

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 22, 2023

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

Roll Call: Present – Council Members Gilles, Hayden, Hooker, Roesler, Schofield, and Weisenbeck. Also Present: Administrator Rasmussen, Public Works Director Gilles, Police Chief Ridgeway, and Fire Chief King. Absent: City Clerk Morgan 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 **Roesler** to adopt the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment: None

Scheduled Appearances/Presentations: Plumer presentation postponed due to weather.

Consent Agenda: The City Council Members reviewed the Regular Council Meeting minutes from February 8, 2023, a bartender license for Joslin M Carothers at Cell Block. Motion by Council Member **Schofield**, seconded by Council Member **Weisenbeck** to approve Regular Council Meeting minutes from February 8, 2023, a bartender license for Joslin M Carothers at Cell Block as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Business Agenda - Mayor's Report: Mayor Milliren thanked both Public Works Director Gilles and Police Chief Ridgeway for their departments' work planning for and dealing the snow storm event. He also noted that he's accepting committee requests following the April election.

Confirmation of Library Board Resignation & Mayoral Appointment of new Library Board Member: Mayor Milliren announced that he had received the resignation of long-time Library Board member Barb Kallstrom, and was recommending Kayla Campbell fill the open position on the library board. Motion by Council Member **Schofield**, seconded by Council Member Roesler to accept Barb Kallstrom's resignation, and approve Kayla Campbell as her replacement. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Rasmussen reminded everyone that following the recent snow storm, residents would have until Monday to clear sidewalks. He also gave an update on the Dollar General project and the potential for a scaled-down dog park to be located between Marron Foods and Kwik Trip. He also noted that our CDBG low-income homeowner loan fund has increased to \$133,000 due to some recent home sales, so staff is working with Cedar Corp on ways to advertise that.

Public Safety – Police Department: Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update regarding the recent snow emergency, and recognized several part-time staff & intern for their work.

Discussion and possible action regarding the updated Application for Open Container from Pepin County Tavern League Fun Putt Crawl on March 4, 2023. Motion by Council Member **Schofield**, seconded by Council Member **Hayden** to approve the amended Application for Open Container from Pepin County Tavern League Fun Putt Crawl on March 4, 2023, contingent on required meeting with the tavern league. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Fire Department: Fire Chief King gave an update on both the January report and 2022 Annual report, and answered questions on both.

Approval of Fire Department Officers: Chief King presented the following list of 2023 fire officers: Jamey King, Chief; Larry Plumer, 1st Asst Chief; James Sedlmayr, 2nd Asst Chief; Matt Gilles, 1st Captain; Trevor Weissinger, 2nd Captain; Mark Poeschel, 1st Lieutenant; Trevor Baier, 2nd Lieutenant; and Matt Hoyt, Training Officer. Motion by Council Member **Hooker**, seconded by Council Member **Roesler** to approve the 2023 Fire Officers. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ambulance Department: Ambulance Director Miller was absent, but submitted a final report and acknowledgements as part of his resignation effective 2/28/23. Administrator Rasmussen noted that the Public Safety Committee had discussed the requirements for filling the position and that the advertisements would be out next week.

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 including a discussion on recent testing with the DNR, an update on the SCADA system, ash tree removal program, and discussion on recent snow plowing efforts.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Design Engineering Services Proposal from Cedar Corporation for the 2024 Madison Street Reconstruction Project. Director Gilles provided a brief update on required planning for the project and continued efforts to potentially apply for more grant funding as it becomes available. Motion by Council Member **Roesler**, seconded by Council Member **Schofield** to approve the Design Engineering Services Proposal from Cedar Corporation for the 2024 Madison Street Reconstruction Project. Roll Call Vote: **6 ayes, 0 nays**. Motion carried.

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member **Schofield**, seconded by Council Member **Roesler** to approve the vouchers presented #28551 – 28591 in the amount of \$683,227.28 and payroll for February 3, 2023 in the amount of \$28,914.94, and payroll for February 17, 2023 in the amount of \$24,465.72. Roll Call Vote: **6 ayes, 0 nays**. Motion carried.

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

Motion to adjourn by Council Member **Hooker**, seconded by Council Member **Hayden** at 7:29 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Scott Rasmussen, City Administrator