

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
April 12, 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, Police Chief Ridgeway, and Fire Chief King. Due and proper notice of meeting was confirmed.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Public Comment:** J Lieftring was present to address the Mayor and City Council only regarding the disease tree special assessment. He read several City Ordinances regarding trees in the boulevard. He appeals the Mayor and City Council regarding the diseased trees removal in the boulevard to not have to pay for tree removal.

J. Bauer was also present to discuss the tree removal dates for the contract, he felt rushed to make a decision.

**Scheduled Appearances:** None

**Consent Agenda:** The City Council Members reviewed the Regular Council Meeting minutes from March 22, 2023, and a bartender license for ViNola J Matchey at Cell Block. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve Regular Council Meeting minutes from March 22, 2023, and a bartender license for ViNola J Matchey as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Business Agenda - Mayor's Report:** Mayor Milliren gave an update of City events. The Mayor thanked the staff, election workers and the Clerk for the work at the Spring Election. The Re-Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. The Mayor thanked Mark Gilles and Steve Schofield for their contribution to City Council.

**Administrator's Report:** Administrator Rasmussen gave an update on City events. Administrator Rasmussen discussed Dollar General has commenced at the site. There is a presentation at Advent Health at 9:30 am tomorrow for the Ambulance garage, with Tammy Baldwin being present. He also discussed the date for the tree letters and updates on the DNR Grant for trees.

Discussion and possible action regarding the renewal of the contract between the Durand-Arkansaw Board of Education and the City of Durand. Motion by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Hayden to renewal of the contract between the Durand-Arkansaw Board of Education and the City of Durand. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Public Safety – Police Department:** Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update of the Police Department. He had his first golf cart registration for the year. He has met with Funfest. He is working on Mock Prom Accident later this month. The Explorers program will have their last meeting on Sunday night.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief King gave an update on the Fire Department. He discussed the calls for the month of March.

**Ambulance Department:**

**Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report:** Engineer R. Kiviniemi gave an update on the current City projects.

Discussion and possible action regarding awarding the bids for the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue East Improvement Project. The work will coincide with Dollar General construction. Motion by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Schofield to award low bid for Contract 1 in amount of \$12,500 to Pepin County Highway Department. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 1 abstain, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding awarding the bids for the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue East Improvement Project. The work will coincide with Dollar General construction. Motion by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Roesler to award low bid for Contract 2 in amount of \$35,694.07 to Next Level Excavating LLC. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Public Works/Utilities:** Public Works Director Gilles gave an update of the Public Works Department. Public Works Director Gilles discussed the flood. The street sweeper has started out. City Clean-up will be from April 22 to May 7, 2023, watch for the rules. They will pick up several times during the 2 weeks, they do not pick-up every day. We have received life guard applications for the pool season, lesson information will be out as soon as we can after the pool test run.

**Closed Session #2:** Motion to go into closed session at 7:19 pm by Council Member Hayden, seconded by Council Member Roesler pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(g). Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion to go back into open session by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Gilles at 7:37 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote

No action taken.

**Closed Session #1:** Motion to go into closed session at 7:40 pm by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Roesler pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(c) and WI Statutes 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 8:20 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

No action taken.

**Vouchers:** Motion by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Schofield to approve the vouchers presented #28665 – 28712 in the amount of \$208,980.49 and payroll for March 31, 2023 in the amount of \$23,855.80 and payroll for April 14, 2023 in the amount of \$32,907.14. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next City Council Meeting is an Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 5:30 pm, and the City Council Meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Gilles at 8:27 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.