

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 23, 2023

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

Roll Call: Present – Council Members Hayden, Hooker, Menke, Roesler, Weisenbeck, and Weishapple. Also Present: Administrator Rasmussen, City Clerk Morgan, Public Works Director Gilles, and Police Chief Ridgeway. Absent: Fire Chief King, Ambulance Co-Directors Bignell and Doughty, and City Engineer Kiviniemi. 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: None

Scheduled Appearances: None

Presentation for former Council Member Steve Schofield.

Consent Agenda: The City Council Members reviewed the Regular Council Meeting minutes from August 9, 2023 and bartender licenses for Courtney E Wieland for Roostertail Bar, and Desiree J Anderson for Corral Bar, and a Picnic License for St. Mary's Assumption Parish Fall Festival at 911 W Prospect Street on Saturday, September 10, 2023. Motion by Council Member Weishapple, seconded by Council Member Menke to approve Regular Council Meeting minutes from August 9, 2023, and bartender licenses for Courtney E Wieland for Roostertail Bar, and Desiree J Anderson for Corral Bar, and a Picnic License for St. Mary's Assumption Parish Fall Festival at 911 W Prospect Street on Saturday, September 10, 2023 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. The Mayor thanked the staff for another successful swimming pool season. With a special thank you to Public Works Director Gilles and the Public Works staff, lifeguard staff, Pool Director Walton, Administrator Rasmussen, Admin Assistant King, and City Clerk Morgan for all of their work this season. He thanked everyone that helped while he was out for a family tragedy, Council President Hooker, the Durand Ambulance staff, Pepin County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Sheriff Roesler, Durand Police Department, Durand Fire Department, and everyone that assisted in the accident.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Rasmussen gave an update on recent City events. Administrator Rasmussen discussed the CDBG Program, we have funds that are available. We are trying to get the information out to the public. If you are interested or have questions, please contact City Hall or Cedar Corporation. He also mentioned the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Annual Conference in October. Yard maintenance was also discussed.

Discussion on 2024 Budget Process and preliminary meeting dates. Public Works on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, Public Safety on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 with an additional date, if necessary, a Finance Meeting on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, and a Budget Hearing Meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2023.

Discussion and possible action regarding renewal of the contact between the Durand-Arkansas Board of Education, Library Board, and The City of Durand. Motion by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Weishapple to approve the amended contract between the Durand-Arkansas Board of Education, Library Board, and The City of Durand. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Public Safety – Police Department: Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update on the Department. Police Chief Ridgeway has a potential new Part-time Officer. They have received donations for the Therapy Dog Program.

Fire Department: Fire Chief King was absent. He will present both his July and August reports at the September 13th meeting.

Ambulance Department: Co-Director Bignell and Doughty were not able to attend the meeting. The September schedule is almost completely filled.

Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report: Engineer R. Kiviniemi was absent.

Public Works/Utilities: Public Works Director Gilles gave an update on several Public Works. One of the F150 trucks has had a major structural issue and was totaled by the insurance company. Dollar General will be paving the area tomorrow from their sewer line repair, the road is scheduled to be open tomorrow. The curb work was pushed to next week due to the extreme weather this week. The reports came back this week for lead and copper, the City is well below the DNR requirement numbers. There was a water main leak on Main Street this afternoon. The water was shut off from roughly 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm for the repairs to be completed. He discussed the truck ordering process at this time.

Discussion and possible action regarding the pay request #1 from Next Level Excavation, LLC for the 12th Avenue project in the amount of \$34,883.28. Motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Hayden to approve pay request #1 from Next Level Excavation, LLC in the amount of \$34,883.28. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Public Works: Update on Tarrant Park Pool Project: Public Works Director Gilles gave an update on the bid process for Tarrant Park Pool Project. The bids will be out on Quest and Exchange sites tomorrow. It will be in the newspaper next week. The bids are due September 26, 2023 by 2 pm.

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve the vouchers presented #28973 – 29011 in the amount of \$103,943.68. Payroll for August 4, 2023 in the amount of \$30,214.17, and payroll for August 18, 2023 in the amount of \$32,495.75. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next City Council Meeting is on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Menke at 7:15 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Angela M Morgan, City Clerk