

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 14, 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, City Clerk Morgan, Police Chief Ridgeway, and Ambulance Director Miller were also in attendance. Absent: Fire Chief King. Due and proper notice of meeting was confirmed.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Council Member Hartung and seconded by Council Member Schofield 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 June 28, 2021, Bartender Licenses for Selina R Barstad, Rhonda S Bauer, Kimberly M Pickering for Cell Block, Tammy R Anderson, Norma J Scially, Christina M Blodgett, Danielle R Moore for Durand Travel Stop; a Picnic License for Blue's On The Chippewa Event for August 6 – 8, 2021; and a new agent for Cenergy LLC dba Durand Travel Stop, Robert Fraley. Motion by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes from June 28, 2021, Bartender Licenses for Selina R Barstad, Rhonda S Bauer, Kimberly M Pickering for Cell Block, Tammy R Anderson, Norma J Scially, Christina M Blodgett, Danielle R Moore for Durand Travel Stop; a Picnic License for Blue's On The Chippewa Event for August 6 – 8, 2021; and a new agent for Cenergy LLC dba Durand Travel Stop, Robert Fraley as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Business Agenda - Mayor's Report: Mayor Milliren gave an update of the City events. The State Budget has been approved. There will be more Mental Health Beds added to the Eau Claire area. Mayor Milliren discussed the positive things that have returned to the community.

Presentation of Proclamation **Resolution 21-09** Recognizing Parker Schneider For Two First Place Medals at the Division 3 Track & Field State Meet. Offered by Council Member Schofield, motion by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve the Proclamation **Resolution 21-09** Recognizing Parker Schneider For Two First Place Medals at the Division 3 Track & Field State Meet. Roll Call Votes: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Presentation of Proclamation **Resolution #21-10** for the Durand-Arkansaw School District Golf Team. Offered by Council Member Hartung, motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Schofield to approve the Proclamation **Resolution #21-10** for the Durand-Arkansaw School District Golf Team. Roll Call Votes: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Administrators Report: The City Administrator gave an update of the City events. Administrator Rasmussen discussed the **American Rescue Act**.

Discussion and possible action to accept a bid for the issuance of \$465,000 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Note, Series 2021A to refinance outstanding City Tax Increment District Debt. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Gilles to approve the bid for the issuance of \$465,000 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Note, Series 2021A to refinance outstanding City Tax Increment District Debt. Roll Call Votes: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding the street closure request for Blue's on the Chippewa Event August 6 - 7, 2021. Motion by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Schneider to approve the street closure request for Blue's on the Chippewa Event August 6-7, 2021. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Open Container request for Blue's On The Chippewa Event August 6 – 7, 2021. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Hartung to approve the Open Container request for Blue's On The Chippewa Event August 6 – 7, 2021 contingent upon the Police Chief's approval. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion and possible action regarding bids for City-owned property on Auth Street. No bids were received, it was referred back to the Finance Committee.

Public Safety – Police Department: Chief Ridgeway gave an update of the Police Department. Officer Bonnerup will be back at the School and out of the Police rotation by the middle of August. We have hired a new Part-time Officer. We have received great support for the National Night Out Event which will be on Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

Fire Department: Fire Chief King was not able to attend the meeting, but did provide a written report.

Ambulance Department: Ambulance Director Miller gave an update on the Ambulance Department. Ambulance Department staffing was discussed.

Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report: R. Kiviniemi was present to discuss the 3rd Avenue, Drier, Laneville Street project. The Prospect Street detour was discussed, it should be completed by the end of this week. The underground work on the 3rd Avenue East portion should be completed by next week. All of the utilities have been completed on Drier Street. Sanitary Sewer is being laid on Laneville Avenue this week.

Public Works/Utilities: Public Works Director Gilles gave an update of the Public Works Department. Lots 5 and 6 on Auth Street were discussed, it will go to the Planning Commission next. The RBC should be shipped to us by the beginning of August. The Pool is currently running.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Request and Certification for Payment No. 2 from A-1 Excavating, Inc in the amount of \$224,808.95 for the 3rd Avenue East Reconstruction Project. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Gilles to approve Request and Certification for Payment No. 2 from A-1 Excavating, Inc in the amount of \$224,808.95 for the 3rd Avenue East Reconstruction Project. Roll Call Votes: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding a Change Order for the 3rd Avenue Project ("S" Curve Issue). Motion by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve a Change Order for the 3rd Avenue Project ("S" Curve Issue) not to exceed \$14,260. Roll Call Votes: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Closed Session: Motion to go into closed session at 7:43 pm by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Schofield pursuant to Wis. Statutes 19.85(1)(c) and Wis. Statutes 19.85 (1)(f). Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

Discussion and possible recommendation relating to the consideration for the employment for the Police Department. Motion by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Roesler to

approve to hire Police Officer Christopher Erickson for the Full-time position. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Schneider to approve the vouchers presented #27072 – 27120 in the amount of \$352,978.93. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

The next meeting is the Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Gilles at 8:03 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Angela Morgan, City Clerk