

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 24, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Patrick J. Milliren
Roll Call: Present – Council Members Gilles, Hartung, Hooker, Roesler, Schofield, and Schneider. Also: Administrator Rasmussen, City Clerk Morgan, Public Works Director Gilles, and Police Chief Ridgeway were also in attendance. Absent: Fire Chief King, 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 Hartung to adopt the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment: L & K. Coulson was present to discuss a neighbor's property in the 600 block of 2nd Avenue E. The house has been abandoned. Their home had water in their basement in 2018, which came from the property next door. The condition of the house next door has greatly deteriorated, and many issues.

W. Hoyt was present to ask about Ordinances within the City. Who checks on the properties?

T. Hoyt was present to discuss issues in the 600 block of 2nd Avenue E.

Scheduled Appearances: None

Consent Agenda: The City Council Members reviewed the Regular Council Meeting minutes from March 10, 2021 and bartender licenses for Makenna J King at the Durand C-Store & Hardware, and Logan B Waller at Cobblestone Inn & Suites. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Gilles to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes from March 10, 2021 and bartender licenses for Makenna J King at the Durand C-Store & Hardware, and Logan B Waller at Cobblestone Inn & Suites as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Hearings: A public hearing was called to order at 6:47 p.m. by Mayor Milliren to consider any public input relating to Licensing for the Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage "Class "B"" Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage License Kingfisher LLC owner Rebecca Boulger and Gary Egger located at 214 W Main Street. No one was present to speak against the license. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:48 pm.

Business Agenda - Mayor's Report: Mayor Milliren gave an update of the City events. There is an opening on the Library Board. The Spring Election is April 6, 2021. Funfest has stated that they will not be having the event this summer. Clarification that the City is in support of having Funfest unless there is a major event. The carnival has not been canceled as of today.

Update on the Durand Swim Club from Jan Kartman & Gary Sweeney. The Swim Club was present to discuss what they have doing during this past year. The Swim Club has an outstanding invoice with the City for swimming lessons for 2019. The Swim Club would like to discuss this bill. They discussed their fund raising events; the total today is \$832,043 with the City and School District portion included. The Swim Club would like to know if there are any grants available with a storm shelter. They are working on getting support for Swim Club membership to assist with raising funds for swimming lessons and assistance for lifeguard WSI training.

Administrators Report: The City Administrator gave an update of the City events. Finance Meeting possible schedule April 14, 2021 to discuss the Employee Handbook, and the American Rescue Plan Act.

Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of a "Class "B"" Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage License for Kingfisher LLC owner Rebecca Boulger and Gary Egger located at 214 W Main Street. Motion by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Gilles to approve the "Class "B"" Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage License for Kingfisher LLC owner Rebecca Boulger and Gary Egger located at 214 W Main Street. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion and possible action regarding modifications to Joint Agreement with Durand-Arkansaw School District and Durand Public Library. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve the modifications to Joint Agreement with Durand-Arkansaw School District and Durand Public Library. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Public Safety – Police Department: Chief Ridgeway gave an update on the Police Department. The Police Department will be having training in the house next door to the Fire Hall. The Police Department is working with the Ambulance Director Miller for Narcan training.

Fire Department: Fire Chief King was not able to be in attendance.

Ambulance Department: Ambulance Director Miller was not able to attend.

Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report: R. Kiviniemi was present to discuss the items later on the agenda.

Public Works/Utilities: Public Works Director Gilles gave an update of the Public Works Department. The pool staff ad is in the newspaper this week. He discussed the tentative schedule for Tarrant Park Pool spring cleaning. The street sweeper was been out for one round before the rain. The RBC is scheduled to arrive the week of June 18th.

Discussion and possible action regarding the 3rd Avenue E Reconstruction bid award. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Hartung to approve regarding the 3rd Avenue E Reconstruction bid award to A-1 Excavating, Inc. from Bloomer in the amount of \$1,229,783.35 contingent upon receipt of proof of bonding and insurance certificates, and Community Development Block Grant requirements. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Laneville Avenue and Drier Street Reconstruction and Water Main Loop contract #1 bid award. Motion by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve regarding the Laneville Avenue and Drier Street Reconstruction and Water Main Loop contract #1 bid award to Skid Steer Guy LLC from Mondovi in the amount of \$1,020,742.75 contingent upon confirmation of qualifications and representative project references, etc., and receipt of proof of bonding and insurance certificates. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Laneville Avenue and Drier Street Reconstruction and Water Main Loop contract #2 bid award. Motion by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Schofield to approve regarding the Laneville Avenue and Drier Street Reconstruction and Water Main Loop contract #2 bid award to Pepin County Highway Department in the amount of \$19,252. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of the Forest Hill Cemetery Certified Survey Maps. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Gilles to approve the approval of the Forest Hill Cemetery Certified Survey Maps. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding Annexation of Municipal Property adjacent to Forest Hill Cemetery. Motion by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve Annexation of Municipal Property adjacent to Forest Hill Cemetery. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

Closed Session: Motion to go into closed session at 8:01 pm by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Roesler pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(c). Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion to go back into open session by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Schneider. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve the vouchers presented #26809 – 26830 in the amount of \$47,091.33, payroll for March 19, 2021 in the amount of \$23,870.28. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

The next meeting is the Finance Meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 4:30 pm. Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 6:30 pm, Reorganization Meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm, and Board or Review on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm..

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Schofield at 8:15 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Angela Morgan, City Clerk