

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 12, 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, Public Works Director Gilles, and City Engineer Kiviniemi were also in attendance. Absent: City Clerk Morgan, Police Chief Ridgeway, Fire Chief King, and Ambulance Director Miller. Due and proper notice of meeting was confirmed.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Comment: None

Scheduled Appearances: None

Consent Agenda: The City Council Members reviewed the Regular Council Meeting minutes from April 28, 2021 and bartender license for Tyler Kilboten, Bradley A Kilboten, and Tymber L Koehler for Rooster Tail Bar & Grill; and Hunter Simonson at Cobblestone Inn & Suites. Motion by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes from April 28, 2021 and bartender license for Tyler Kilboten, Bradley A Kilboten, and Tymber L Koehler for Rooster Tail Bar & Grill; and Hunter Simonson at Cobblestone Inn & Suites as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Business Agenda - Mayor's Report: Mayor Milliren commented that he thought the Spring Cleanup went well and also noted that there would be a Memorial Day Service in Memorial Park.

Administrator's Report: The City Administrator gave an update on an American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) fact sheet prepared by the Treasury Dept. Potential uses of the funds will be discussed at future meetings.

Administrator Rasmussen provided an update on the K-9 Unit funding after speaking with Sheriff Wener earlier in the day. Since the original funding goal was nearly met, there was some discussion about perhaps providing some annual operational funding vs. a set donation. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Schneider to provide an annual donation to the Pepin County K-9 Unit in the amount of \$ 500/year for the life of the dog, and then re-evaluated if Pepin County got another dog. Friendly amendment agreed upon to begin funding in 2022. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Roesler). Motion carried.

Administrator Rasmussen discussed a citizen request for a potential amendment to **#535 Ordinance** Authorizing All-Terrain/ Utility Task Vehicles Use On City Streets Within The City Of Durand. Unknown to city staff at the time of passage in 2019, state statute allows local jurisdiction to control access to both State and County highways within the City, if the speed limit is 35 mph or less. Consensus was to discuss this further at a future Public Safety meeting specifically addressing access to Prospect Avenue (State Hwy 25).

Administrator Rasmussen gave a brief update on discussion with Sean Lentz from Ehlers regarding financing for the 3rd Avenue E, Drier Street, and Laneville Avenue project. Mr. Lentz will be attending the May 26, 2021 Council meeting for further discussion and action.

Public Safety – Police Department: Chief Ridgeway was not in attendance, but Administrator Rasmussen shared that recently hired Police Officer Natalie Wyss had accepted a similar position

in her hometown. In discussing with Chief Ridgeway, he did note that some of the negative impacts on the summer schedule would be mitigated by SRO Brandon Bonnerup being available following the school year ending the first week of June.

Fire Department: Fire Chief King was not able to attend the meeting and will provide his monthly report at the next Council meeting.

Ambulance Department: Ambulance Director Miller was not able to attend the meeting and will provide his monthly report at the next Council meeting.

Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report: R. Kiviniemi provided an update on the street project.

Public Works/Utilities: Public Works Director Gilles gave an update on the Spring Cleanup, noted that the parks are now open, discussed hydrant flushing, and estimated that the new RBC would be installed by the end of June. He also provided an update on the pool opening (6/10) and the difficulties finding WSI certified instructors for lessons.

Closed Session: Motion to go into closed session at 7:28 pm by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Gilles pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e). Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve the vouchers presented #26919 – 26954 in the amount of \$54, 995.49. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

The next meeting is a Safety Meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 5:45 pm, and the Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Schneider, seconded by Council Member Gilles at 7:45pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

R. Scott Rasmussen