

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM. Members present: Susan Fruit, Karin Tepley, Tom McCarthy, Mark Chambers, Melony Walters, Kevin Melby, Steve Downs, and Ryan Cairns via Webex.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council minutes from April 4, 2023 were not available.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Alderperson Tepley to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Walters. Motion carried 8-0.

CITY AND UTILITY DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS AND CONCERNS:

Parks & Grounds Director Dave Fry reported that the water in the parks hasn't been turned on yet because of the weather, but the transition from winter to spring is going well overall. The security cameras have been installed and are running well. Clerk/Treasurer Aaron Joyce reported that the April election ran very smoothly with a 47% turnout. City Administrator Ashley Oliphant noted that she is collecting old devices from council members. There is a binder of information for new and returning council members, and there is a Government 101 class offered by the League of Wisconsin Municipalities if the new or returning council members are interested.

MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS: Karin Tepley reported on the Library Board. She said that the library has employed a firm to study the possibilities of a rebuild or remodel of the library. That study has been completed. Tepley noted that the Southwest Library System is looking for a new representative from Richland County. Friends of Library are looking at doing a monthly book sale. Circulation is up. Computer lab is into the main area of the library. New council members Mark Chambers and Steve Downs introduced themselves.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

2. Nominate & Elect Council President
Tepley nominated Ryan Cairns. No other nominations were received. Nominations closed.
Ryan Cairns elected Council President 8-0.
3. Appoint City Attorney - Confirm
Mayor Coppernoll recommended Chris McGough. No other nominations were received.
Nominations closed. Chris McGough was appointed City Attorney 8-0.
4. Appoint City Assessor - Confirm
Mayor Coppernoll recommended Gretchen Jelinek. No other nominations were received.
Nominations closed. Gretchen Jelinek was appointed City Assessor 8-0.
5. Appoint City Forester - Confirm
Mayor Coppernoll recommended Dave Fry. No other nominations were received.
Nominations closed. Dave Fry was appointed City Forester 8-0.
6. Appoint Emergency Government Coordinator - Confirm
Mayor Coppernoll recommended Kevin Melby. No other nominations were received.
Nominations closed. Kevin Melby was appointed Emergency Government Coordinator 8-0.
7. Designate Official Newspaper - Confirm
Mayor Coppernoll recommended the Richland Observer. No other nominations were received. Nominations closed. The Richland Observer was confirmed the city's official newspaper.
8. Elect Two Council Representatives to the Utility Commission

Steve Downs nominates Steve Downs. Susan Fruit nominates Kevin Melby. No other nominations were received. Nominations closed. Steve Downs and Kevin Melby were elected to the Utility Commission.

9. Appointments to Committees, Commissions, & Boards - Confirm
Mayor Coppernoll presented the list of council and citizen appointments. The list of Committees, Commissions, & Boards were approved as presented without opposition or alteration 8-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTION:

10. Purchase of new Buildings & Grounds 2023 Silverado 2500HD Regular Cab 4WD:
Holtz Truck has a truck the Park Department is looking for. It meets specs. Building & Grounds Director Dave Fry stated that his department is downsizing the fleet of trucks from five to four. The requested truck is a 2023 Silverado 2500HD Regular Cab 4WD. It will replace the 2001 Chevrolet ¾ ton which has already been sold on Wisconsin Surplus for \$5,500 and the 2007 Ford F150 which will go on Wisconsin Surplus once the new truck has arrived. Both trucks were equipped with dump boxes. The parks are also planning to replace the Snow Dog Snow plow. This plow is currently 5-6 years old and is showing wear. The new truck will be equipped with a new 8 ft 6 inch Boss Snow Plow. The new truck will also be equipped with a Buyers Dumper Dog Insert steel dump bed. Jones Chevrolet and Fillback were contacted, and Jones said they could not currently provide a similar vehicle. Fillback was also unable to do so and did not foresee anything being available in the near future. They recommended pursuing this truck from Holz Motors. Motion by Walters to approve the purchase of a 2023 Silverado 2500HD Regular Cab 4WD truck with plow plus the dump box at a total cost of \$64,245.00, with funds from the Park Budget Outlay account. Second by Downs. Motion carried 8-0.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

11. Bills 4/18/2023
Motion made by Alderperson Tepley to pay the bills as presented. Seconded by Fruit.
Motion carried 8-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Carson Culver addressed the council. He stated that he enjoyed his time serving and wished best of luck to all of the new and returning council members.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn made by Alderperson Tepley. Seconded by McCarthy. Motion carried 8-0 at 7:04 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Aaron Joyce, City Clerk/Treasurer.