

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 25, 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, Public Works Director Gilles, and Police Chief Ridgeway. Absent: Fire Chief King and Ambulance Co-Director Bignell. Due and proper notice of meeting was confirmed.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Comment: None

Scheduled Appearances: Josh Low from Ehler's to discuss the City's Finance state and the TIF updates.

Consent Agenda: The City Council Members reviewed the Regular Council Meeting minutes from September 11, 2024, and a Picnic License request for "Brew's on The Chippewa" on October 19, 2024 from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Motion by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve Regular Council Meeting minutes from September 11, 2024, and a Picnic License request for "Brew's on The Chippewa" on October 19, 2024 from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm as presented under the Consent Agenda.

Business Agenda - Mayor's Report: Mayor Milliren gave an update of City events. Mayor Milliren, Administrator Carlson, and Fire Chief King met with Rural Fire Department to discuss creating a Fire District. Congratulations to the Fire Department on the Push-In Ceremony for the new ladder truck on Saturday. The Library will be meeting for long range planning for the library in a few weeks.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Carlson gave her first Administrator's report. Administrator Carlson discussed the upcoming Committee meetings for the Budget.

Discussion and possible action regarding an IT Audit. The Council would like to move forward on getting RFP's for an IT Audit.

Public Safety – Police Department: Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update on the Police department. Chief Ridgeway discussed Homecoming week plans.

Discussion and possible action regarding Chicken Ordinance. Motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Menke to approve Chicken Ordinance with the addition under Section 1 item 3 adding "within fenced area". Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

Discussion and possible action regarding handgun replacement purchase. Motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Menke to approve handgun replacement with mini red dot sights in \$7,787 with \$5,000 donation, \$1,910 credit for exchange, and \$217.33 credit with Ray O'Herron. The balance of \$659.67 will come out of vehicle maintenance budget. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

Fire Department: Fire Chief King was not in attendance.

Ambulance Department: Co Director Bignell was not in attendance.

Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report: Engineer R. Kiviniemi gave an update on the City projects. The final pay request for 6th Avenue is on the agenda.

Public Works/Utilities: Public Works Director Gilles gave an update of the Public Works department. Director Gilles discussed the current projects in the City. He also gave an update on the Swimming Pool project.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Next Level pay request #4 in the amount of \$18,201.43. Motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve Next Level pay request #4 in the amount of \$18,201.43. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Durand Builders pay request in the amount of \$464,626. Motion by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Kavanaugh approve Durand Builders pay request in the amount of \$464,626. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Closed Session: Motion to go into closed session at 7:34 pm by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Menke pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for “deliberating or negotiating the investing of public funds or conduction other specified business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session” relative to review and the discussion of Economic Development Revolving Loan for Little Beginnings Child Care. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion to go back into open session by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Weishapple at 7:53 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

No action was taken

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Motion to go back into open session by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Menke at 8:16 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

No action was taken

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Weishapple, seconded by Council Member Kavanaugh to approve the vouchers presented #29979 – 30001 in the amount of \$548,859.35. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next City Council Meeting is the City Council Meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Menke, seconded by Council Member Hooker at 8:20 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Angela Morgan

Angela Morgan, City Clerk