

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 25th, 2018

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

Roll Call: Present – Council Members Gilles, Hartung, Hooker, Schneider, and Schofield. Absent: Council Member Schoonover. Interim Administrator Gau, Public Works Director Gilles, Administrative Assistant King, and Police Officer Clint Ebling were also in attendance. 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 amended agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment: None

Scheduled Appearances: None

Engineer's Report: R. Kiviniemi was present to discuss the 7th Avenue West and golf course drainage projects. Monday April 23rd the fairway project #2 project. There was more ground water then they realized so it has been slower moving, but they anticipated the possibility of water. They will hopefully be done Friday. Oakwood and Madalyn project were started first, to make up for the weather. Bruce is going to talk to the homeowners to keep them informed.

Consent Agenda: The City Council Members reviewed the previous council meeting minutes. Motion by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Schneider to approve the April 11, 2018, and bartender licenses for Nicholas L Henrichs for Cell Block Lounge, and Jacob M Ulwelling for Econo foods as presented under the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Business Agenda - Mayor's Report: The Mayor gave an update of the City events. The mayor wanted to go on the record again and thank Don Sinz for all his hard work and dedication to the ambulance service. He stepped in when we needed him and he has done a wonderful job.

Administrators Report: The Administrator gave an update of the current city events. Discussed vacant buildings ordinance and plan of action to insure the owner will start complying with the existing ordinance. Duane took pictures of the homes and buildings. There will be fines, if the property do not comply, however there is an appeal process.

Update from the City Administrator on the 2018 Financial Plan.

At the next Council meeting May 9th the \$845,000 Sewer and Water System Revenue Bonds Series 2018A will be on the agenda. GIS system for the water was added to the bond. DPW Matt Gilles explained GIS system.

Public Safety: Fire Department: Chairman Mark Gilles of the Safety Committee states that the Durand Fire Department handbook require a few more changes and was not ready for any action by the Council. The council took no action and the matter will come before the Safety & Council at its May 23rd meeting.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Fire Chief Job Description. Motion by council Member M. Gilles seconded by Council Member H. Schneider to approve the Fire Chief Job Description. Roll Call Vote : 5 ayes, 1 absent, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Public Works/Utilities: The Public Works Director gave an update of his department.

Public Works Director gave an update on the Swimming Pool staffing update.

The pool currently has 7 lifeguards and waiting on 2 more to pass their exam to be fully staffed. They are going to fill the pool for a test run and clean, next week on the 7th. The test run will be the 8th, 9th and 10th. All potential employees were informed they are hired pending the condition of the pool. Mr. Schofield asked if there was still a cover, and there is not. The cover lasted 4 years and due to not knowing the condition of the pool money was not spent on a new cover.

The storm sewer on 4th and Wells collapsed by Weiss Realty, and as far up as DPW Matt Gilles could see in the pipe it was cracked and has been repaired.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Leader Telegram installation of newspaper receptacles. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Hooker to refer issue to the Public Welfare Committee Leader. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes 1 nay 1 absent. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding a construction and maintenance agreement with Pepin County Highway Department. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Hartung to approve the construction and maintenance agreement with Pepin County Highway Department, with the added line per the City Attorney. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding the condition of Wellhouse #4 roof. Tabled until the next City Council meeting, May 9th. The council members wanted more estimates for cost, adding a pitch to the roof for comparison.

The council voted to switch the closed session topics around.

Closed Session: Motion to go into closed session at 7:50 pm by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Gilles pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1) (c) Employment of City Administrator/Treasurer. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 1 absent 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Schofield to accept the signed employment agreement with the new City Administrator. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried. Scott Rasmussen will start May 14th.

Closed Session: Motion to go into closed session at 8:04 pm by Council Member Schneider, seconded by Council Member Hooker pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1) (e) Discussion of a property in Durand. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 1 absent, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve the vouchers presented #23975 to 24000 in the amount of \$55,115.77, and payroll for April 20, 2018 in the amount of \$19,676.68 Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.

The next meetings will be a Board of Review on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 4:00 pm, and the Regular Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Schofield at 9:00 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Duane Gau, Interim Administrator