

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 24, 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, Public Works Director Gilles, Fire Chief King, Police Chief Ridgeway. Absent: City Clerk Morgan, City Engineer Kiviniemi, and Ambulance Director Miller. Due and proper notice of meeting was confirmed.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Comment: LeAnna Bender spoke on behalf of those supporting the dog park, noting that there was much behind the scenes support even though they don't all show up at council meetings. She also noted that if Hanson Park was ultimately not selected as a dog park, the land should be used for something that benefits more than just the nearby residents.

Scheduled Appearances: None.

Consent Agenda: At the request of Police Chief Ridgeway, Mayor Milliren asked that consideration of the bartender license for Tiffany L Kraayvanger for Handy Mart be moved to the Business Agenda. The City Council Members reviewed the Regular Council Meeting minutes from August 10, 2022. Motion by Council Member Hayden, seconded by Council Member Schofield to approve Regular Council Meeting minutes from August 10, 2022. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Business Agenda - Mayor's Report: Mayor Milliren noted that the Joint Cities meeting in Durand planned for August 31 was officially cancelled due to so few local cities responding. Staff will reach out and see if a meeting early in 2023 might work better. Mayor also mentioned the final Music in the Park event and related Taste of Durand tonight.

Discuss/consider bartender license for Tiffany L. Kraayvanger for Handy Mart. Chief Ridgeway explained that Ms. Kraayvanger was issued a license in September 2021 and is looking to renew. In hindsight, Chief Ridgeway indicated that Kraayvanger actually did not meet the guidelines last year, so he is not recommending that the council renew her license for 2022-23. Motion by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Schofield to deny the request. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Rasmussen added that staff would be discussing topics and potential dates for the Joint Cities Meeting at upcoming conferences. He also updated the Council on the Vacant Building process for 2022, and answered questions regarding complaints on the vacant property at 620 2nd Ave West.

Discussion on 2023 Budget Process and preliminary meeting dates. Rasmussen noted that after discussing the dates and process with staff, tentative dates for the budget discussion for Public Works would be October 5, 2022 and October 12 for Public Safety, culminating in the budget hearing for the 2023 budget being held at the Special Council Meeting of Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

Public Safety – Police Department: Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update regarding recent Active Threat and Active Shooter training at each school, as well as a reminder that the Trunk or Treat event is scheduled for Saturday, October 29, 2022 from 3-5pm.

Fire Department: Fire Chief King noted that work is required on the Mainline engine, estimated in the range of \$3-4,000, within the amount budgeted.

Ambulance Department: In Director Miller's absence, Administrator Rasmussen discussed some recent ambulance grant opportunities announced by the State of Wisconsin.

Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report: Absent; no updates.

Public Works/Utilities: Public Works Director Gilles gave an update on Public Works related issues, including work being done on patching streets and fire hydrant flow testing. Gilles also provided an update on the potential logging in Hanson Park as it pertains to the potential dog park. In discussions with area loggers, it appears the value of the timber harvested would be close to a break-even for any logging effort.

Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 22-03 A Resolution Authorizing Applying for an Urban Forestry Grant. Administrator Rasmussen explained that he and Public Works Director Gilles had discussed the grant options with a representative from the DNR so the recommendation was to apply for a \$5,000 grant and find property owners willing to match the other portion. Resolution 22-03 offered by Council Member Schofield, motion by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve 22-03 A Resolution Authorizing Applying for an Urban Forestry Grant in the amount of \$5,000. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding awarding bids for the Durand Community Pool Replacement Project. Public Works Director Gilles summarized the bids for the pool project and options were discussed. Gilles stressed that according to the vendors he talked with, there probably would not be a significant decrease, if any, if bid later early next year. Mayor Milliren suggested having a discussion at a future council meeting outlining options for re-bidding the project in the future, official action regarding the bids, and discussing additional fund-raising efforts with the pool group. No Action taken at this time.

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Gilles to approve the vouchers presented #28127 – 28150 in the amount of \$53,744.00, payroll (checks 28116 – 28126 and vouchers) for August 19, 2022 in the amount of \$34,508.70 Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next meeting is the Regular Council Meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Gilles at 7:25 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Scott Rasmussen, City Administrator