

**COMMISSION ON PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES
COUNCIL ROOM, CITY HALL
MAY 14, 2024
6:45 P.M.**

The Commission on Public Works/Utilities met in regular session, Chair Clough presiding. On roll call: Council Member Petkovsek absent, all other members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were declared approved.

Director of Public Works Friemoth reported on two burials at the Cemetery and one burial at the Catholic Cemetery, Spring cleanup of the Cemetery and parks, stump grinding, mowing and weed trimming, dragging ballfields, hauling brush and compost, street sweeping, sweeper maintenance, patching potholes, trimming trees, Water Department-daily testing and well rounds, utility locates, installing meters and radio reads, monthly equipment safety checks, shingled well house roofs-Wells #1, #2 and #3, Sewer Department-daily testing and lift station rounds, lift station maintenance and inspections, the Black River Road lift station has had a lot of ground water flowing in-looking at repair options, R&R Sewer Clean & Repair has cleaned and televised the Boon Subdivision and E. Division Street sewer mains-two spots on E. Division Street were repaired, the semi-annual ground water monitoring was done by Sand Country Environmental at the old landfill-no changes found and a thank you to Judy Lindner for pulling the thistles and weeds around City Hall.

Motion Poeschel, second Neville, to adjourn. All Aye.

Daniel M. Clough, Chair

Rex R. Roehl, Clerk

**COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL ROOM
MAY 14, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council met in regular session, Mayor Poeschel presiding. On roll call: Council Member Petkovsek absent, all other members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the previous meeting were declared approved.

Mayor Poeschel presented the April 22, 2024 meeting of the Beautification Committee regarding: 1) the Parks and Recreation Board action moving the park benches and picnic tables to the Beautification Committee, 2) discussion on murals, 3) discussion on Prock Park bridge and landscaping, 4) discussion on repairs and updating the Town Square Park gazebo, 5) update on additional military banners, 6) discussion on and approval to accept a monetary donation from the family of Fran Barlow and 7) discussion on and approval to place an order for Spring/Summer decorations.

Mayor Poeschel presented the April 23, 2024 meeting of the Grants Committee regarding: 1) reviewed and updating the list of grants in progress and 2) discussion on opportunities available with Clark County being a part of the Rural Partners Network through USDA.

Council Member Rochester reported on the May 2, 2024 meeting of the Heritage Days Committee regarding a discussion on security for the event with Chief of Police Mankowski.

Council Member Clough reported on the May 14, 2024 meeting of the Commission on Public Works/Utilities regarding current activities.

Mayor Poeschel declared all reports filed as presented with the City Clerk.

Mayor Poeschel reported that General Code has completed the editorial and legal analysis of the recodification process and provided a digital manuscript for the City’s review. General Code has provided a list of 258 questions for the City’s review and response.

Director of Public Works Friemoth stated that City Clerk Roehl and he have reviewed the list of questions narrowing it down to 44 questions to be addressed by the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Health Officer and City Attorney. The majority of the questions involved moving the fees out of the ordinances to a fee schedule, acknowledging statutory updates. General Code is not changing any of our ordinances, they are just updating them. Extra user accounts can be set up for any Council Member who wants to review the digital manuscript and questions.

Police Patrol Investigator Hunter Imm reported on trainings, looking for one or two additional part-time police officers, the final cost for outfitting the 2020 Ford Explorer is higher than quoted, April parking enforcements, citations, warnings, incidents, office activity, officer activity, business patrol, citizen interactions and Town of Mentor contract policing.

City Clerk Roehl reported on filing the Wisconsin Department of Revenue’s new Maintenance of Effort report for 2024. The City is required to certify that they have maintained the equivalent level of service in 2024 as they provided in 2023 for the first part of the year for law enforcement, fire and EMS services. The City is not required to certify law enforcement, but both the fire and EMS had to certify response times, training levels, full-time equivalent personnel and operating expenditures.

City Clerk Roehl reported on the Tax Incremental District (TID) #4 Base Value Correction for Personal Property Removal as approved by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Office of Technical and Assessment Service. The TID #4 Base Value has been reduced by \$98,800. TID’s #2 and #3 do not have Base Value adjustments because when they were originally created, they were vacant land with no personal property values. This is the result of the 2023 WI ACT 12 exempting personal property from taxation.

City Clerk Roehl stated that the Board of Review will be Monday, May 20, 2024 from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. and City Hall will be closed Monday, May 27, 2024 for Memorial Day.

Tavern Operator License Applications:
Julie K. Cooper, Kody A. Luoma, Melissa R. Paine, Karla L. Pfuhl

Motion Clough, second Neville, to grant all the listed licenses. All Aye.

Motion Counsell, second Clough, that City Bills Nos. 412 to 479 in the amount of \$152,884.83 be paid. All Aye.

Motion Neville, second Rochester, to adjourn. All Aye.

Duane G. Poeschel, Mayor

Rex R. Roehl, Clerk

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