

**Regular Council Meeting  
January 6, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. by Mayor Ottie (Robert) Baecker.

Roll Call: Deb Marsolek, Tim Hanson, Cleo Skroch, Linda Longmore, Randy Symicek and Jason Ekern. 6 Present, 0 Absent.

Others Present: Attorney Laverne Michalak, City Clerk Tiffany Bautch, James Woychik (Historical Society), Rita Boland and Police Chief James Waniorek.

Clerk Tiffany Bautch verified proof that public notice was given.

Approval of Agenda: Ekern motioned to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Hanson, Marsolek motioned to strike Agenda Items from Item 10, Motioned to approve corrected agenda by Hanson, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Ekern Ayes: 6 Nays: 0, Motion carried.

**Minutes – December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Motion to approve-Skroch, 2<sup>nd</sup> –Symicek, Ayes: 6 Nays: 0, Motion carried.

**Public Comments**

Jason has received lots of compliments of the Christmas lights that were put up by Wayne. Also had a concerned resident had asked if the sidewalk by the softball fields can be shoveled in the wintertime. It has been brought to his attention that items have been leaked out in the public that were in a closed session. Mayor Baecker addressed that items in closed session are to remain in closed session until motion is made where information can be released to the public. Multiple conversations have been had regarding these concerns and they need to be taken seriously by all involved.

Tiffany received a call from a lady to ask if the City would consider season pass camping as well as the City allowing her to get a campsite over the summer (May, June, July and August). Lady is unable to get into a new place until September and prefers our campground. This will be on next month's agenda.

**Licenses and Permits**

Class "A" Retailer (Liquor & Fermented Beverages-Off Sale) ANAYA 5 LLC-Independence Market (23150 Whitehall Rd) and Class "A" Retailer (Liquor & Fermented Beverages-Off Sale) ANAYA 5 LLC-Indee Mini Mart (35194 Diagonal Street) - Motion to Approve- Marsolek, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Ekern, Roll Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0, Motion carried.

Cigarette, Tobacco, and Electronic Vaping License ANAYA 5 LLC-Independence Market (23150 Whitehall Rd) and Cigarette, Tobacco, and Electronic Vaping License ANAYA 5 LLC-Indee Mini Mart (35194 Diagonal Street) - Motion to Approve- Hanson, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Longmore, Roll Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0, Motion carried.

**Old Business**

Lake Dredge Update- Will be looking into bids in February to hopefully start in the summer.

Historical Society/City Hall Basement Update- Closet is sealed off. Looking for an electrician for wiring lights in the basement.

**New Business**

Approval of Chief Training-Chief Training in Madison end of January. Food and Lodging is free. Motioned to approve by Ekern, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hanson. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0, Motion Carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Law Enforcement/Personnel:** Had a meeting December 12, 2024 about adding another full time police officer. Posted on Wilenet with pay range \$29.00-\$33.00. Application Deadline January 31, 2025 at 5:00PM.

**Street Committee:** Eli approached Randy about putting the wing for the plow up for sale. Never had a use for it. Council approved Eli to place the wing for sale. Also addressed the need to get with SEH about the planning on the Alley.

**Library:** Working on plan on the layout.

**Correspondence:**

Bob Runkel wrote a letter complimenting Tiffany on all the work she does for the City and for helping him with the change of address and billing concerns he needed addressed compared to other municipalities. Tons of compliments on the lights that Wayne did. Add to next month for Wayne and paying him for all his work.

**Approval of Invoices and Payments:**

Motion to approve paying the bills by Marsolek and 2<sup>nd</sup> Hanson, Roll Vote, Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**Future Agenda:**

- Lake Dredge Update
- Historical Society/City Hall Basement Update
- Library Community Center
- Camp Fees
- Payment for Christmas Light Decorating

**Future Meeting Dates:**

Council Meeting February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 6:15pm

After having completed all matters before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15p.m.

**Tiffany Bautch, City Clerk**