

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
February 26, 2025

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

Roll Call: Present – Council Members Hooker, Menke, Roesler, Weisenbeck, and Weishapple. Absent: Council Member Kavanaugh. Also Present: Administrator Carlson, City Clerk Morgan, Public Works Director Gilles, Police Chief Ridgeway, and Assistant Fire Chief Plumer, Ambulance Co-Director Bignell. Due and proper notice of meeting was confirmed.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Consent Agenda:** The City Council Members reviewed the Regular City Council Meeting minutes from January 22, 2025 and bartender licenses for Victoria J Roberts-Reidel at Spot Bar, and a picnic license for Pepin County Tavern League Mini Putt Putt on March 1, 2025. Motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Weishapple to approve Regular City Council Meeting minutes from January 22, 2025 and bartender licenses for Victoria J Roberts-Reidel at Spot Bar, and a picnic license for Pepin County Tavern League Mini Putt Putt on March 1, 2025 as presented under the Consent Agenda. Council Member Hooker abstained.

**Business Agenda - Mayor's Report:** Mayor Milliren gave an update of City events. Mayor Milliren attended the Long-term planning committee for the Durand Public Library on Monday. The Committee will have a survey available in the near future. Signage for the donor wall at the Pool is moving forward.

**Administrator's Report:** Administrator Carlson discussed the ribbon cutting for Ribbon's and Grace last week. She met with a representative from Van Orden's office last week, they discussed the Madison Street project. The Farmer's Market is progressing.

Discussion and possible action regarding implementing a Room Tax Ordinance. This will be an action item on the next City Council Meeting Agenda.

**Public Safety – Police Department:** Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update of the Police Department. Officer Bonnerup gave training on internet safety for the students. Chief Ridgeway just returned from the Police Chief's Conference.

Discussion and possible action regarding application for open containers from Pepin County Tavern Mini Putt Putt event on March 1, 2025. Motion by Council Member Roesler and seconded by Council Member Kavanaugh to approve regarding application for open containers from Pepin County Tavern Mini Putt Putt event on March 1, 2025 contingent on the February 23, 2025 meeting with the bar owners. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote; Council Member Hooker abstained.

**Fire Department:** Assistant Fire Chief Plumer was gave an update of the Fire Department. The Fire Department had 11 calls in January. There were 9 new hires.

**Ambulance Department:** Ambulance Director Bignell gave an update for the Ambulance Department. The Ambulance had 37 calls and 3 transfers. They will be doing blood pressure checks at the Boys' basketball game on February 20, 2025.

**Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report:** Engineer R. Kiviniemi was not present at the meeting.

**Public Works/Utilities:** Public Works Director Gilles gave an update of the Public Works department. The Public Works department has been making repairs to the water lines. He is working on the Water Filtration Project. The bid opening for 7th Avenue E is tomorrow.

Discussion and possible action regarding pay request #8 for Durand Builders. Motion carried by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve contract for request #8 for Durand Builders in the amount of \$191,142.50. Roll call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Closed Session:** Motion to go into closed session at 7:02 pm by Council Member Weishapple, seconded by Council Member Roesler pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) deliberating on negotiating the investing of public funds or conducting other specified business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session relative to EMS and Police Department facility needs. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion to go back into open session by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Menke at 7:11 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion and possible action regarding a lease agreement between the City of Durand and Nelson Communications Cooperative for EMS/PD facility needs. Motion carried by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve a lease agreement between the City of Durand and Nelson Communications Cooperative for EMS/PD facility needs at \$1,500 month. Roll call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Vouchers:** Motion by Council Member Kavanaugh, seconded by Council Member Menke to approve the vouchers presented #30357 – 30411 in the amount of \$271,362.37 payroll for January 31, 2025 in the amount of \$29,667.99, and payroll for February 14, 2025 in the amount of \$31,606.71. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next Regular City Council Meeting is Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Menke at 7:19 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

*Angela Morgan*

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Angela Morgan, City Clerk