

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 22, 2024

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

Roll Call: Present – Council Members Hooker, Kavanaugh, Menke, Roesler, Weisenbeck, and Weishapple. Also Present: Administrator Rasmussen, City Clerk Morgan, Public Works Director Gilles, Police Chief Ridgeway, Fire Chief King, and Ambulance Co-Director Bignell. Due and proper notice of meeting was confirmed.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Comment: T. Schoonover was present to introduce himself as a candidate for Assembly District 29 in the upcoming Election.

Scheduled Appearances: None

Consent Agenda: The City Council Members reviewed the Regular Council Meeting minutes from May 8, 2024, a picnic license for Durand Improvement Group – Funfest June 7-9, 2024, temporary bartender licenses for Michael K Norby Jr, Mark R Chilson, Catherine M Asher for Funfest, and a Street Closure request for Funfest and Funfest Fun Run 5K. Motion by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve Regular Council Meeting minutes from May 8, 2024, a picnic license for Durand Improvement Group – Funfest June 7-9, 2024, temporary bartender licenses for Michael K Norby Jr, Mark R Chilson, Catherine M Asher for Funfest, and a Street Closure request for Funfest and Funfest Fun Run 5K 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. Mayor Milliren announced the League Conference in October, sign up will begin June 1st. He congratulated the Fire Department on their fundraising event. He also thanked organization that held the Civil War Event last week, it went very well. Congratulations to Advent Health on the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new garage. He also reminded everyone of the Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 27, 2024. Mayor Milliren also thanked the DIG members and surrounding residents for assisting with updating the area for Funfest with the changes around Memorial Park.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Rasmussen gave an update City event. Administrator Rasmussen discussed the Pepin County Health Department organizing swimming lessons in Ellsworth in July. The City staff will be assisting with the swimming lesson sign up, and Pape Bus Service will be transporting the students. He also discussed the upcoming Special Council Meeting for the review of the interview videos for the City Administrator position.

Discussion and possible action regarding **Resolution #24-04** A Resolution Authorizing the City of Durand to borrow \$550,000 from Security Financial Bank for the Purpose of Financing City Capital Projects (6th Avenue, Pool, Fire vehicles). Offer by Council Member Hooker, motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Menke, to approve **Resolution #24-04** A Resolution Authorizing the City of Durand to borrow \$550,000 from Security Financial Bank for the Purpose of Financing City Capital Projects (6th Avenue, Pool, Fire vehicles). Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

Discussion and possible action regarding **Resolution # 24-05** A Resolution Authorizing the City of Durand to borrow up to \$1,000,000 from Security Financial Bank for the purpose of financing the Durand Community Swimming Pool project prior to final private donations being received. Offer by Council Member Weisenbeck, motion by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Kavanaugh, to approve **Resolution # 24-05** A Resolution Authorizing the City of Durand to borrow up to \$1,000,000 from Security Financial Bank for the purpose of financing the Durand Community Swimming Pool project prior to final private donations being received. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

Discussion and possible action regarding the Library Board applying for the Flexible Facilities Program Grant. Engineer Kiviniemi discussed the Grant details and regulations. Motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Hooker, to approve the Library Board applying for the Flexible Facilities Program Grant. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Safety – Police Department: Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update on Police Department. Chief Ridgeway gave an update on the Property Maintenance issues. He is working with M Norby for Funfest planning.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Funfest Special Event Open Container Application from June 7, 2024 at 11:00 am ending June 10, 2024 at 2:00 am. Motion by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Weishapple, to approve Funfest Special Event Open Container Application from June 7, 2024 at 11:00 am ending June 10, 2024 at 2:00 am. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Fire Department moved to after 8. Closed Session.

Ambulance Department: Co-Director Bignell was present to give an update on the new EMR hire.

Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report: Engineer Kiviniemi gave an update of the City projects.

Public Works/Utilities: Public Works Director Gilles gave an update of City projects. He gave tours today of the sewer plant to the 5th grade class. He gave an update of the basketball court at Tarrant Park. Public Works Director Gilles also discussed the start of some of the pool project. Sealcoating will begin next week, due to some delays.

Discussion and possible action regarding Safe Drinking Water Loan Application for Water Filter Plant Project. The current Filter was built in 1992 and is in need of replacement. Motion by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Kavanaugh, to approve applying for the Safe Drinking Water Loan Application for Water Filter Plant Project not to exceed \$6,500. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Income Survey for Madison Street CDBG Grant Application. No private information is taken during the survey, just if your income falls below or above the amounts. Motion by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Menke, to approve applying the Income Survey for Madison Street CDBG Grant Application not to exceed \$7,000. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding Cedar Corporation Construction Engineering Services proposal for the 6th Avenue East Reconstruction Project. Motion by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Roesler, to approve Cedar Corporation Construction Engineering Services proposal for the 6th Avenue East Reconstruction Project. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Fire Department: Fire Chief King gave the April report for the Fire Department. There were 13 Fire calls for the month of April, 4 City calls, 9 Rural calls. The first half of the Fire Inspections are complete. The Fire Fundraiser went very well.

Closed Session: Motion to go into closed session at 8:08 pm by Council Member Weishapple, seconded by Council Member Roesler pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session regarding Fire District negotiations and related cost allocation. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion to go back into open session by Council Member Kavanaugh, seconded by Council Member Menke at 8:45 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The Mayor thanked Fire Chief King and City Administrator Rasmussen for all of their work on this process.

Discussion and possible action regarding the negotiations to form a regional Fire District. Motion by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Menke, to approve negotiations to form a regional Fire District no later than July 2025 or to reassess the City's cost allocation. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

Discussion and possible action regarding City support for the Fire Department ordering a new Tender vehicle. Motion by Council Member Menke, seconded by Council Member Kavanaugh, to approve City support for the Fire Department ordering a new Tender vehicle with the City's portion not to exceed \$40,700. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Menke to approve the vouchers presented #29650 – 29685 in the amount of \$59,071.46, and payroll for May 24, 2024 in the amount of \$29,503.48. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next meeting is a Special City Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 5:30 pm, and the Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Weishapple, seconded by Council Member Menke at 8:57 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Angela Morgan, City Clerk