

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 13, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Council President Hooker.

Roll Call: Present – Council Members Hayden, Hooker, Menke, Roesler, Weisenbeck, and Weishapple. Mayor Milliren was present on the phone. Also Present: Administrator Rasmussen, Public Works Director Gilles, City Clerk Morgan, Police Chief Ridgeway, Fire Chief King, Ambulance Co-Director Bignell, and City Engineer Kiviniemi. Due and proper notice of meeting was confirmed.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Comment: J Kartman from Durand Swim Club was present to announce they received a grant in conjunction with Pepin County Health Department in the amount of \$20,000 for bathhouse handicap fixtures.

Scheduled Appearances: Officer Bonnerup introduced Therapy Dog Sam to the City Council.

Consent Agenda: The City Council Members reviewed the Special Council Meeting minutes from November 29, 2023 and bartender licenses for Cadence M Bauer for The Spot Bar. Motion by Council Member Weishapple, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck to approve Special Council Meeting minutes from November 29, 2023 and bartender licenses for Cadence M Bauer for The Spot Bar as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote with Council Member Hooker abstaining.

Business Agenda - Mayor's Report: Mayor Milliren thanked Council President Hooker for filling in for him. The first round of Economic Development letters will be going out in January. There will be a City Council Meeting on December 27th.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Rasmussen gave an update on the City. The tax bills were mailed out on Monday. He discussed the reduction in the current tax bills this year.

Discussion and possible action regarding renewal of Weber Inspections 2024 Building Inspector Contract. Motion by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Roelser to approve renewal of Weber Inspections 2024 Building Inspector Contract. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consider Appointment of election workers for the 2024 - 2025 term: Lynn Coulson, Linda Elsner, Rosanne Reckin, Wilhelmina Traun, and Joan Plumer. Motion by Council Member Hayden, seconded by Council Member Weishapple to appoint the named poll workers for the 2024 - 2025 term. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote

Public Safety – Police Department: Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update on Police Department. The application deadline closes tomorrow, interviews will be on Monday, December 18th. There was an alternator issue with one of the squad cars. There will be a fee increase on towed cars due to an increase from the towing company.

Fire Department: Fire Chief King gave the November report for the Fire Department. There were 14 calls in November. Santa will be coming to town on Saturday, December 23rd.

Ambulance Department: Co-Director Bignell was present to give the October and November Ambulance report. October had 39 911 calls, and 38 of those calls were made. There were 4 transfer requests and 3 transferred were made. November had 38 911 calls, all of those which were made, and 0 transfer requests.

Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report: Engineer R. Kiviniemi gave an update of City projects. The Madison Street project will be advertised in December and the bid opening will be January 18th. The 6th Avenue E project bidding will begin in February.

Public Works/Utilities: Public Works Director Gilles gave an update on the department – Cross connection inspections have been started by the Public Works staff. The schedule for Madison Street has been discussed to work around Funfest.

Discussion and possible action regarding notice to award Durand Community Swimming Pool Project bids. Motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Menke to approve Durand Community Swimming Pool Project base bid plus alternates 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in the amount of \$4,124,284 to Durand Builders. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Weishapple to approve the vouchers presented #29223 – 29261 in the amount of \$53,760.29. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next meeting is a Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at 6:30 pm, and January 10, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Hayden, seconded by Council Member Weishapple at 7:49 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Angela Morgan, City Clerk