

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 13, 2023

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

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

Scheduled Appearances: None

Consent Agenda: The City Council Members reviewed the Regular Council Meeting minutes from August 23, 2023 and bartender licenses for Niccole R Morris at the Spot Bar. Motion by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Menke to approve Regular Council Meeting minutes from August 23, 2023, and bartender licenses for Niccole R Morris at the Spot Bar as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote, with Council Member Hooker abstaining.

Public Hearings: A public hearing was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Mayor Milliren to consider any public input relating to a Combination “Class “A”” Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage License for Dolgencorp, LLC dba Dollar General Store #24743, agent Quinn Fuentes at 1106 E. Prospect Street. Seeing that no one wishes to address the Council on the Combination “Class “A”” Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage License for Dolgencorp, LLC dba Dollar General Store #24743, Mayor Milliren closed the hearing at 6:32 p.m.

Business Agenda - Mayor’s Report: Mayor Milliren gave an update on City events. Mayor Milliren discussed Council Member Weishapple’s absence. Mayor Milliren gave a brief update of the meeting with the Pool Group before the Council Meeting today.

Administrator’s Report: Administrator Rasmussen gave an update on the budget meeting schedules.

Discussion and possible action regarding a “Class “A”” Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage License for Dolgencorp, LLC. dba Dollar General Store #24743, agent, Quinn Fuentes at 1106 E Prospect Street. Motion by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Menke to approve the “Class “A”” Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage License for Dolgencorp, LLC. dba Dollar General Store #24743, agent, Quinn Fuentes at 1106 E Prospect Street. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion and possible action regarding **Resolution #23-06** A Resolution Authorizing Applying for an Urban Forestry Grant. **Resolution #23-06** was offered by Council Member Hooker, motion by Council Member Hayden, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck to approve **Resolution #23-06** A Resolution Authorizing Applying for an Urban Forestry Grant. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Public Safety – Police Department: Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update on the upcoming Homecoming weekend. The Homecoming Parade will be on Friday. Trunk or treat will be on the next City Council agenda. The potential Part-time Officer has been hired by another agency for a Full-time position.

Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update on the Therapy Dog Program. The Therapy Dog program fund raising has been going very well. They have received great support from the community. The program is received enough funding to support it most of the way through 2025.

Fire Department: Fire Chief King gave both his July and August reports for the Fire Department. In July there were 12 calls and in August there were 6 calls.

Ambulance Department: Co-Director Bignell was present to give the August Ambulance report. There were a total of 30 calls for the month. 27 were 911 call, all of those were made, and 3 transfers that were not made. S Ridgeway is the newest EMR. CVTC is hosting an EMT 1 class in Durand, it will be done October 19th.

Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report: Engineer R. Kiviniemi gave an update of City projects. The 12th Avenue E is complete except for the paving which will be done the last week of September. Continued work on the design on 2024 Madison Street project. There is an Informational Open House Meeting for the Madison Street project on Monday, October 2nd. The Engineers and PW Director did a walk thru this week to discuss the ADA compliance rules.

Public Works/Utilities: Public Works Director Gilles gave an update on the department – the 2024 Madison Street reconstruction project public open house on the project with updated plans; and the New Wastewater Treatment Plant Permit begins on October 1st.

Closed Session: Motion to go into closed session at 7:01 pm by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Roesler pursuant to Wis. Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility relative to the annual performance evaluation for the City Administrator. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

No action taken.

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve the vouchers presented #29012 – 29064 in the amount of \$96,942.57. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next meetings are a Safety Committee Meeting is on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 5:00 pm, a Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 6:30 pm, and tentative upcoming meetings: Public Works Committee Meeting on Monday, October 9, 2023, Safety Committee Meeting on October 11, 2023 and a Finance Meeting on Monday, October 23, 2023.

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