

Mayor Unruh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll showed Councilpersons Kletscher, Lee, Olson, Ross and Sandow were present. Councilperson Degross absent. Also present were DCT Swenby, Police Chief Klatt, PW Director Caress, Library Director Karlson, Lynn McIntyre, Mark Nelson, Mark Johanson, Jud Kraft, Carlton DeWitt.

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

Kletscher moved and Sandow seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2024 Regular meeting and the March 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting. Voice vote showed all councilpersons present voting yes.

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

Jud Kraft spoke in public comments regarding property taxes, he questioned how they were calculated. Mayor Unruh suggested he contact the City Assessor and she would be able to answer those questions.

Kent Kletscher gave an update on Summer Rec. Scheduling has started and uniforms have been ordered.

Director Karlson gave the Library report.

In the Public Works report, Caress informed the council the swing at Hinman that was damaged was removed. Looking at replacing both swings. The fire alarm/sprinkler systems were checked in the Municipal Building. There were two sprinkler heads that were not put in when the building was built so those were added. Wisconsin Pump Works was here last week to clear wipes wrapped around the pump. Councilperson Olson questioned the baseboards at Fire Hall. PWD Caress said he had to find the time to go to Menards get the cost come back for a check and go back to get the product. Councilperson Sandow questioned the nets at Hinman basketball courts. They will be checked and new ones put on if needed.

A written Police report was submitted. Chief Klatt also mentioned the department received a \$1,000 donation from Nilssen's Foods.

There was no Clerk-Treasurer's report.

Before the Mayor's report Mayor Unruh's family brought him homemade signs and cupcakes for his last meeting as Mayor. Unruh started the Mayor's report by thanking the City employees for all they do to keep the City running. He also thanked fellow council members who have served with him.

There was no Old Business.

In New Business, Kletscher moved and Olson seconded a motion to change the name of Syme Ave/Hwy 128 from Hwy G to Oak St. to Leising Ave. Voice vote carried. DeGross absent.

Mark Nelson was in attendance with complaints about the vehicles and appliances housed on his neighbor, Mark Johanson's property. He states it has been over four years and nothing has changed when the ordinance clearly states the home owner has 10 days to remove the junk vehicles etc. Johanson was also in attendance. After much discussion between Mr. Johanson and the council it was decided that Mr. Johanson is in violation of ordinance 323-4. Chief Klatt is to work with Mr. Johanson to come up with a logical time line is which the property will be cleaned up.

Chief Klatt spoke about a recent abandon vehicle that was stored at Mike's Auto Body. The owner of the vehicle could not be located so the vehicle was stored for the mandatory 90 days. Although, Mike's did not charge the city for the entire 90 days of storage there was still cost to the city for towing and storage. Chief Klatt and PWD Caress came up with a spot that is secure to store a vehicle if needed.

Olson moved and Lee seconded the motion to extend the ADRC's contract for another quarter.

Discussion was held with Lynn McIntyre from Cedar Cooperation regarding Zoning Administrator duties. She gave a brief overview of what they can do. She will send over a draft contract and some cost estimates. It was decided to add to next months agenda for consideration.

It was decided to table the residency restriction decision until the March 27, 2024 Special meeting.

Lee moved and Olson seconded a motion to except the addition of fitness for duty section the personal policy. Voice vote showed all councilpersons present voting yes.

Lee moved and Sandow seconded a motion to except the fitness for duty policies for ambulance and fire departments. Voice vote showed all councilpersons present voting yes.

Olson moved and Sandow seconded a motion to designate ARPA funds to purchase two pressure relief hydrant valves. Roll call vote showed all council person voting yes. DeGross absent.

After some discussion on accepting cardboard from businesses it was decided to table it and add it to next month's agenda to discuss fee charges to businesses if they cannot bring recyclables to the recycle center.

At 8:37 p.m. Kletscher moved and Olson 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 ambulance pay scale and candidates for open police position and Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) Competitive or Bargaining Reasons: Deliberating of or negotiating for purchase of public properties, investment of public funds, or conduct of other specific public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; discussion regarding real estate negotiations. Roll call vote showed Councilpersons Kletscher, Lee, Olson, Ross and Sandow voting yes. DeGross absent.

At 8:51 p.m. Kletscher moved and Olson seconded a motion to reconvene to open session. Roll call vote showed all councilpersons voting yes. Degross absent.

Kletscher moved and Lee seconded a motion to extend an offer to Officer Jerome Hoyt for the full-time deputy position open with the city. Voice vote showed all council person present voting yes.

Sandow moved and Kletscher seconded a motion to relist the old school property with John Lindelof, Big Rivers Real Estate/Coldwell Banker. Voice vote carried with all councilperson in attendance voting yes.

Lee moved and Ross seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. Voice vote carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Brandee Swenby
Deputy Clerk Treasurer