

Mayor Larson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll showed Councilpersons DeGross, Koosmann, Lee, Peterson, Sandow and Unruh were present. Also present were CT Rosenow, Chief Darwin, Kevin Oium, Library Director Schneider, Attorney Lindquist, Vickie Schmidt, Lavern Laberee and Carlton DeWitt.

DeGross moved and Peterson seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Voice vote carried.

Lee moved and Unruh seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2020 Regular Council meeting and the July 27, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting. Voice vote carried.

Peterson moved and Koosmann seconded a motion to approve disbursements. Roll call vote carried with all councilpersons present voting yes.

There were no Public Comments.

There was no summer rec committee report.

There was a written library report, and Schneider informed the council that the book club is now meeting at the Apple Orchard to take advantage of social distancing, the summer reading program is finished and the movies at Hinman were very popular. Schneider stated she's had a lot of interest in people using the library basement to take advantage of the WIFI for Zoom meetings. There is preliminary information that the 2022 funding will be cut from the County and this year's expenditures play into that formula, so among other cost saving measures, Schneider is reducing staff and closing the library on Saturdays beginning with Labor Day weekend. She noted that Hiawatha National Bank donated \$5,000 and because of the staff reductions she is in need of volunteers to help staff the building and events.

In the absence of PW Director Caress, there was no public works report.

A written Police report was submitted and Chief Darwin stated he would like to discuss replacing Officer Hiller's position at the August 31<sup>st</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting.

There was no Clerk-Treasurer report.

In the Mayor's report Larson informed the council that he had attended the Town of Springfield meeting and announced they have voted to move three sections from coverage by the GCFD to United Fire. Larson then reminded the council that the annual fire and ambulance budget meeting with the townships is schedule for Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the fire hall.

In Old Business, Kevin Oium stated the announcement for CDBG grant awards is expected in the next week or two.

In New Business, Oium presented pay request # 10 for August Winter & Sons for \$51,070.95 for the WWTP project, explaining that this was half of the 5% retainage we've been holding now that the project is almost complete. He explained that the issue with high temperature alarms in the SCADA panels have been addressed and there haven't been any further issues. DeGross moved and Lee seconded a motion to approve pay request #10. Roll call vote showed all councilpersons voting yes. Motion carried.

CT Rosenow explained a request by the Glenwood City High School Football Club to potentially use the community center on 8 consecutive Thursday evenings to host a team meal. Typically, the meal is done at

school, but with Covid restrictions the club has not secured permission from the school to do so and are looking for a backup plan in case they are not allowed to hold the meal at school. City policy states the center can be used rent-free for non-profit groups with a limit of 1 time per month. Noting the willingness of the club to work around the cleaning schedule and the unusual circumstances of the request Sandow moved and Peterson seconded a motion to allow the Football Club to exceed the limitation on use. Voice vote carried.

DeGross moved and Peterson seconded a motion not to exercise extraterritorial rights on parcel owned by James Manor at 2930 County Rd DD Glenwood City. Voice vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

Lee moved and Peterson seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2020-05 Requesting application for exemption from county library tax. Voice vote carried.

Attorney Lindquist informed the council she had received some proposed revisions to the agreement with the County on the safe room at the fairgrounds. She's looked over the proposed changes and advises the changes are acceptable from her standpoint but, did state the County has not responded to her request for an answer to whether the unpaid property taxes on the old school building were going to be forgiven and questioned whether the council wanted to wait on moving forward with the safe room agreement until the County provided an answer to the delinquent tax question. After discussion it was determined that the council wanted to get moving on the safe room and Unruh moved and Peterson seconded a motion to accept of modifications to agreement with St. Croix County and the St. Croix County Fair, Inc. Regarding the FEMA Community Safe Room Project at the St. Croix County Fairgrounds. Voice vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

CT Rosenow explained that there was a subgrant available through the Wisconsin Elections Commission to help pay additional election costs for Covid related expenses. Each community would be given \$200 + \$1.10/ registered voter as of June 1, 2020. Any unused funds would need to be returned by December 15, 2020. Lee moved and DeGross seconded a motion to accept the WEC CARES Subgrant program agreement. Voice vote carried.

Vern Laberee approached the council explaining he's purchased the property at 1052 Syme Ave and has had to cut down a large number of trees and requested a burn permit to clean up the brush rather than haul a large amount to the burn site. After discussion, Unruh moved and Sandow seconded a motion to approve the burn permit pending approval of the fire chief. Voice vote showed all councilpersons voting yes. Motion carried.

DeGross moved and Peterson seconded a motion to adjourn. Voice vote carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shari Rosenow  
Clerk-Treasurer