

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 27, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Patrick J. Milliren
Roll Call: Present – Council Members Gilles, Hartung, Hooker, Roesler, Schneider, and Schofield.
Also: Administrator Rasmussen, City Clerk Morgan, Public Works Director Gilles, and Police Chief
Ridgeway were also in attendance. Absent: Fire Chief King, 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: None

Scheduled Appearances: None

Consent Agenda: The City Council Members reviewed the Regular Council Meeting minutes from
October 13, 2021 and a bartender license application for Kiya J Krings for Bodhi's Saloon. Motion
by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Schofield to approve the Regular
Council Meeting minutes from October 13, 2021 and a bartender license application for Kiya J
Krings for Bodhi's Saloon as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous
voice vote.

Public Hearing: A public hearing was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Mayor Milliren to consider
any public input relating to the Preliminary Special Assessments for Drier Street (E Laneville
Avenue to end terminus) E. Laneville Avenue (310 Feet North of Lee Street to Country Lane) Curb
and Gutter, Driveway Entrances, Sanitary Sewer Laterals, and Restoration.

The following residents spoke regarding the proposed special assessments:

K. Traun at 428 Drier Street, B. Hooker at 1321 Laneville Avenue, D. Miles at 1329 Laneville
Avenue, J. Sedlmayr at 1108 Laneville Avenue, M. Wagner at 1209 Laneville Avenue, T. Morris at
508 South Street, and T. Hooker at 407 2nd Avenue East.

All spoke against the assessments and there were several comments regarding why grants were
not obtained, traffic patterns, and general complaints regarding the proposed cost to residents.

The questions that were raised were answered by the Mayor, Public Works Director, and Project
Engineer (Cedar). The fees will be charged for substantial completion until the project is
completed. The grants were applied for the 3rd Avenue East project was for low to moderate
income levels. The City Council chose not to split up the project into 2 projects on Laneville so that
all of the construction mess would be done once and not drug out for several years. The City did
apply for the 90/10 Grant and we did not receive it for Laneville. The reasoning behind applying for
the Grant for Madison Street, it has limited utilities on the project, the Grant funds will cover more
of the project.

Mayor Milliren closed the hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Public Hearing: A public hearing was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by Mayor Milliren to consider
any public input relating to **Resolution 21-13** A Resolution Adopting the Pepin County Redistricting
Plan For The City Of Durand. Seeing that no wished to address the Council regarding on the
pending **Resolution 21-13** A Resolution Adopting the Pepin County Redistricting Plan for the City
of Durand, Mayor Milliren closed the hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Business Agenda - Mayor's Report: Mayor Milliren gave an update of the City events. Mayor Milliren thanked the Olson family for their donation to the Library. Best of Luck to the Durand Students going to State this weekend. Reminder that the Trunk or Treat Event will be this Saturday on Main Street.

Administrators Report: The City Administrator gave an update of the City events. Administrator Rasmussen gave an update on the Kwik Trip project. The Finance Committee met on Monday, October 25, 2021. The Health Insurance numbers have come in at 5%, the same amount that was budgeted. Administrator Rasmussen will be reviewing the numbers per department.

Discussion and possible action regarding Preliminary Special Assessments for the Drier Street and Laneville Avenue project. Motion by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Roesler to **not** Special Assessment for the Drier Street and Laneville Avenue project. Roll Call Vote: 2 ayes, 3 nays, and 2 abstain. Motion denied.

Discussion and possible action regarding **Resolution #21-13** A Resolution Adopting the Pepin County Redistricting. Offer by Council Member Schofield, motion by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Schneider to adopt **Resolution #21-13** A Resolution Adopting the Pepin County Redistricting. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Public Safety – Police Department: Chief Ridgeway gave an update of the Police Department. Police Chief Ridgeway has hired a new Part-time Officer and he is looking for additional Officers. The trick or treat hours for Sunday are from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Council Member Gilles would like to discuss Country Lane parking.

Discussion regarding staff recommended changes to the Winter Parking Regulations. There are clarifications to the current Winter Parking Regulations.

Fire Department: Fire Chief King was unable to attend the meeting. Administrator Rasmussen discussed the demonstration of a ladder truck.

Ambulance Department: Ambulance Director Miller was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Milliren spoke regarding the class he attended at the WI League Conference that discussed the shortage of EMT's throughout the State.

Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report: R. Kiviniemi was present to discuss the E. Laneville Avenue project. The Contractor did state today that the curb will be completed by Wednesday, November 2, 2021.

Public Works/Utilities: Public Works Director Gilles gave an update of the Public Works Department. The City Parks are all closed and winterized.

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Gilles to approve the vouchers presented #27370 - 27390 in the amount of \$61,334.38, payroll for October 29, 2021 in the amount of \$25,315.02. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

The next meeting is a Special Committee Meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Schneider, seconded by Council Member Hartung at 8:02 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.