# COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS - COUNCIL CHAMBERS - KAUKAUNA, WISCONSIN - DECEMBER 20, 2022



Pursuant to adjournment on December 6, 2022 meeting of the Common Council of the City of Kaukauna was called to order by Mayor Penterman at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 20, 2022.

Roll call present: Coenen, DeCoster, Eggleston, Kilgas, Moore, and Schell.

Absent & Excused: Antoine and Thiele.

Also present: Attorney Davidson, DPW/Eng. Neumeier, Police Chief Graff, Fin. Dir. Van Rossum, Asst. Fire Chief Foss, HR Dir. Swaney, Detective Krueger, Lieutenant Bartolazzi, Officers Schaefer, Momberg, Romenesko, Lau, Shanle, and interested citizens.

Motion by Coenen, seconded by Moore the excuse the absent members.

All Ald. present voted aye.

Motion carried.

One minute of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag observed by the assembly.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Schell to adopt the minutes of the Common Council meeting of December 6, 2022.

All Ald. present voted aye.

Motion carried.

# PRESENTATION OF LETTERS, PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, MEMORIALS, AND ACCOUNTS

#### Bills Payable

Motion by Moore, seconded by Coenen to pay bills out of the proper accounts.

All Ald, present voted ave.

Motion carried.

# **PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

No one appeared.

## **BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR**

#### **Bever Trial Update.**

Chief Graff provided information on the Beyer Trial investigation. He highlighted the thorough job and hard work the officers did to solve; and ultimately, get a conviction. The case was led by Lieutenant Tom Bartolazzi and Detective Kory Krueger, along with the help of many of the Kaukauna Police Department Officers. Department of Criminal Investigative Agents, FBI Agents, and the DA's office were involved. Officers were able to track the movements of the defendant from Manitowoc to Kaukauna during two practice runs and then the night of the murders. The statistics on this case are covered in the 700 pages of the Kaukauna Police Department Report. Each of these pages were proofread by the administrative staff. This case was one of the biggest DNA cases in Wisconsin

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history. The State Crime Lab report was 25,000 pages. Between 50 and 60 search warrants were issued. Over 100 interviews were performed. About 650 pieces of evidence were collected, 3,700 video files, 600 audio files and 1.6 terabytes of data were used. A new server needed to be bought. Dive teams from Manitowoc were used. Trained dogs were used to search for evidence. Our officers walked ditch lines for evidence. Officers put in many hours on this case. The community support and support of spouses was huge. Judge McGinnis stated, on record, that this was the best criminal investigation he has seen in his 17 years as a Judge. Chief Graff stressed how proud he is of the officers, staff and spouses for their support on this case.

Council President Moore, on behalf of the Common Council, thanked officers, staff and spouses for all their hard work.

Mayor Penterman thanked Chief Graff, Assistant Chief Sanderfoot, Detectives Krueger and Bartolazzi and the rest of the police department on their hard work in putting together this case and getting justice for Will and Dani.

Federal Rail Association Joint Letter of Interest - extending service from Chicago to Green Bay. Mayor Penterman read the December 9, 2022 letter from the Federal Railroad Administration. The extension would build on Amtrak's highly successful Hiawatha Line from Chicago to Milwaukee. All seven cities along this corridor that would be served by the Hiawatha Extension strongly advocate for incorporating the project in the Corridor Identification and Development program.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Coenen to receive and place on file the Federal Administration Docket No. FRA-2022-0031.

All Ald. present voted aye.

Motion carried.

# Certificate of Appreciation to KHS Civic Engagement Class students McKenna Young and Audrey Arnoldussen for coordinating the Little Free Pantry Food Drive.

Mayor Penterman presented KHS Civic Engagement Class members with certificates of appreciation for coordinating the Little Free Pantry Food Drive. Over three truck loads of food and hygiene products were collected for the Little Free Food Pantry Food Drive.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District Regular Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2022. Motion by Moore, seconded by Kilgas to receive and place on file the Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District Regular Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2022. Ald. present voted aye.

Motion carried.

#### Operator (Bartender) Licenses.

The following applicants have applied for an operator's license for the license year **2022-2024** and have been recommended for approval based on their record check by the police department:

Larm Ian B. 1809 Sherry Ln. Kaukauna Maynard Cynthis L. 22 Tayco St. Menasha

Motion by Eggleston, seconded by Coenen to approve the Operator (Bartender) Licenses. All Ald. present voted aye. Motion carried.

#### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

#### Fire Report

Motion by Moore, seconded by Eggleston to receive and place on file the November 2022 Fire Report.

All Ald. present voted aye.

Motion carried.

#### **Ambulance Report**

Motion by Moore, seconded by Kilgas to receive and place on file the November 2022 Ambulance Report.

All Ald. present voted aye.

Motion carried.

#### Police Report

Motion made by Moore, seconded by Schell to receive and place on file the November 2022 Police Report.

All Ald. present voted aye.

Motion carried.

# **Municipal Court Report**

Motion by Moore, seconded by DeCoster to receive and place on file the November 2022 Municipal Court Report.

All Ald. present voted aye.

Motion carried.

## Clerk-Treasurer's Deposit Report

Motion by Moore, seconded by Eggleston to receive and place on file the November 2022 Clerk-Treasurer's Deposit Report.

All Ald. present voted aye.

Motion carried.

#### **Building Inspection Report.**

Motion by Moore, seconded by Kilgas to receive and place on file the November 2022 Building Inspection Report.

All Ald. present voted aye.

Motion carried.

# Authorization to fill vacant Court Clerk position due to resignation.

Clerk of Municipal Court Carrie Salmi has resigned effective 12/21/2022. Staff seeks permission to fill a Clerk of Municipal Court due to the resignation of Carrie Salmi. Discussion on this matter to be discussed under next closed session item.

Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Coenen to adjourn to closed session.

All Ald. present voted aye.

Motion carried.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 7:23 pm.

# Return to Open Session for possible action.

Motion by Kilgas, seconded by Schell to return to Open Session for possible action.

All Ald. present voted aye.

Motion carried.

Returned to Open Session at 7:58 pm.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Kilgas to fill Clerk of Municipal Court position due to the resignation of Carrie Salmi.

All Ald. present voted aye.

Motion carried.

#### PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

None.

#### **ADJOURN**

Motion by Coenen, seconded by Eggleston to adjourn. All Ald. present voted aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Sally Kenney, Clerk

