

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
February 10, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Patrick J. Milliren  
Roll Call: Present – Council Members Gilles, Hooker, Roesler, Schofield, and Schneider. Absent: Council Member Hartung. 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 Hooker and seconded by Council Member Schofield 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 27, 2021. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Schneider to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes from January 27, 2021 as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The bartender request for Lori A Bauer at Handy Mart has been postponed to the April City Council Meeting.

A Picnic License for Pepin County Tavern League for the Fun Putt Crawl at the Masonic Lodge 203 W. Main Street on March 6, 2021 – moved to Safety (7B2) on the Agenda.

**Business Agenda - Mayor's Report:** Mayor Milliren gave an update of the City events. City Hall will reopen on March 1, 2021. There will be a Special Meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 5:00 pm. The Mayor issued condolences to the Olson family.

**Administrators Report:** The City Administrator gave an update of the City events. Administrator Rasmussen discussed the changes with the Nixle Program as of January 1, 2021. For Snow Emergencies the Snow Emergency phone line is always updated and the Durand Police Department's Facebook page is also kept current. Administrator Rasmussen discussed the process of the City's snow removal; he feels the staff is doing a great job.

**Public Safety – Police Department:** Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update of the Police Department. Sam McGrane is the new Part-time Police Officer. The Police Department has received several applications for the Full-time Police Officer position.

A Picnic License for Pepin County Tavern League for the Fun Putt Crawl at the Masonic Lodge 203 W. Main Street on March 6, 2021. This will be an action item on the February 24, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Application for Open Container from Pepin County Tavern League Fun Putt Crawl on March 6, 2021. This will be an action item on the February 24, 2021 City Council Meeting.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief King gave an update on the Fire Department. Luke Hayden was Firefighter of the Year.

Fire Chief King handed out the updated 2021 Fire Department Officers. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Roesler to accept the 2021 Fire Department Officers. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote

2020 Fire Department Annual Report was presented by Fire Chief King. Motion by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Hooker to accept the 2020 Fire Department Annual Report. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Ambulance Department:** Ambulance Director Miller was not in attendance.

**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. There will be another Open House for the project on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Bids should be coming out starting February 25, 2021.

**Public Works/Utilities:** Public Works Director Gilles gave an update of the Public Works Department. He gave an update on the Freeze water running notice, the current frost depth is 3 feet. There is no Freeze notice at this time. Director Gilles gave a quick snapshot of the daily job duties of the Public Works Department.

Discussion and possible action regarding the 2021 Tarrant Park Swimming Pool Season. The Resolution will be on the City Council Agenda on February 24, 2021 Meeting.

Overview of current Special Assessment Policy in preparation for Drier/Laneville Open House Thursday, February 18, 2021. (Enclosed)

**Vouchers:** Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve the vouchers presented #26685 – 26724 in the amount of \$90,557.88, payroll for January 22, 2021 in the amount of \$26,627.73, and payroll for February 5, 2021 in the amount of \$28,543.71. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

The next meetings will be the Open House for the Laneville/Drier Street Project on February 18, 2021 at 4:30 pm, a Safety Committee Meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 5:00 pm, the Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, and a Special Council Meeting on February 25, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Roesler at 7:21 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Angela Morgan, City Clerk