



COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 09, 2024 at 6:30 PM
303 Mansion Street Mauston, WI

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Mauston Common Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. Mayor Dennis Nielsen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members present were Donna McGinley, Leanna Hagen, Jim Allaby, Rick Noe, and Darryl Teske. Also present were Mayor Dennis Nielsen, City Administrator Daron Haugh, Zoning Administrator Allison Schwark, and Deputy Clerk Nicole Lyddy by phone.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nielsen lead the Pledge.

3. Certificate of Appreciation to Alex Tserkezis

Nielsen bestowed upon Alex Tserkezis a certificate of appreciation in recognition of his 29 years of dedicated service to the Mauston Community through Roman Castle Restaurant and in honor of his retirement.

4. Minutes

a. Teske/Noe to approve the minutes of December 12, 2023, and December 19, 2023. Motion carried.

5. Citizens' Address to the Council

6. Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions

Mcginley informed the Council of the Annual Ambulance meeting on Jan 22 at 7 pm.

Noe updated the Council on the Mauston New Lisbon Airport runway project.

7. Ordinances, Licenses, and Permits Committee Report

a. Allaby/Hagen approved the second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2023-2064 Amending Article II Sec.8-24 Dog Licenses. Motion carried.

b. Allaby/Teske to approve the "Class B" Combination Fermented and Intoxicating Liquor License to Burton-Koppang American Legion Post 81 and Galen White as Agent. Motion carried.

8. Public Works Committee Report

- a. Noe/McGinley to pay A-1 Excavating pay request #6 for the 2023 Northside Street project for \$225,830.30. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
- b. Noe/Allaby to approve A-1 Excavating Change Order #6 for the Northeast project increase of \$43,092. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
- c. Director of Public Works Report. Nelson gave the annual cemetery report.

9. Finance and Purchasing Committee Report

- a. Teske/Noe to approve the Vouchers for \$439,576.18. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
- b. Teske/Noe to approve the Financial policy amendment per taxi audit. Motion carried.
- c. Teske/Noe to approve the purchasing policy amendment per taxi audit. Motion carried.
- d. Teske/Noe to approve the purchase of a laptop for the municipal court for \$1,178.87 out of the Admin Equipment Replacement Fund. Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.
- e. Teske/Noe to approve the increased interim loan of up to \$600,000 for the Northside Street Project. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

10. The Fire Chief's Report

- a. Allaby gave the December fire report to the council and answered any questions.

11. Police Chief's November Report

- a. Chief Zilisch gave his November Report and answered any questions.
- b. Chief Zilisch provided further details about the parking fines. Following extensive deliberation, the decision was made to instruct the ordinance committee to eliminate parking fees from the ordinance. Instead, it was agreed that this action would be executed through a resolution incorporated into the Fee Schedule.

12. City Council Report

Hoilien covered the updated schedule for garbage collection, emphasizing that it now occurs exclusively on Tuesdays. She also addressed the challenge of spreading this information despite its inclusion in the recent newsletter distributed with tax notices. Haugh plans to reiterate this announcement during his Thursday appearance on WRJC radio to ensure widespread awareness.

13. Mayor's Report

- a. Noe/McGinley approved the mayoral appointment of Julie Winn to the Greater Mauston Tourism Committee. Motion carried.

14. City Administrator's Report

- a. Haugh stated that the Municipal Code Enforcement December report was included in the packet for their information.

15. Closed Session

- a. Teske/Noe to go into a closed session under Wis. Stat. 19.85(e) and (g) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, investing public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session and also conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body concerning litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. This is regarding the **sale of City land and the walking bridge**. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Note: The Walking Bridge discussion was postponed)

16. Reconvene in Open Session

Hagen/Ferguson to reconvene in Open Session. Motion carried.

17. Discussion and Action as a Result of Closed Session Matters

Noe/Allaby to approve Haugh to work with the City Attorney to finalize the purchase agreement for the sale of city property. Motion carried.

18. Adjourn

McGinley/Hagen to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Administrator

Date