

Mayor Unruh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll showed Councilpersons DeGross, Kletscher, Lee, Olson, Ross and Sandow were present. Also present were CT Rosenow, Police Chief Klatt, PW Director Caress, Fire Chief Holden, Library Director Karlson, Lynn McIntyre, John Hager, Nancy Graese, Riley Unruh, Sheanah and Macie Voeltz, Todd Danielson, Carla Peterson and Carlton DeWitt.

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

Kletscher moved and Olson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2024 Regular meeting and the February 5, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting. Voice vote showed all councilpersons present voting yes.

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

Nancy Graese spoke in public comments regarding tax increases and possible change of the City logo.

Todd Danielson addressed the council regarding a visit by the City's building inspector who'd received a complaint that he was living at his business location at 133 W Oak St. Danielson was instructed to follow up with Chief Klatt regarding the complaint.

There was no Summer Rec report but it was noted the parent meeting for the upcoming season will be held February 20th.

Director Karlson gave the Library report.

In the Public Works report, Caress informed the council that part time employee Grant Wheeler had resigned, with his last day being February 24th. Caress stated that three 'No Thru Traffic' signs had been ordered for the municipal building parking lot and was instructed to purchase one set of removable, rubber speed bumps for the lot as well. Caress is still waiting on an estimate for a potential replacement of the furnace at the fire hall.

A written Police report was submitted.

There was no Clerk-Treasurer's report.

Unruh gave the Mayor's report.

In Old Business, Chief Klatt gave a presentation showing some options regarding the 'No truck or van' parking stalls on Oak St. One option would be to change the ordinance and signage to change the parking spaces to compact cars only. No action was taken.

In New Business, Olson moved and Lee seconded a motion to add long term debt payments to the pre-approved bill list. Voice vote carried.

DeGross moved and Lee seconded a motion to declare the 1999 Stoughton trailer that is used to collect paper at the recycling center as surplus property. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons voting yes.

DeGross moved and Ross seconded a motion to approve the policy on approval for purchases and reimbursements. Voice vote carried.

Fire Chief Holden stated he was looking for approval from the council to have a UTV ride on May 4th beginning and ending at the fire hall. Holden informed the council that he and Police Chief Klatt have already discussed options for routing UTV traffic and both are willing to work together to come up with a plan for the ride. DeGross moved and Olson seconded a motion to approve the request. Voice vote carried with Kletscher abstaining.

Legal concerns were raised by the City attorney regarding the motion passed in January which stated that the council would vote on whether a councilperson should be paid their monthly stipend if they missed the regular meeting. Olson made the original motion in January and DeGross seconded the motion, therefore, Olson moved and DeGross seconded a motion to reconsider the original motion. Voice vote carried. After discussion, Kletscher moved and Sandow seconded a motion to rescind the policy and go back to the council receiving pay whether or not they were in attendance at the meeting. Roll call vote showed Kletscher, Ross and Sandow voting yes. DeGross, Lee and Olson voting no. Mayor Unruh voted yes breaking the tie. Motion passed.

DeGross moved and Ross seconded a motion to approve Operator's License application for Ryan C Noll. Voice vote carried with Kletscher abstaining.

At 8:08 p.m. DeGross moved and Lee seconded a motion to enter into closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) Compensation and Evaluation: Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee subject to the jurisdiction or authority of governing body; discussion regarding volunteer pay and candidates for open police position. Roll call vote showed DeGross, Kletscher, Lee, Olson, Ross and Sandow voting yes. Chief Klatt was asked to attend the closed session discussion.

At 8:45 p.m. Lee moved and Olson seconded a motion to reconvene to open session. Roll call vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

No action was taken on closed session topics.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Rosenow
Clerk Treasurer