chief Ridgeway thanked the Council for allowing him to attend the Police Chief’s Conference. He also discussed our new Part-time Officer. We have a 14 year Part-time Officer that recently retired from Durand.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Application for Open Container from Pepin County Tavern League Fun Putt Crawl on March 4, 2023. Motion by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Schofield to approve the Application for Open Container from Pepin County Tavern League Fun Putt Crawl on March 4, 2023 contingent upon the admin meeting before the event and also property owner at 313 1st Avenue be current with delinquent City debt by end of business day on February 17th. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Fire Department: Fire Chief King was not able to attend the City Council Meeting.

Ambulance Department: Ambulance Director Miller gave an update of the Ambulance Department. Director Miller discussed the EMR Certification and the need for EMT’s. He also discussed his resignation on February 28th.

Discussion and possible action regarding changing the Ambulance by-laws regarding response time. Motion by Council Member **Schofield**, seconded by Council Member **Hooker** to approve the change in Ambulance by-laws response time from 7 minutes to 15 minutes. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report: Engineer R. Kiviniemi was unable to attend the meeting.

Public Works/Utilities: Public Works Director Gilles gave an update of the Public Works Department. He discussed an issue that was discovered at the pool this week. There were some repairs made at the lift station today. The DNR will be doing their routine inspection of the **sanitary sewer** next week.

Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a Front-End Loader originally approved in the 2022 Budget. Motion by Council Member **Hayden**, seconded by Council Member **Schofield** to approve the purchase of a Front-End Loader originally approved in the 2022 Budget from Fabick Cat 926M at \$219,600 purchase price and a trade in value of \$86,500 for a final price of \$133,100. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Closed Session: Motion to go into closed session at 7:22 pm by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Hayden pursuant to WI Statues 19.85(1)(c) and WI Statues 19.85 (1)(f). Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion to go back into open session by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Gilles at 7:55 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

No action taken.

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve the vouchers presented #28524 – 28550 in the amount of \$38,401.28 and payroll for February 3, 2023 in the amount of \$28,173.36. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next City Council Meeting is on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Hayden, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck at 7:59 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.