

CITY OF PITTSVILLE
Official Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 19, 2024
6:00 p.m. – Pittsville Community Hall

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Nichols at 6:01p.m.

Present by Roll: Mark Darr, Mike Hobbs, Brian Kissner, Casey Krohn, Bob Schooley and Dennis Todd.
Also Present: Peter Petersen, DPW, Chief Duerr and Tami Hahn.

Mayor Nichols led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No Conflicts of Interest were identified.

Tammy Hardinger, Pittsville Community Library Director, was present to ask for support via a resolution for a Grant she is applying for on behalf of the library. The grant would be for \$10,000 for 2 sets of new automated doors to be installed in the library. Motion by Hobbs, second by Kissner to move Resolution #2024-09 up on the agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Darr, second by Todd to approve Resolution #2024-09, a Resolution to support Pittsville Community Library's Application for Transforming Communities Grant. Motion carried.

Motion by Kissner, second by Schooley to approve the council minutes from October 15, 2024. Motion carried. The mayor would like the minutes to reflect that CranCity Corner development will be a tax revenue generating property although it is a non-profit.

The council reviewed the reports presented: City Clerk/Treasurer's Reports, Committee of the Whole-Finance Minutes from 10/22 & 10/30, 2024, Riverside Park Committee 10/23/24, CDA Minutes from 11/12/2024, Water/Sewer Treasurers' Reports and Minutes from 11/13/24, Police Report and DPW. The mayor pointed out from the Water/Sewer minutes that there will be a 67.2% Water Rate increase in 2025, Jackson Street storm drain has been cleaned out, and today with the rains we were able to "test" our lined manholes. Motion by Todd, second by Darr to approve the reports as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was had about a demo incentive regarding Parcel #31-00396A. The mayor asked council to take a look at the property and consider a larger incentive because the building is beyond rehab and it is felt it would take a lot to clean up. The council was also asked to consider a partial suspension to our Preservation of Topography ordinance, in regards to Parcel #31-00697, the east and south sides of the property has a natural water flow not constant with the ordinance. The owner would just not be able to send the water towards the west side.

Krohn reported there will be a Park Improvement Committee meeting in January 2025. At the October meeting they decided on what events they would like to do and a date was finalized. They have since booked a band and are working on pricing food.

The council reviewed the 2025 budget figures. The clerk provided a finance comparison report, a tax rate calculation and a budget recap. The proposed local tax rate is \$7.89, an increase of \$0.28 from last year. We do not have the School Levy Tax Credit at this time to know what the Net Rate would be. The council will be setting the tax rate at the special council meeting on Monday, November 25th immediately following the Public Hearing starting at 5:00pm.

The mayor presented the council with a few revolutions after it was decided at a budget meeting to move all staff that qualify to Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) starting January 2025. He wanted council to know that a lot of time has been invested in training on the WRS system, vast amount of paperwork that needed to be done, additional costs due to required life insurance and added expenses to the city and library that were unknown at budget time. Plus, this is the busiest time of the year for the clerk department.

The mayor questioned council on what their intentions are with Main Street Reconstruction before he would speak with MSA. He feels that it might be able to be repaired without a full reconstruction. Peter feels the sewer can be lined vs pulling everything up and redoing it. It was asked for this to be discussed again in December to give council time to take a look.

Motion by Schooley, second by Nichols to move Resolution 2024-10, a Resolution Authorizing the submit of a WEDC Vibrant Spaces Grant to after closed session if action wants to be taken. Motion carried

Motion by Krohn, second by Hobbs to approve the South Wood County Humane Society contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Kissner, second by Todd to approve the operator license application for Julie Drost. Motion carried.

Motion by Darr, second by Schooley to approve the bills from October 15, 2024 through November 19, 2024 #25076 through #25178. Motion carried.

Motion by Kissner, second by Todd move into closed session for the reason to discuss the purchase of lot #31-00338. Council convened into closed session pursuant to State Statute Section 19.85.1 (e), Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Council shall reconvene into open session. Roll call vote: Darr-yes, Hobbs-yes, Kissner-yes, Krohn-yes, Schooley-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

No action was taken from closed session. Vibrant spaces grant was asked to be on the Special council meeting agenda for Monday, November 25, 2024.

Motion to adjourn by Todd, second by Kissner. Motion carried and the council meeting was adjourned.

**Renee Losievski
City Clerk/Treasurer**