

**Regular Council Meeting
May 5, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Tom Kloss.

Roll Call: Deb Marsolek, Cleo Skroch, Linda Longmore, Randy Symicek, Elaine Conrad and Jason Ekern. 6 Present.

Others Present: Attorney Rick Schaumberg, Attorney Laverne Michalak, Deputy City Clerk Dawn Abrahamson, Sue Glenzinski (Trempealeau County Times), Tami Keenan, Rita Boland, Dan Cook, Jim Woychik, Debbie Kampa, Kathy Manka, Lois Boe, and Police Chief James Waniorek.

Deputy Clerk Dawn Abrahamson verified proof that public notice was given.

Approval of Agenda: Marsolek motioned to approve agenda, seconded by Symicek. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Minutes – April 7th, April 15th (Reorganization) and April 15th (Special Meeting), 2025

Motion to approve with corrections by Marsolek, seconded by Symicek. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Public Comments

Jason Ekern- Concern with Commercial vehicle parking were addressed.

Elvecia Najera- Questioned how to get started with rezoning the La Hacienda. File application to rezone with City Clerk. Add item for next month's meeting.

Licenses and Permits

Appeal of Denied Operator's License- Operator was not present. No action taken. Future reference operator would file appeal with clerk of court.

Bartender License- Jill Scow & Macy Sylla- Symicek motioned to approved, seconded by Skroch. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Building Permit- Kelly Witte- Ekern Motioned to approve, seconded by Marsolek. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Old Business

Lake Dredge Update- Currently lowering water levels for lake. Meeting on May 13th @ 5:30 PM.

Historical Society/City Hall Basement Update- Inspection needs to get done. Clerk/Linda will contact Insurance agent for a meeting with Mayor, Chair of Property and member of Historical Society.

Sesquicentennial Celebration- Before anything can go forward but need to look at budget. Clerk will look to see if there is a budget.

Library Update- Kayla passed out timeline schedule. Special Meeting with Council and Architects May 14th at 6pm.

Mayor Kloss addresses council no communication prior and needs to be better. Everyone needs to work on it.

New Business

Dam Grant w/Dan Cook-Dan explained the grant. Symicek motion to accept the grant, seconded by Ekern. Roll Call Vote. 6-0 Ayes. Symicek motioned to authorize Davy to Implement grant, seconded by Conrad. Symicek amended to not exceed \$85,000, seconded by Longmore. Roll Call Vote; motion carried with 6-0 Ayes.

Open Public Hearing for Zoning Ordinances- Marsolek motion to open public hearing, seconded by Ekern. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Laverne explained the zoning ordinance changes. Mayor Kloss announced three times any other comments, hearing none looking for a motion to close. Skroch motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Ekern. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Title 9-Zoning & Land Use Ordinance- Marsolek motioned to approve, seconded by Skroch. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Amend Title 6- Use of Vehicles Ordinance- Symicek motioned to approve, seconded by Marsolek. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Amend Title 7-Offenses and Nuisances Ordinance-Marsolek motioned to approve, seconded by Conrad. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Future work on Code Ordinance- Laverne discussed possibly going with a company. Refer to Ordinance committee.

Appointment of Water & Sewer Commissioner Member- Symicek nominated Randy "Fritz" Conrad. Ekern motion to accept nomination, seconded by Symicek. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Appointment of City Clerk-Skroch updated council on interviews for Clerk. LEP Committee offered City Clerk/Treasurer to Dawn Smieja at \$28 per hr., but Dawn counter the offer to \$29 per hr. and LEP accepted counteroffer. Marsolek motion to approve Dawn Smieja as City Clerk/Treasurer, seconded by Longmore. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Markham Properties Update- Leah Kubis provided Lot 8 & 11 have not sold.

Park & Recreation-Table until City office is fully staffed.

Block 1 Alley-Tom provided an update, but questioning some of the prior contracts. Table until more information. Add to Special Meeting May 14th.

Veteran's Memorial Park-Fencing on back order. Bring it back next month.

Hi-Crush- Marsolek provided an update. Symicek will take lead on this and bring it back next month.

Update on Bugle Lake Sediment Pond Maintenance Project- Table to next month.

Private Property-Snow Removal & Mowing-Prior agreements ends today. Clerk will send letter to private owners notifying them.

City Building & Equipment- Eli provided brush hog amounts. Ekern motioned Eli can purchase but not exceed \$4,000, seconded by Skroch. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve. Fire station is needing new lighting. Fire dept is willing to pay half to upgrade to LED lights. Refer to purchasing to bring back next month.

Police Computer-Chief Waniorek provide an update that his computer is really old. Krista Computers quoted \$1999.00 for new system. Marsolek motion to approve and not to exceed \$2,600, seconded by Skroch. Roll Call vote. 6-0 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Street Superintendent Report- Eli- Frog town issue is getting worked on.

Committee Reports:

Ordinance- Provided an update. Someone had questioned Burn Barrels.

Water & Sewer: Taking action on High School and back pay to approve.

Correspondence: None

Approval of Invoices and Payments:

Motion to approve paying the bills by Skroch and second by Ekern. Roll Call Vote. 6-0 Ayes, Motion carried.

Future Agenda:

- Lake Dredge Update
- Historical Society/City Hall Basement Update
- Library Community Center
- Sesquicentennial Celebration
- Dam update
- Park & Recreation
- La Hacienda
- Ordinance Work
- Block 1 Alley
- Veteran's Memorial Park
- Hi-Crush
- City Building

Future Meeting Dates:

Lake Dredge May 13th, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

Special Meeting along with Library May 14th, 2025 @ 6 PM

Council Meeting June 2nd, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Closed Session

Motioned by Marsolek to go into closed session, second by Skroch. Roll Call Vote- Ayes-6 Nays-0, Motion carried at 8:43 PM.

Motioned by Marsolek to return to open session, second by Ekern. Voice Vote. Ayes-5 Nays-0 Abstain-1, Motion carried at 9:12 PM.

Skroch motioned to propose to Mr. Bisek's Attorney amounts as stated in July 3rd, 2024 to the City correspondence in Closed Session, seconded by Longmore. Voice Vote. Ayes-5 Nays-0 Abstain-1, Motion Carried at 9:16 PM.

After having completed all matters before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Dawn Abrahamson, City Clerk