

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 26, 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 Co-Director Bignell. Due and proper notice of meeting was confirmed.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Comment: None

Mayoral Proclamation for Logan Weissinger – motion by Council Member Menke, seconded by Council Member Weishapple. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Scheduled Appearances: Life Saving Award ceremony – Police Chief Ridgeway, Sheriff Werner, presented certificates thanking the Firefighters, Dispatchers, EMTs, and Police Officers for their great work on the lifesaving incident in May. Fire Chief King, and Ambulance Director Bignell also thanked those involved in the incident.

Consent Agenda: The City Council Members reviewed the Regular Council Meeting minutes from June 12, 2024, Special Council Meeting minutes from June 12, 2024 and bartender licenses for Kalley J Hagen at Rooster Tail Bar, Caitlyn A Clark and Cristina I Price at Consumer's Coop; Katie M Hooker, Paul W Hooker, Gina M Hurlburt and Troy J LaPorte at Spot Bar. Motion by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve Regular Council Meeting minutes from June 12, 2024, Special Council Meeting minutes from June 12, 2024, Kalley J Hagen at Rooster Tail Bar, Caitlyn A Clark and Cristina I Price at Consumer's Coop; Katie M Hooker, Paul W Hooker, Gina M Hurlburt and Troy J LaPorte at Spot Bar as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote, with Council Member Hooker abstaining

Business Agenda - Mayor's Report: Mayor Milliren gave an update of City events. He thanked DIG for Music in the Park last week, the music was very enjoyable. Thank you to Bauer Built for their great event. Thank you to the Sportsman's Club for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new basketball court.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Rasmussen gave an update on City events. He thanked Pepin County Health Dept and Durand Swim Club for their work on coordinating a bus for swimming lessons in Ellsworth.

Discussion and possible action regarding Coin Machine licenses for Bodhi's Saloon, LLC, Cell Block, LLC, Corral Bar & Riverside Grill, Durand-Arkansaw School District, Pepin County, Rooster Tail Bar & Grill LLC, The Spot Bar LLC, To Go. Motion by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Menke to approve the Coin Machine licenses for Bodhi's Saloon, LLC, Cell Block, LLC, Corral Bar & Riverside Grill, Durand-Arkansaw School District, Pepin County, Rooster Tail Bar & Grill LLC, The Spot Bar LLC, To Go. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote, with Council Member Hooker abstaining

Discussion and possible action regarding CDBG Housing Loan Application #86. Motion by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve CDBG Housing Loan Application #86 in the amount of \$17,925. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion and possible action regarding foreclosed CDBG Housing Loans #24, 43, 48, 52 & 54. Motion by Council Member Weishapple, seconded by Council Member Kavanaugh to approve writing off foreclosed CDBG Housing Loans #43, 52 & 54 in the amount of \$57,443. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Safety – Police Department: Police Chief Ridgeway did not have an update.

Fire Department: Fire Chief King was not able to give an update.

Ambulance Department: Co-Director Bignell was not available for an update.

Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report: Engineer R. Kiviniemi gave an update of the City projects. He gave an update on the 6th Avenue E project; it is moving along well. The Water Filter plant project is coming along well.

Public Works/Utilities: Public Works Director Gilles gave an update of the Public Works Department. He discussed the Public Works projects.

Discussion and possible action regarding a change order request from Durand Builders in the amount of \$35,761.00 for the Durand Swimming Pool Project. Motion by Council Member Kavanaugh, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck to approve the change order request from Durand Builders in the amount of \$35,761.00 for the Durand Swimming Pool Project. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding pay request from Durand Builders for the Durand Swimming Pool Project in the amount of \$121,267.50. Motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve pay request #2 from Durand Builders for the Durand Swimming Pool Project in the amount of \$121,267.50. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding Next Level Excavating pay request #1 in the amount of \$57,010.77 for the 6th Avenue E project. Motion by Council Member Menke, seconded by Council Member Weishapple to approve regarding Next Level Excavating pay request #1 in the amount of \$57,010.77 for the 6th Avenue E project. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding replacing the #1 pump at the Lift Station, and related budget increase, for an amount not to exceed \$34,000. Motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve regarding replacing the #1 pump at the Lift Station, and related budget increase, for an amount not to exceed \$34,000. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and presentation relating to the Madison Street project. Administrator Rasmussen gave an update on the Madison Street funding.

Closed Session #1: Motion to go into closed session at 7:55 pm by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Roesler pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of “considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the City Council has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility” relative to the Administrator/Treasurer position. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion to go back into open session by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Menke at 8:46 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

No action was taken.

Closed Session #2: Motion to go into closed session at 8:48 pm by Council Member Weishapple, seconded by Council Member Menke pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of “considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the City Council has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility” relative to employee compensation. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion to go back into open session by Council Member Weishapple, seconded by Council Member Menke at 8:55 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion and possible action regarding employee compensation. Motion by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve an increase of \$0.51 for the Public Works Director beginning the next payroll. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve the vouchers presented #29733 – 29776 in the amount of \$287,684.17, payroll for June 7, 2024 in the amount of \$32,716.90, and payroll for June 21, 2024 in the amount of \$30,692.01. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The next City Council Meeting is the City Council Meeting on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Roesler at 8:59 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Angela Morgan, City Clerk