



City of MONDOVI

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COUNCIL MINUTES

April 8, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Councilman Duey Bauer, presiding over the meeting at the Marten Center, 120 S. Franklin St, Mondovi, WI 54755.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council members present Ginny Gunderson, Greg Bauer, Gary Stanton, Angie Risen and Nathan Nelson. Also, present was City Administrator Michelle Loken. Councilman Dave Schultz and Mayor Brady Weiss were absent.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW:

Loken advised Council that the Buffalo County News was provided the agenda notice and it was posted in the public posting locations on Friday, April 4th, 2025.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- i. Accept or remove items from the posted Agenda
- ii. Approval of Library Board Meeting Minutes from March 4, 2025
- iii. Approval of Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2025
- iv. Approval of Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes from March 31, 2025
- v. Approval of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from April 7, 2025

Motion by Risen and seconded by Nelson to approve the consent agenda as posted. Nelson abstained from approval of Finance Committee Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

No items removed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

I. TIM HOLLISTER – WRS

Hollister asked the council for consideration to forgo the repayment of Wisconsin Retirement contributions on behalf of him from injuries that he sustained while working for the Mondovi Police Department for 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Hollister has been receiving Worker's Compensation through the City since his injuries. Per Wisconsin State Statute, municipal employers are required to contribute to Wisconsin Retirement System as well as the employees are required to make contributions. Hollister's WRS contributions are calculated from the work compensation that he receives. For the years of 2020, 2021 and 2022, Hollister's accrued vacation hours, as well as light duty for a period of time, were used to make those WRS contributions.

Due to Hollister's injuries, medical procedures and doctor's assessments, he was unable to return to work and perform his duties as a Police Sergeant and had no timeline of when he would be able to. On

1/1/2023, per the legal counsel of the city, he was notified and placed on a preferential rehire list while he continues to recuperate and rehabilitate. Hollister still received temporary total worker's compensation benefits but would not accrue seniority nor receive or accrue benefits. The City still was required to make WRS employer contributions as well as the required employee contributions while he was receiving workers' compensation. Therefore, the years of 2023, 2024 and 2025, employer and employee contributions have been made on his behalf. The employees contributions will need to be repaid to the City by Hollister.

Being that medical information is confidential; he offered to provide a timeline of surgeries and medical treatments that he has had throughout the course of injuries. On 2/11/2020, he injured his knee while on duty while assisting Mondovi EMS. Hollister was on light duty when the second injury occurred on 8/17/2021. He was traveling back from Eau Claire from dropping off an item for the Police Department when a dump truck pulled out in front of him and he was unable to avoid a collision. After the initial collision, another vehicle side swiped the rear of his vehicle. He was taken to the hospital from multiple severe injuries he received that eventually required surgery. Throughout the timeline of events, Hollister was under medical care receiving worker's compensation, he met his end of healing on 3/11/2025, therefore United Heartland transitioned him to his permanent disability benefit. In January of 2025, Hollister applied for WRS Disability Retirement and was told he needed to have a termination of employment and work compensation payments complete. Hollister did submit a letter of resignation but being he was still receiving worker's compensation; the paperwork could not be filed with WRS. Loken stated that United Heartland can be wrapped up after the PPD forms are submitted to them from Hollister's doctor.

Hollister stated that he does not feel he needs to repay the WRS contributions made on his behalf because he was no longer an employee as of 1/1/2023 when he was put on the preferential rehire list, not receiving employee benefits. No action was taken by council.

II. ELITE DIESEL REPAIR LLC – NORTH INDUSTRIAL PARK LOT 5

Peter Groehler owner of Elite Diesel Repair LLC submitted a business plan for Lot 3 in the North Industrial Park. He would like to build a 6700' sq. foot building for his business. Groehler stated that he would employ 3 full-time employees with future plans of 5+ employees. The purchase price to be waived in lieu of jobs created.

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Stanton to accept the request of the sale of Lot 3 in the North Industrial Park. Motion carried.

III. SET-UP FIRE TRUCK COMMITTEE

G. Bauer stated that he would like to get a committee set-up to start planning for a new engine for the fire department. The current engine is a 1986 and almost 40 years old. There are five years of payments left on the newest truck and it takes approximately 3 ½ to 4 years to build a truck. He would like a committee to start planning for the engine purchase.

Motion by Stanton and seconded by Risen to approve permission of the Fire Chief to proceed in setting up a committee. Motion carried with G. Bauer abstaining.

IV. ODOR PANEL REPORT – SPF QUARTER 1

Loken stated the 1st Quarter Odor Panel Testing came back from SCP Control, Inc on the required testing in the SPF settlement. The reports showed that they are within the required threshold benchmark that was set. This agenda item was for informational and documentation purposes.

V. REPORTS OF MAYOR AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Nothing to report.

VI. Approval of License Applications

1. Operator's License Application:

- i. Gary E. Evanson – Porky's Pub

Motion by Nelson and seconded by G. Bauer to approve the Operator's License Application with the stipulation that if there are any alcohol offenses for the applicant, his operator's license will be an automatic revocation. Motion carried.

- ii. Kylie A. Sears – Dollar General

- iii. Heather R. Yarrington – 4 Kegs Saloon & Restaurant

Motion by Stanton and seconded by G. Bauer to approve the Operator's License Application. Motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Laura Hawkins was present and wanted to express kudos for the council giving second chances but to also keep in mind that there have been law enforcement officers that has been injured by the individual approved for the operator's license with the stipulation attached.

COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

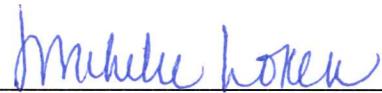
SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

Reorganizational Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Next regular meeting of the Common Council will be held on April 22, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Risen and seconded by G. Bauer to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. Motion carried.



Michelle Loken, City Administrator
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