

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 9, 2022

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

Roll Call: Present – Council Members Gilles, Hartung, Hooker, Roesler, Schneider, and Schofield. Also Present: Administrator Rasmussen, Public Works Director Gilles, Police Chief Ridgeway, Fire Chief King, Ambulance Director Miller, City Engineer Kiviniemi, and Thomas Schaffer, President of USAquatics. Absent: City Clerk Morgan. Due and proper notice of meeting was confirmed.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Council Member Hartung and seconded by Council Member Hooker 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 February 23, 2022. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Schneider to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes from February 23, 2022 as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Business Agenda - Mayor's Report: Mayor Milliren gave an update regarding the audit timeline and presentation and congratulated the Durand/Arkansaw basketball team on their conference championship

Administrators Report: Administrator Rasmussen noted that letters had been sent to the Drier/Laneville residents regarding the special assessment decision. He also noted that there would be a Finance/Personnel meeting later in the month to discuss salary issues for City staff, and added that the PILOT agreement with the Pepin County Housing Authority would soon be approved including the changes suggested by Council.

Discussion and possible action regarding update to Drug and Alcohol Policy will be moved to a future meeting pending further discussion with the City Attorney.

Public Safety – Police Department: Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update of the Police Department including updates on part-time staffing, the Explorers program. He also answered a question regarding the police academy and noted that there were no issues at the recent Putt Crawl event.

Fire Department: Fire Chief King presented his monthly report and congratulated 2nd Asst Chief James Sedlmayr for his selection as the Wisconsin State Firefighter Association's Firefighter of the Year. He also gave an update on the ladder truck delivery (est 18-20 months), discussed recent training, hires, siren policy, and noted that the Annual Fire Dept Chicken Dinner/Fundraiser will be Saturday, May 14, 2022.

Ambulance Department: Ambulance Director Miller presented his monthly report gave an update of the Ambulance Department including a discussion on resolution of the battery issue in the lift system of the backup ambulance.

Council was provided with a list of the 2022 Ambulance Department Officers, which did not change from 2021. Motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Gilles to accept the 2022 Ambulance Department Officers. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote

Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report: R. Kiviniemi gave an update on discussions he had with Sampson Concrete regarding their complaint that they had not been paid for their work on the Drier/Laneville project by the main contractor, SSG. Kiviniemi explained to Sampson that as a subcontractor on the project, any recourse needed to be directed against SSG, not the City. Administrator Rasmussen noted that he had a similar discussion with a representative of Sampson. Sampson stated that they may be contacting individual council members, hence the update.

Public Works/Utilities: Public Works Director Gilles gave a short update on Public Works related issues.

Discussion regarding the Swimming Pool Project. PW Director Gilles provided an update on the proposed planning, design, cost, and timeline for the project. Per the timeline issued in the packet, if the engineering contracts were approved, USAquatics would have a preliminary design for approval in mid-April, with bid documents going out in late June. Tom Schaffer with USAquatics also answered a few questions.

Administrator Rasmussen discussed the fundraising efforts, noting that the required \$2 million had been received or pledged prior to the March 1, 2022 deadline outlined in Resolution 21-15 passed in November 2021, hence the discussion for moving forward with the project. To date, the Swim Club had over \$220,000 in the bank, and was expecting an additional \$1.2 million in the coming weeks. Mayor Milliren added that he had received similarly assurances from the donor. (NOTE: the \$1.2 million was received on March 14, 2022). Rasmussen noted that the \$220,000 secured by the Swim Club would be enough to cover the anticipated contracts for both engineering contracts, up to acceptance of the bids, so there would be no financial risk for the City in moving forward.

Discussion and possible action regarding **Resolution 22-01 Authorizing Proceeding with Construction of a new Durand Municipal Swimming Pool**. Resolution offered by Council Member Schofield, with a Motion by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Roesler to discuss. After discussion, Motion by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve **Resolution 22-01 to Authorizing Proceeding with Construction of a new Durand Municipal Swimming Pool**. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding Engineering Contract for USAquatics for the Swimming Pool Project. Motion by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Hartung to approve Engineering Contract for US Aquatics, not to exceed \$214,260, plus travel expenses. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding Civil Engineering Contract with Cedar Corporation for the Swimming Pool Project. Motion by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Schofield to approve Civil Engineering Contract with Cedar Corporation for the Swimming Pool Project, not to exceed \$70,000 plus \$9,500 for soil borings & analysis. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve the vouchers presented #27669 – 27709 in the amount of \$61,007.61. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next meeting is the Regular Council Meeting on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

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

Scott Rasmussen, City Administrator