Mayor Berman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following present: Alderpersons Debbie Sievert, Brigitte Schmidt, Keith Klimek, Robert Warren, and Joel Ahrens; Attorney David Spangenberg and Clerk-Treasurer Tammy Kasal.

Excused Members: Angel Wink

Attending: Fire Chief Chuck Gardon, Public Works Director Matt Decur, Police Chief Fred Popp, Parks & Recreation Director Lori Tonn, Gracelyn Giese-Peshtigo Times, Craig Lock, Tony O'Neill, Paula Gruszynski, and other public.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Sievert and seconded by Ahrens to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5/0.

Minutes:
Motion by Sievert and seconded by Warren to approve the minutes of the January 7 & February 4, 2025 Regular Meetings as presented. Motion carried 5/0.

Persons desiring to be heard from the floor:

- Library Board member Paula Gruszynski voiced concerns on the leak in the library and requested the City fix it as soon as possible rather than waiting until Spring.

Business and Communications:

A. Set date and time of April 2025 Council Meeting

Motion by Sievert and seconded by Klimek to set the April Council meeting for Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. due to the election on Tuesday. Motion carried 5/0.

B. Discuss/consider Resolution No. 2025-02 Adopting the Marinette County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025-2030.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Sievert to approve Resolution No. 2025-02 Adopting the Marinette County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025-2030. Motion carried 5/0.

C. Discuss/consider adopting a Resolution in Support for the Establishment of the M&M Children's Museum.

Motion by Ahrens and seconded by Sievert to approve Resolution No. 2025-03 in Support for the Establishment of the M&M Children's Museum. Motion carried 5/0.

D. Discuss/consider Landmark Property Brownfield Site Assessment Grant (SAG).

The first of two public input sessions was held by Ayres Associates and the WI DNR prior to the Council meeting for the Technical Assistance Grant (TAG).

Mayor Berman reported the SAG Grant has been accepted. The total SAG Grant funding is $116,510 with a $23,303 match already approved by Council.

Reports from Departments, Citizen Boards and Commissions:

- Monthly Tom Smith Building Inspection Report
- Monthly Police Report
- Monthly Fire/EMR Report

Committee Reports:

Plan Commission – February 11, 2025

- Approved Resolution No. 2025-01 for the Adoption of the City of Peshtigo 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Public Hearing will be held at the April 2, 2025 Common Council meeting and for consideration.

- Did not have any recommendations for the Common Council.

Finance & Claims – February 13, 2025

- Recommended Council approve the City of Peshtigo following the City of Oconto's Building Permit Fee Schedule as applicable to City of Peshtigo Ordinances.

Motion by Sievert and seconded by Warren to approve the City of Peshtigo following the City of Oconto's Building Permit Fee Schedule as applicable to City of Peshtigo Ordinances. Motion carried 5/0.

- Recommended Council approve a probationary wage of 85% for new Patrol Officer Cody Cohan retroactive to his date of full-time employment.

Motion by Sievert and seconded by Warren to approve a probationary wage of 85% for new Patrol Officer Cody Cohan retroactive to his date of full-time employment. Motion carried 5/0.

- Discuss/consider Non-lapsing Funds (to be distributed).

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Warren to approve the 2024 non-lapsing funds. Motion carried 5/0.

- Discuss/consider Central States Health Plan Wisconsin Municipalities Participation Agreement.

Motion by Sievert and seconded by Ahrens to approve Central States Health Plan Wisconsin Municipalities Participation Agreement. Motion carried 5/0.

- Discuss/consider Central States Health Settlement Agreement and Release.

Motion by Sievert and seconded by Schmidt authorizing Attorney Spangenberg to negotiate and complete the Central States Health Settlement Agreement and Release. Motion carried 5/0.

Water & Sewer – February 13, 2025
- Did not have any recommendations for the Common Council.

Parks & Recreation – February 24, 2025
- Did not have any recommendations for the Common Council.

Personnel – February 26, 2025
- Did not have any recommendations for the Common Council.
- Discuss/consider Fire & EMS candidates.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Warren to approve hiring Alexis Monnette and Samantha Nelson, for an EMR position and Chance Lovette for Firefighter and EMR positions. Motion carried 5/0.

Judiciary – February 28, 2025
- Discuss/consider Industrial Park Ordinance.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Sievert to approve Industrial Park Oversight Committee Ordinance No 2025-01. Motion carried 5/0.

- Discuss/consider Water & Sewer Committee Ordinance.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Warren to approve Water & Sewer Committee Ordinance No 2025-02. Motion carried 5/0.

- Discuss/consider Building Code Ordinance.

Building Code Ordinance No 2025-03 will be considered by Council after a Public Hearing with the required two-week notice.

- Discuss/consider Chicken Ordinance.

Mayor Berman reported a Bill is in front of the Legislature that municipalities would not be able to ban chickens. The Committee began reviewing an ordinance

Closed Session:
Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Sievert to move into Closed Session per WI S.S. 19.85(1)(g) - Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Motion carried 5/0.

CLOSED SESSION – 7:32 p.m. – 7:59 p.m.

Motion by Sievert and seconded by Warren to move into Open Session. Motion carried 5/0.

No action taken as a result of Closed Session.

Other Matters:
Mayor Berman read a thank you from Archer Leupp for the monetary support for the Law Enforcement Chaplaincy.

Mayor Berman gave an update on the new website going live in the next few weeks.

Motion by Sievert and seconded by Schmidt to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried 5/0.

Tammy Kasal
Clerk-Treasurer