

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
November 17, 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, Fire Chief King, and Ambulance Director Miller were also in attendance. Due and proper notice of meeting was confirmed.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

Motion by Council Member Hartung 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 27, 2021 and a bartender license application for Kiya J Krings for Bodhi's Saloon. Motion by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Schneider to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes from October 13, 2021 and a bartender license application for Summer L. Perry for Handy Mart, Alexis K McGrath for Cell Block, and September A Lukic for Durand Travel Stop as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Hearing:** The Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Milliren at 6:32 pm for the Annual Budget Hearing. There were no public comments on the budget. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:33 pm.

Discussion and possible action regarding employee compensation as budgeted for 2022. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve the 2.0% increase for the City Staff. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding the employee Health Insurance Renewal for 2022. Motion by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Roesler to renew health insurance with Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield for 2022 with a 5% increase. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion and possible action regarding the City of Durand Fee Schedule. The previous recommendations for utilities and ambulance rates were discussed. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Hooker to adjust the fee schedule as recommended, ambulance rates, and increasing the 2022 Stormwater Utility rates to \$8 per ERU. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution #21-14 was offered by Council Member Schofield, motion by Council Member Schneider, and seconded by Council Member Roesler to adopt Resolution #21-14 the 2022 Budget for the General Fund, Library Fund, Debt Service Fund, CDBG Housing Fund, TID #3 Fund, Water Utility Fund, Storm Water Fund, Sewer Utility Fund, and Ambulance Fund. Roll Call Vote: **6 ayes, 0 nays**. Motion carried.

**Business Agenda - Mayor's Report:** Mayor Milliren gave an update of the City events. Congratulate the DIG Group on the great turnout for the Trunk or Treat event. Good luck to all the deer hunters, have a safe hunt. Happy Thanksgiving.

**Administrators Report:** The City Administrator gave an update of the City events. Thank you to the staff for all the hard work they did with the budget process. Kwik Trip has been in contact with

Marron Foods regarding the project. The Bubba's property is now owned by Pepin County. The Vacant Building process has begun.

Discussion and possible action regarding renewal of Weber Inspections 2022 Building Inspector Contract. Motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Schofield to approve the renewal of Weber Inspections 2022 Building Inspector Contract. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion denied.

Discussion and possible action regarding **Resolution #21-15** A Resolution Formalizing A Plan For Reconstruction Of The Durand Municipal Swimming Pool. Offer by Council Member Schofield, motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Schneider to adopt **Resolution #21-15** A Resolution Formalizing A Plan For Reconstruction Of The Durand Municipal Swimming Pool. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nay. Motion carried.

**Public Safety – Police Department:** Chief Ridgeway gave an update of the Police Department. Chief Ridgeway has a new Part-time Police Officer that has started training. Trunk or Treat was a great event, it had a great turnout. Holiday Parade plans are complete. Explorer Program has had a good sign up. The new squad car has some equipment, they are waiting for some parts.

Discussion and possible action regarding staff recommended parking on Country Lane. Motion by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Roesler approved no parking on the south side of Country Lane from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West to 175 Country Lane apartment driveway with signage. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief King gave an update of the Fire Department. James Sedlmayr was selected as Fire Fighter of the Year. Two firefighters have completed training. Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date for Santa Riding on Fire Truck.

**Ambulance Department:** Ambulance Director Miller gave an update of the Ambulance Department. There are 2 new EMR's are training.

**Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report:** R. Kiviniemi was present to discuss the E. Laneville Avenue project. Restoration has begun on the Laneville Avenue project; it should be completed by this Friday or the first part of next week.

**Public Works/Utilities:** Public Works Director Gilles gave an update of the Public Works Department. There was a water service leak on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue E in the boulevard. The leak was fixed within about an hour. The street sweeper has been put away for the season.

Discussion and possible action regarding Request and Certification for Payment No. 6 from A-1 Excavating Inc in the amount of \$194,994.59 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East Reconstruction Project. Motion by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Schneider to approve Request and Certification for Payment No. 6 from A-1 Excavating Inc in the amount of \$194,994.59 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East Reconstruction Project. Roll Call Vote 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Vouchers:** Motion by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Schneider to approve the vouchers presented #27391 - 27434 in the amount of \$402,364.57, payroll for November 12, 2021 in the amount of \$23,387.89. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

The next meeting is a Regular Council Meeting on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Roesler at 7:54 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Angela Morgan, City Clerk