

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
March 8, 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, City Clerk Morgan, Public Works Director Gilles, and Fire Chief King. Absent: Police Chief Ridgeway. Due and proper notice of meeting was confirmed.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Public Comment:** C. Lieftring was present to discuss nuisance trees on the boulevard and also she spoke about the Urban Forestry Grant. Public Works Director Gilles and Administrator Rasmussen addressed the Urban Forestry Grants and the Forestry Programs in other communities. J. Bauer also spoke regarding the Tree Ordinance.

**Scheduled Appearances:** Renee Swenson from Cedar Corporation to discuss the CDBG Housing Program. She discussed the three types of loan programs.

**Presentation** of award Honoring Lawrence Plumer from the State of Wisconsin.

**Consent Agenda:** The City Council Members reviewed the Regular Council Meeting minutes from February 22, 2023. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck to approve Regular Council Meeting minutes from February 22, 2023 as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Hearings:** A public hearing was called to order at 6:53 p.m. by Mayor Milliren to consider any public input relating to Resolution 23-02 A Resolution to Vacate and Discontinue Portions of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and Hardy Street (Kwik Trip). Seeing that no one wishes to address the Council on the Resolution 23-02 A Resolution to Vacate and Discontinue Portions of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and Hardy Street (Kwik Trip), Mayor Milliren closed the hearing at 6:53 p.m.

**Business Agenda - Mayor's Report:** Mayor Milliren gave an update of City events. The Mayor thanked the staff for doing a good job with the last snow event. The Pepin County Tavern League had a successful event, congratulations. The future of the swimming pool is still being discussed.

**Administrator's Report:** Administrator Rasmussen gave an update on City events. Administrator Rasmussen discussed the Economic meeting on Friday that was set up by Brian Winnekins, Their was a good representation from neighboring officials. Just a reminder that there is an open Alderperson seat in Ward 1. He also discussed the Urban Forestry Grant program for tree removal.

Discussion and possible action regarding **Resolution 23-02** A Resolution to Vacate and Discontinue Portions of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and Hardy Street (Kwik Trip). Offered by Council Member Gilles, motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Schofield to **Resolution 23-02** A Resolution to Vacate and Discontinue Portions of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and Hardy Street (Kwik Trip). Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding a Façade Grant Application for Ryan's Sport Shop. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve Façade Grant Application for Ryan's Sport Shop in the amount of \$5,000. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Public Safety – Police Department:** Police Chief Ridgeway was not able to attend the meeting. Administrator Rasmussen gave a thank you from Chief Ridgeway to the Tavern League for the Putt Crawl event last weekend. The event ran smoothly.

**Fire Department:** Assistant Fire Chief Plumer gave an update of the Fire Department.

**Ambulance Department:** Administrator Rasmussen gave an update of the Ambulance Department.

**Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report:** Engineer R. Kiviniemi gave an update of City projects. Engineer Kiviniemi discussed the DNR Clean Water Fund Program. The bidding process for 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue East will go into the paper next week.

**Public Works/Utilities:** Public Works Director Gilles gave an update of the Public Works Department. Public Works Director Gilles discussed the Water survey is back, there were only two items to work on. The water system program has an issue and has to have someone manually check the system. The snowblower broke down yesterday, but the parts should be in tomorrow morning. Potholes will be patching is on the schedule.

**Closed Session #1:** Motion to go into closed session at 7:35 pm by Council Member Hayden, seconded by Council Member Roesler pursuant to WI Statues 19.85(1)(e). Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion to go back into open session by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Hayden at 7:48 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

No action taken.

**Closed Session #2:** Motion to go into closed session at 7:48 pm by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Schofield 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 Hayden at 8:26 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

No action taken.

**Vouchers:** Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck to approve the vouchers presented #28600 – 28626 in the amount of \$97,873.90 and payroll for March 3, 2023 in the amount of \$28,155.98. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next City Council Meeting is on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Hayden, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck at 8:32 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Angela Morgan, City Clerk