

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 25, 2023

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

Roll Call: Present – Council Members Hayden, Hooker, Menke, Roesler (Arrived 7:15 pm), Weisenbeck, and Weishapple. Also Present: Administrator Rasmussen, Public Works Director Gilles, Police Chief Ridgeway, and City Engineer Kiviniemi. Absent: City Clerk Morgan. Due and proper notice of meeting was confirmed.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Council Member Hooker and seconded by Council Member Hayden 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 October 11, 2023. Motion by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Weishapple to approve Regular Council Meeting minutes from October 11, 2023 as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Business Agenda - Mayor's Report: Mayor Milliren congratulated the members of the Durand/Arkansaw cross-country team heading to State and reminded everyone about the Trunk or Treat event this weekend.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Rasmussen provided a brief update on the 2024 budget process and a reminder on the required budget hearing scheduled as part of the November 15, 2023 special council meeting.

Public Safety – Police Department: Police Chief Ridgeway also provided an update on the Trunk or Treat event. He thanked Bauer Built for their \$10,000 donation to the therapy dog program and noted that dog would be picked up later in November to begin training. He also discussed the new pedestrian crossing at St. Mary's School.

Fire Department: No updates.

Ambulance Department: Administrator Rasmussen noted that on-call scheduling and related 911 and transfer coverage remained strong.

Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report: Engineer R. Kiviniemi provided an update on the Madison Street design and discussed the potential application for a low-interest loan for the future water filter plant project.

Public Works/Utilities: Public Works Director Gilles provided an update on park closings and leaf sweeping and answered questions on public works related issues.

Discussion and possible action regarding the 6th Avenue E engineering. Motion by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve the 6th Avenue E engineering proposal from Cedar Corp to a cost not to exceed \$19,500. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

There were no questions or related discussion regarding the Tarrant Park Pool Project.

Closed Session: Motion to go into closed session at 7:02 pm by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Menke pursuant to Wis. Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the “deliberating or negotiating the investing of public funds or conducting other specified business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session” relative to review and discussion of proprietary information regarding Tarrant Park Pool Project. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

No action taken out of closed session.

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck to approve the vouchers presented #29133 – 29156 in the amount of \$80,827.06. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next meeting is a Special Budget Hearing Meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2023.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Hayden, seconded by Council Member Menke at 8:07 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Scott Rasmussen, City Administrator