

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 26, 2023

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

Roll Call: Present – Council Members Hayden, Hooker, Menke, Roesler (out from 7:30-7:45 pm), Weisenbeck, and Weishapple. Also Present: Administrator Rasmussen, City Clerk Morgan, Public Works Director Gilles, and Police Chief Ridgeway. Absent: Fire Chief King. Due and proper notice of meeting was confirmed.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Comment: G. Brenner was present to discuss the well house road washing out for the past 50 years. Would it be possible to take the road out? This subject will be discussed at the next Public Works Committee Meeting.

J. Lieftring was present to oppose the cost to the homeowner removal of diseased Ash trees.

Scheduled Appearances: None

Consent Agenda: The City Council Members reviewed the Regular Council Meeting minutes from March 22, 2023; April 12, 2023, a bartender license for Ashley Blackett at Cell Block, and a Picnic License for Durand Fire Relief Association Fundraiser on May 20, 2023. Motion by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve Regular Council Meeting minutes from March 22, 2023; April 12, 2023, a bartender license for Ashley Blackett at Cell Block, and a Picnic License for Durand Fire Relief Association Fundraiser on May 20, 2023 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 commended the staff on all the work they did with the flooding.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Rasmussen gave an update on City events. Administrator Rasmussen discussed the Open House at the hospital with Tammy Baldwin. He also discussed the start of Dollar General. Today is Administrative Assistant's Day, he thanked the Clerk and Administrative Assistant for their work.

Public Safety – Police Department: Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update of the Police Department. Chief Ridgeway discussed that today is Part-time Officer J Lindsley's final day for the Durand Police Department. He also discussed the mock prom crash that will be held this week. He also discussed the Explorer's Program last class for the season.

Discussion and possible action regarding the applying for Federal COPS Grant. Motion by Council Member Menke, seconded by Council Member Weishapple to applying for Federal COPS Grant. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Fire Department: Fire Chief King was not able to attend the meeting, he is attending the Rural Fire Department Meeting.

Ambulance Department: March Report 25 Total Ambulance calls: 22, missed calls: 3 (1 was in Mondovi, 1 was an incorrect address) number of transfers: number of missed transfers:

Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report: Engineer R. Kiviniemi was not able to attend the meeting.

Public Works/Utilities: Public Works Director Gilles gave an update of the Public Works Department. He discussed the upcoming projects; clean-up has begun from the flood. He discussed the impact the flooding has had on our Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Consumer's Confidence Report for 2022 is available on our website, in the newspaper, and at City Hall. The test run will be done on the Pool next Monday. They will begin opening the Parks next week.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Ash Tree Program. Administrator Rasmussen explained the Grant that the City received. Motion by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Weishapple to keep the program as 25% grant 25% city 50% homeowner and one last chance opportunity for the ones that we sent letters and contact the people that are interested in being involved in the program (boulevard trees first). Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Closed Session #1: Motion to go into closed session at 8:04 pm by Council Member Hayden, seconded by Council Member Hooker 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 Hooker, seconded by Council Member Weishapple at 8:48 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

No action taken.

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve the vouchers presented #28720 – 28748 in the amount of \$49,823.88 and payroll for April 28, 2023 in the amount of \$28,437.02. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next City Council Meeting is the Board of Review Meeting on Monday, May 8, 2023 from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, and City Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Weishapple, seconded by Council Member Roesler at 8:53 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Angela Morgan, City Clerk