

**Regular Council Meeting
November 4, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Ottie (Robert) Baecker.

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

Others Present: Attorney Laverne Michalak, City Clerk Tiffany Bautch, Deputy Clerk Dawn Abrahamson, Mark Davy, Daniel Cook, Sharon Lessman, Tom Jensen, Tom Kloss, Elaine Conrad, Mike Blaha, Fidel Salgado, Kristine Servais, Lois Boe (Historical Society), Sue Glenzenski (Trempealeau County Times newspaper) Police Chief James Waniorek, and Kayla Mathson (Librarian).

City Clerk Tiffany Bautch verified proof that public notice was given.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve - Hanson, 2nd - Symicek Ayes: 6 Nays: 0, Motion carried.

Minutes – October 11, 2024

Motion to approve- Marsolek, 2nd - Skroch Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Public Comments

Hanson brought up concerns of Customer Parking Sign regarding Laundry Mat. Introduction of Deputy Clerk Dawn Abrahamson.

Licenses and Permits

Building Permit- Kenny Lessman Garage Addition- Motion by Symicek and 2nd - Marsolek. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0, Motion carried.

Building Permit- Fidel Salgado Garage Addition- Motion by Hanson and 2nd – Symicek. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0, Motion carried.

Bartender License- Sara Yein Legorreta Vargas- Cantina Cruz-Motion by Skroch and 2nd – Symicek. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0, Motion carried.

Bartender License- Ziyannah Conner- East End-Motion by Ekern and 2nd – Skroch. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0, Motion carried.

Old Business

Lake Dredge Update- Nothing to Update.

Police and City Hall Committee Basement Update- Structure is built around the server. Maintenance did well. Need exit signs and a fire inspection. Estimate cost of the Fire Inspection for \$200, half amount will come out of City Hall Budget rest will come from the Historical Society. Historical Society would like to stay in compliance. Building and Fire Inspections will need to be reviewed. Chief Waniorek and Clerk Bautch will reach out to Trempealeau County and Fire Chief regarding inspections.

New Business

Davy Engineering Status Update of DNR Review of Wastewater Treatment Plant- Current Facility in Flood Plain. \$15-20 million if moving Facility. Moving closer to residents is roughly \$10.6 Million, Map Revision is roughly \$25,000-\$30,000, and Hydraulic & Hydrology map \$60,000. Davy Recommendation is to keep it there and utilize the existing site by doing the Hydraulic and Hydrology mapping for compliance.

Discussion to Review and Amend Title 5 Chapter 2 Ordinance of Snow Removal- Make an amendment to Title 5 and Chapter to include the Alternate Parking and Snow Removals and add December 1 through April 1 of the year.

Motioned by Hanson and 2nd – Marsolek to take this back to Street Committee and have it available and revised by Attorney Michalek for approval at next meeting.

Will post in paper once approved. Limited enforcement 2024-2025. Tiffany will get old ordinance to Laverne with Street Minutes. Laverne will amend Title 5 to correct for December Meeting. The cost of Title 5 is \$50.00 and \$100.00 for revision.

Discussion and Possible Action of Board of Review Recommendations- No one came into appeal. Open book had a lot of people come in.

Discussion and Possible Action of 2025 City Assessor/Maintenance Contract- Motioned by Marsolek and 2nd – Hanson to approve 1 year contract with \$6,900 yearly. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0, Motion carried.

2025 Budget Discussion/Review- Need to be a Special Review for Finance Committee to review Budget.

Date for Budget Hearing and Actions- Table until after Finance Committee and available for posting on December Meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action of Library and Community Center Grant- RFP's and Architecture Plans reviewing by Library Board next week.

Motion by Longmore and 2nd – Skroch to utilize the Volleyball Court area of the park to build the Community Center for the location of the Grant project. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0, Motion Carried.

Committee Reports:

- Ordinance: Review of Chicken Licenses and Missing Bonds of the Ordinance book. Communicating and positive feedback regarding the work Chief Waniorek is doing.

Correspondence:

SEH: Rod and Gun Club President Mike Blaha addressed council to ask for a Picnic License for the Ice Fishing Contest for December Meeting. Would like to close off 2nd St and Jefferson St and utilize the Fire Station for the Ice Fishing Contest and Kids Fishing Contest in May 2025. Free meal for all affected by the closure along with personal notification by the Rod and Gun Club to each resident affected.

Approval of Invoices and Payments:

Motion to approve paying the bills by Skroch and 2nd Ekern, Roll Vote, Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Future Agenda:

- Lake Dredge Update
- Rod and Gun Club Picnic License and Fire Station
- City Hall Update Basement
- Snow Removal/Street Parking Amendment
- Chicken License
- Library

Closed Session:

- A. Closed Session as provided in Wis Stat Section 19.85 (1) (e) for the purpose of deliberating, and/or negotiating, the purchase of public property and terms of agreements where competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.
- B. Closed session per Section 19.85.85(1) (c) Wis. Statutes to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Motion to move into closed session by Ekern, 2nd- Symicek Ayes:6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

Motion to return to open session by Ekern, 2nd- Symicek Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Motion to approve the motion from closed session by Hanson, 2nd Ekern Ayes: 5 Nays: 1 Motion Carried

Future Meeting Dates:

- November 5th- Election Day
- December 9th and 10th City Audit

After having completed all matters before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Tiffany Bautch, City Clerk