

**Regular Council Meeting
February 3, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Mayor Ottie (Robert) Baecker.

Roll Call: Deb Marsolek, Cleo Skroch, Linda Longmore, Randy Symicek and Jason Ekern. Tim Hanson Absent. 6 Present, 1 Absent.

Others Present: Attorney Laverne Michalak, City Clerk Tiffany Bautch, City Clerk Assistant Dawn Abrahamson, Sue Glenzinski (Trempealeau County Times), James Woychik (Historical Society), Kathy Manka (Historical Society), Lois Boe (Historical Society), Rita Boland and Police Chief James Waniorek.

Clerk Tiffany Bautch verified proof that public notice was given.

Approval of Agenda: Marsolek motioned to strike Agenda Item E, motioned to approve corrected agenda by Ekern, 2nd- Symicek Ayes: 5 Nays: 0, Motion carried.

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Motion to approve-Marsolek, 2nd –Ekern, Ayes: 5 Nays: 0, Motion carried.

Public Comments

None

Licenses and Permits

Bartender License- Leah Bieniek-East End Bar & Grill; Maria Hernandez Garcia-Dollar General; and Krishan Satyal-Independence Market. Skroch motioned to approve all 3 bartender licenses, seconded by Longmore. Ayes: 5 Nays:0, Motion carried.

Old Business

Lake Dredge Update- Symicek got a hold of Russ. Need to start getting bids. Russ will get it put on the website.

Historical Society/City Hall Basement Update- Mayor Baecker called the insurance company, they see no reason Historical Society can't work. Historical Society would have to get the key from the clerk's office and when done bring the key back to the clerk's office.

Campground- Council was provided with price options from Strum campground, Pietrek & our campground. Marsolek motioned to approve April 15-October 15 per night \$30, weekly \$150, monthly \$500, seasonal \$2,000, seconded by Skroch, Roll Call vote: Ayes:5 Nay: 0, Motion carried.

Payment for Christmas Light Decorating- Tabled until April.

New Business

Skroch motioned to move up Item K Update on DAM, seconded by Ekern. Ayes:5 Nays:0, Motion carried.

Update on DAM- 2 months of no water running over the dam. Boards are rotten and need to be replaced. Have run out of Options to fix. Concrete is chipping, but there are no major cracks. Lake District can apply for grants if dam is moved to Lake District. Symicek motioned to move dam to the lake district, second by Skroch. Voice vote, Ayes: 5 Nays. Motion Carried.

Friends of City Hall-Tabled until next month (March).

Monthly Meeting Date & Time- Motion to have meeting First Monday of the month at 5:30PM by Skroch, seconded by Marsolek. Ayes:5 Nays: 0, Motion carried.

Emergency Detention-Police- Options limited for Chapter 51 transports due to staffing issues. Skroch motioned to approve the use of Talon if there are no other options for transport, seconded by Longmore. Roll Vote: Ayes:5 Nays:0, Motion carried.

Employee Handbook-Police- This will be addressed during the LEP committee meeting.

Library and Community Center Update- Meeting with the Architect. Set on a floor plan.

Library and River Architects- Skroch motioned to approve contract with changes, second by Longmore. Roll Call Vote, Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motioned carried.

Rezoning Requirements for New Library and Community Center-No change in Rezoning. May need to request a change for flood elevation.

Sesquicentennial Celebration Plan- Contacting other groups to see if they can also help plan.

City Code Ordinance- Deb Marsolek to contact/meet with Jess in Laverne's Office.

Grant Applications-Water & Sewer: applied for the application for a possible grant to research the different options which would save money and can apply for a grant. Budget System Grant: Motioned by Skroch to apply for the application for a possible grant to help with budget system, seconded by Longmore. Ayes:5 Nays:0, Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Street Committee: As of right now no plans for the alley project. Mayor Baecker will call tomorrow.

Water & Sewer: Approved budget. Ferric tank purchased.

Law Enforcement/Personnel: Meeting to go over applicants for New Officer.

Correspondence: None

Approval of Invoices and Payments:

Motion to approve paying the bills by Symicek and second by Ekern, Roll Vote, Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Future Agenda:

- Lake Dredge Update
- Historical Society/City Hall Basement Update
- Library Community Center
- Payment for Christmas Light Decorating
- Sesquicentennial Celebration
- Employee Handbook-Police
- Friends of City Hall

Future Meeting Dates:

Council Meeting March 3rd, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Closed Session

Motioned by Marsolek to go into closed session, second by Symicek. Roll Call Vote Ayes: 5 Nays: 0, Motion carried.

Motioned by Ekern to return to open session, second by Symicek. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0, Motion carried.

After having completed all matters before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16p.m.

Dawn Abrahamson, City Clerk Assistant