

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 14, 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, Police Chief Ridgeway, and Ambulance Co-Director Bignell. Absent: Fire Chief King Due and proper notice of meeting was confirmed.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Council Member Roesler and seconded by Council Member Hayden 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 24, 2024, a bartender license for Victoria L Letkewicz at Corral Bar, and Marcus L Wagner for Durand Fresh Market, and a Picnic license for Pepin County Tavern League Fun Putt Crawl on March 2, 2024. Motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck to approve Regular Council Meeting minutes from January 24, 2024 and a bartender license for Victoria L Letkewicz at Corral Bar, and Marcus L Wagner for Durand Fresh Market, and a Picnic license for Pepin County Tavern League Fun Putt Crawl on March 2, 2024 as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote with Council Member Hooker abstained.

Business Agenda - Mayor's Report: Mayor Milliren gave an update of City events. The Mayor reminded everyone that WRDN will be having an Open House on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Administrator's Report: Administrator Rasmussen gave an update City events. Administrator Rasmussen discussed the Economic Development Meeting at Club 10 earlier this month. The Economic Development letters have been mailed out.

Discussion and possible action regarding a Zoning Variance Request from Lynn & Kelly Coulson at 614 2nd Avenue W for a variance from Section 113.71(G), regarding required property line set-backs from accessory buildings. This request also impacts their neighbor Daniel Bengtson at 620 2nd Avenue W, who supports the request. Motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve the Zoning Variance Request from Lynn & Kelly Coulson at 614 2nd Avenue W for a variance from Section 113.71(G), regarding required property line set-backs from accessory buildings. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Public Safety – Police Department: Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update on Police Department. The Full-time Officers were in training today in Elk Mound. Chief Ridgeway attended Wisconsin Chiefs Conference last week.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Application for Open Container from Pepin County Tavern League Fun Putt Crawl on March 2, 2024. Motion by Council Member Hayden, seconded by Council Member Weishapple to approve the Application for Open Container from Pepin County Tavern League Fun Putt Crawl on March 2, 2024. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote with Council Member Hooker abstaining.

Fire Department: Fire Chief King was not able to attend the meeting.

Ambulance Department: Co-Director Bignell was present to give the January Ambulance report. There were 52 - 911 calls, and 52 of those calls were made. There were 2 transfer requests and 2 transfer were made. There were 2 runs that had 2 rigs out at the same time. The closing of Sacred Heart Hospital was discussed.

Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report: Engineer R. Kiviniemi gave an update of City projects. The 6th Avenue Project timeline was discussed.

Public Works/Utilities: Public Works Director Gilles gave an update on the department – Cross Connection inspections are about half way completed. There have been a several issues at the sewer plant and the well house that the staff has been working on the past two weeks. The Swimming Pool Project paperwork has begun, the contracts should be in for signatures by next week. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony once the project is complete.

Discussion and possible action regarding awarding or rejecting the bids for the Madison Street Improvement Project. Motion by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Roesler to rejecting the bids for the Madison Street Improvement Project. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Closed Session: Motion to go into closed session at 7:09 pm by Council Member Hayden, seconded by Council Member Hooker pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e). Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

No action taken.

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Menke to approve the vouchers presented #29376 – 29437 in the amount of \$699,137.18. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next meeting is a Safety Committee Meeting on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 5:00 pm. and a Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Weishapple, seconded by Council Member Roesler at 8:03 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Angela Morgan, City Clerk