

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 14, 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 Carlson, City Clerk Morgan, Police Chief Ridgeway, Fire Chief King, and Ambulance Co-Director Bignell. Absent: Public Works Director Gilles. Due and proper notice of meeting was confirmed.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Comment: B Zika and C Bauer were present to invite everyone to the 150th Anniversary Pepin County Heritage Center on Saturday, August 17, 2024. There will be some fun events, the Museum will be open for self-guided tours as well.

Scheduled Appearances: None

Consent Agenda: The City Council Members reviewed the Regular Council Meeting minutes from July 24, 2024, Bartender licenses for Madisyn S Kilboten at Spot Bar; Gurvir Singh at To Go; Eric J Sheehan at Family Dollar; and James M Gilbertson for Consumer's Coop. Motion by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Kavanaugh to approve Regular Council Meeting minutes from July 24, 2024, Bartender licenses for Madisyn S Kilboten at Spot Bar; Gurvir Singh at To Go; and James M Gilbertson for Consumer's Coop as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote, with Council Member Hooker abstaining to approve all the applicants except Eric J Sheehan at Family Dollar.

Business Agenda - Mayor's Report: Mayor Milliren gave an update of City events. The Mayor discussed Blue's on the Chippewa event and location change, the event really well. He also discussed the upcoming Music in the Park next Wednesday. The Mayor thanked the City Clerk and the Election staff for their work at the Partisan Primary yesterday. He also discussed the ongoing work to form a Fire District. He also discussed the meeting with Xcel Energy and the sale of a few of their parcels.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Carlson gave her first Administrator's report. Administrator Carlson discussed reviewing the budget. She also discussed a meeting with the School District. Administrator Carlson discussed reviewing health insurance. She discussed the budget report.

Discussion and possible action regarding granting the Façade Enhancement Grant Application for the Main Street side of Heike Pharmacy, Charles and Calli Heike. Motion by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve the Façade Enhancement Grant Application for the Main Street side of Heike Pharmacy, Charles and Calli Heike. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

Discussion and possible action regarding granting the Façade Enhancement Grant Application for the Madison Street side of Heike Pharmacy, Charles and Calli Heike. Motion by Council Member Weishapple, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve the Façade Enhancement Grant Application for the Madison Street side of Heike Pharmacy, Charles and Calli Heike. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of tablets for the City Council Emails and Council packets. Motion by Council Member Menke, seconded by Council Member Kavanaugh to approve the purchase of Samsung Galaxy A9+ tablets with screen protectors and cases for the City Council Emails, and Council packets. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

Public Safety – Police Department: Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update on the Police department. Chief Ridgeway discussed Blue's on the Chippewa and handicap parking. National Night Out was a huge success, he also thanked Administrator Carlson and her husband for their assistance. He also thanked everyone that assisted with the event. The Mayor thanked Chief Ridgeway for the great National Night Out event.

Discussion and possible action regarding Special Event Street Closure application for Trunk or Treat Event on October 26, 2024. Motion by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve the Special Event Street Closure application for Trunk or Treat Event on October 26th. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion and possible action regarding Special Event Street Closure application for DIG Taste of Durand Event on August 21, 2024. Motion by Council Member Weishapple, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck to approve the Special Event Street Closure application for DIG Taste of Durand Event on August 21st, with the addition of closing 2nd Avenue at Main Street. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Fire Department: Fire Chief King gave an update on Fire Department. The Fire Department responded to 11 calls in July. The new ladder truck arrived on August 6, 2024. The Fire Department is planning an Open House.

Ambulance Department: Co Director Bignell gave an update of the Ambulance Department. For the month of July there were a Total of 32 Ambulance calls, 0 missed calls, 30 were emergent, there were 2 transfer requests and both were completed. Director Bignell also discussed upcoming trainings.

Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report: Engineer R. Kiviniemi gave an update on the City Projects. He gave an update on the Swimming Pool project. Engineer Kiviniemi also gave an update on the 6th Avenue E project; the final asphalt layer is complete. He also gave an update on the Water Filter Plant project. Engineer Kiviniemi gave an update on the Madison Street CDBG potential income survey, this project would not qualify for the project.

Public Works/Utilities: Public Works Director Gilles was not present at the meeting.

Discussion and possible action regarding beginning a full PSC rate increase study. Motion by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Menke to beginning a full PSC rate increase study. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Weishapple to approve the vouchers presented #29848 – 29897 in the amount of \$89,200.32, payroll for August 2, 2024 in the amount of \$31,879.65 and payroll for August 16, 2024 in the amount of \$35,450.31. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next City Council Meeting is the City Council Meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Menke at 7:50 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Angela Morgan, City Clerk