

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
May 11, 2022

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

Roll Call: Present – Council Members Gilles, Hayden, Hooker, Roesler, and Weisenbeck. Absent: Council Member Schofield. Also Present: City Administrator Rasmussen, City Clerk Morgan, Public Works Director Gilles, Police Chief Ridgeway, Ambulance Director Miller, and City Engineer Kiviniemi. 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:** S. Biesterveld was present to state that she is in favor of the dog park, but did ask if there is a better location for a dog park, she would like to see it somewhere that isn't in a residential area. J. Bower also spoke in favor of a dog park, but she is not in favor of it in the proposed location. P. Palmer was present to speak in opposition of the dog park in the proposed area. B. Sobota was present to request that the City reconsider putting in a dog park in the proposed area. J. Perkovich came to give an update on Durand Improvement Group activities. M. Norby was present for Funfest was present to give an update on this year's Funfest.

**Scheduled Appearances:** None.

**Consent Agenda:** The City Council Members reviewed the bartender licenses for Brandon J LaPorte at Spot Bar, Olivia J Sann for Durand Travel Stop, Picnic license for Durand Improvement Group Funfest June 10-12, 2022, Street Closure request for Funfest, and a Street closing request for Funfest Fun Run 5K on June 11, 2022 from 7:15 am to 9:30 am on River Drive. Motion by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck to approve the bartender licenses for Brandon J LaPorte at Spot Bar, Olivia J Sann for Durand Travel Stop, Picnic license for Durand Improvement Group Funfest June 10-12, 2022, Street Closure request for Funfest, and a Street closing request for Funfest Fun Run 5K on June 11, 2022 from 7:15 am to 9:30 am on River Drive as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Business Agenda - Mayor's Report:** Mayor Milliren gave an update on the City events. Thank you to the Durand-Arkansaw School District for the great dedication for the new softball fields. The Mayor reminded everyone of the Fire Department Fundraiser on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at the Fire Hall. The Pepin County Historical Society will be having a Civil War reenactment on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at the Old Courthouse Museum.

**Administrator's Report:** Administrator Rasmussen gave an update of the City events. Administrator Rasmussen gave an update on the BIL Grants. Kwik Trip is looking for short term office space that would be available for several months.

Discuss increased enforcement of the City's Exterior Property Maintenance Ordinance.

**Public Safety – Police Department:** Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update on the Police Department. B. Zeicha will contact businesses along the downtown area to notify the public of the cannon being shot off throughout the day. There was a vehicle issue with one of the squad cars. The job posting is out for a Part-time Police officer with the incentive pay. Next week is also Police Department Proclamation Week.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief King was not able to attend the meeting. Just a reminder that the Fire Department Fundraiser is on Saturday, May 14, 2022.

**Ambulance Department:** Ambulance Director Miller gave his report. There were two EMT's that resigned last week, they moved on to other positions and one new application.

EMS Week May 15 – 21, 2022 Proclamation. Motion by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Hooker to affirm the EMS Week May 15 – 21, 2022 Proclamation.

**Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report:** R. Kiviniemi gave an engineering report. He gave an update on the upcoming Grant Application. R. Kiviniemi gave an update on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue E, Drier Street and Laneville Avenue punch list.

**Public Works/Utilities:** Public Works Director Gilles gave an update on Public Works related issues. Director Gilles gave an update on the City clean-up. Next week there will be a physical examination (inspection) of the inside of the water tower. Swimming Lesson sign up has started. The pool will be filled the week of May 23<sup>rd</sup>, with a tentative open date is June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kwik Trip's new road should be started in the next week.

Update on Funfest preparations and activities.

Public Works Week May 15 – 21, 2022 Proclamation. Motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Hayden to affirm the Public Works Week May 15 – 21, 2022 Proclamation.

**Vouchers:** Motion by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Gilles to approve the vouchers presented #27821 – 27863 in the amount of \$44,031.78, payroll for April 29, 2022 in the amount of \$24,942.22, and payroll for May 13, 2022 in the amount of \$25,534.14. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next meeting is the Public Works Committee Meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 5:30 pm, and the Regular Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck at 7:33 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Angela Morgan, City Clerk