

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 10, 2022

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

Roll Call: Present – Council Members Gilles, Hayden, Hooker, Roesler, Schofield, and Weisenbeck. Also Present: City Administrator Rasmussen, City Clerk Morgan, Public Works Director Gilles, Police Chief Ridgeway, and City Engineer Kiviniemi. Absent: Fire Chief King, Ambulance Director Miller. Due and proper notice of meeting was confirmed.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Comment: E. Bauer was present to comment on the current bids that we received for the Durand Community Pool Replacement Project.

Scheduled Appearances: None

Consent Agenda: The City Council Members reviewed the Regular Council Meeting minutes from July 27, 2022, bartender licenses for Tiffany L Kraayvanger at Handy Mart. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Hayden to approve Regular Council Meeting minutes from July 27, 2022, as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The Bartender license request for Tiffany L Kraayvanger at Handy Mart has been postponed to be further reviewed and brought back to the August 24, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Business Agenda - Mayor's Report: Mayor Milliren gave an update on the City events. The Mayor discussed Blue's on the Chippewa Event last weekend and the Partisan Primary Election on Tuesday. The Mayor thanked the pool staff for their great season. Congratulations to Chief Ridgeway on the National Night Out Event last week.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Rasmussen gave an update of the City events. The former Bubba's building has been demolished today. The property is owned by Pepin County, it is our understanding that it will be put up for sale/auction. Budget Meetings will be coming up in September and October. Camping during Blue's on the Chippewa was discussed, the demand for camping has greatly increased. If there are any concerns that you would like discussed, please contact the Administrator. The Partisan Primary Election count was given by the City Clerk Morgan.

Public Safety – Police Department: Police Chief Ridgeway gave a report on the Police Department. Two new Part-time Officers will be starting once they have completed the Police Academy this fall. The new crossing lights have been installed by the football field and 6th Avenue. Blue's on the Chippewa went over very well. Congratulations to the Blue's committee. Officer Bonnerup will be going back to school later this month, he is working with the new School Staff. National Night Out went over very well, Ntec sponsored and manned the bouncy house. Chief Ridgeway thanked everyone for their support.

Fire Department: Fire Chief King was not present, but he provided the July monthly report.

Ambulance Department: Ambulance Director Miller was not present, but he provided the July monthly report.

Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report: R. Kiviniemi gave an engineering report. The final payment requests have been submitted from Skid Steer Guy and A-1 for the 3rd Avenue, Drier Street, and Laneville Avenue project. They will be submitted to City Council once they have been reviewed.

Public Works/Utilities: Public Works Director Gilles gave an update on Public Works related issues. The season closing report for the swimming pool were discussed. Country Lane sealcoating has been completed.

Discussion and possible action regarding Ash Trees in the City Boulevards. The Urban Forestry Grants that are available were discussed. The Grants are a 50% match. Motion by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Hooker to apply for an Urban Forestry Grant. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion and possible action regarding awarding bids for the Durand Community Pool Replacement Project. The bids that were received for the project, the bids were higher than expected. The project bids came in \$1,438,080 over the estimated budget of \$3,000,000 (47.94% over budget). Re-bid/schedule, making some changes/cuts, and further fundraising were options that were discussed. No action will be taken tonight, this will be brought back in 2 weeks at the next City Council Meeting.

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Hayden to approve the vouchers presented #28066 – 28114 in the amount of \$130,423.39, and payroll for August 5, 2022 in the amount of \$32,724.14. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next meeting is the Regular Council Meeting on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Roesler at 7:40 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Angela Morgan, City Clerk