

Mayor Kletscher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll showed Councilpersons DeGross, Lee, Olson, Sandow and Stoner were present. Also present were CT Rosenow, Police Chief Klatt, PW Director Caress, Library Director Karlson, Fire Chief Holden, Kevin Oium, Jud Kraft, Kristen Curvello, Carlton DeWitt and many members of the public.

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

Lee moved and Olson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 Regular/Organizational meeting. Voice vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

In discussion regarding bills presented for payment, DeGross questioned the location of the downspouts on the municipal building not lining up with the new trench drains that had been installed. PW Director Caress stated that the Gutter Guys would need to come back out to move the downspouts to line up with the new drains. Caress and Oium of Cedar Corporation will look into the details of the project regarding if there will be additional charges to get this done. Olson questioned why the well house needed rekeying and why it was so much more expensive than the others on the bill. Caress explained the DNR required specific rekeying of the chemical room at the wellhouse which was a more expensive type of lock. Sandow moved and Olson seconded a motion to approve all presented disbursements. Roll call vote carried with all councilpersons voting yes.

In public comments, Todd Danielson spoke regarding concerns about runoff from the municipal parking lot onto his property at 133 W Oak St.

There was no Summer Rec report.

Director Karlson gave the Library report informing the council the library received a \$4,000 grant from Mayo Health for mental health programming and \$2000 from IEEE for science kits. Olson moved and Lee seconded a motion to approve the installation of a little free library by the sidewalk in front of the building. Voice vote carried.

Caress gave the Public Works report, noting he will discuss Danielson's concerns with him about parking lot runoff. Caress stated the pool is re-filling for the season but a new circulation pump will be needed in the next few years, updated the council on other park projects and that letters for grass that needs to be mowed will be going out to residents in the next week.

A written Police report was submitted.

There was no Clerk-Treasurer's report.

Mayor Kletscher reported he is looking into setting up some regular office hours at city hall on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

In Old Business it was learned that Sherwin Williams has discovered an issue with the acidity of the sheet rock in the municipal building and they will supply paint and Derrick Building Solutions will arrange to have the affected areas re-painted as warranty work from the building project. It was determined that all sheet rock in the building should be checked for the issue to see if more areas need to be re-painted before signing off on the project.

Olson moved and Stoner seconded a motion to approve a new City logo. Roll call vote showed all councilperson voting yes, with Lee abstaining. Motion carried.

Mayor Kletscher stated two letters of interest were submitted for the open councilperson position and asked the two parties to read their letters. Kristen Curvello and Jud Kraft both read their letters and after hearing the statements, the council voted by written ballot. Kristen Curvello was appointed to the vacant position and was asked to take her seat at the council table.

Mayor Kletscher performed the swearing in of new Police Officer Jerome Hoyt.

Lee moved and Sandow seconded a motion to allow the Rustic Lore committee to use the municipal parking lot for parking during the St. Croix County Fair. It was noted that parking hours have been discussed with city hall and library and will not interfere with normal business. Voice vote carried.

DeGross moved and Lee seconded a motion to approve outdoor music schedule for M&M Bar. Voice vote carried.

It was learned that 1st Choice Pest Control was going to take care of the fire hall at no charge, so no action was needed on estimates from other companies.

A utility permit policy was discussed as a way to recoup some of the costs associated with utility projects in the City, however no details on a potential policy have been discussed. Topic will be revisited next month.

A request to discuss potentially changing the hours the recycling center is open during the week to consolidate the morning and evening hours into one day rather than splitting between two days as is currently done, resulted in Caress stating he doesn't see any benefit to changing the days/hours and recommends no action be taken.

A request to allow flexible work schedules in the public works department resulted in many questions on how coverage would be worked out between the employees. It was determined that Caress should put together a mock schedule and submit to the personnel committee for further consideration.

Discussion regarding bee keeping/hives in the City was held, with the topic being put into the Public Relations & Community Development committee for further discussion.

Discussion regarding a resident complaint about a pigeon nuisance in the City was held, with Chief Klatt stating he's exhausted every avenue to address the complaint, including getting a determination from St. Croix County Public Health that it is not a health department violation. With no other options to pursue at this time, the item was also referred to the Public Relations & Community Development committee to determine if there are any other ways to address the complaint.

Caress explained that several storm sewer catch basins need repair and the cost is approximately \$5,000 each. Lee moved and Olson seconded a motion to designate \$20,000 in ARPA funds to repair storm sewer catch basins. Voice vote showed all councilpersons present voting yes.

Discussion was held on the need to replace the 2014 squad car. It was determined that a firm price for repairing the wiring/camera issues should be researched before taking action to designate ARPA funds to purchase a new car.

Considerable discussion was held with members of the public in attendance regarding the ability to use the recycling facility and the recycling fee paid by businesses and multi-family residences. Discussion centered on whether these entities should be allowed to continue to use the facility and what an equitable fee would be to those that generate and dispose of much more volume than a single-family household. No determinations were made and Mayor Kletscher will contact the Village of Boyceville to get more information on how they operate their program. The item will be tabled until June for action.

Discussion regarding snow removal for businesses was tabled.

Lee moved and Olson seconded a motion to approve a “Class B” Combination license for Nelly’s Boondocks, LLC; DBA Boondocks 2.0 Bar. Voice vote carried.

Olson moved and Lee seconded a motion to approve a Temporary Class “B” picnic license for St. Croix County Fair Inc. for July 17-21, 2024 and August 16-17, 2024. Voice vote showed all councilpersons present voting yes.

Olson moved and Lee seconded a motion to create a combined pool director/public works position for up to 20 hours per week at \$20/hour. Voice vote showed all councilpersons present voting yes.

DeGross moved and Olson seconded a motion to approve Operator’s License applications for Shauna D Fehlen, Peter L Fehlen and Emma N Fehlen. Voice vote showed all council person voting yes.

Sadow moved and Stoner seconded a motion to refer a proposed zoning code amendment to allow Accessory Dwelling Units to the Planning Commission. Voice vote carried.

At 9:15 p.m. DeGross moved and Sadow seconded a motion to enter into closed session per 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 DeGross, Lee, Olson, Sadow, Stoner and Curvello in favor. Motion carried.

At 10:08 p.m. DeGross moved and Sadow seconded a motion to reconvene to open session. Roll call vote showed all councilpersons voting yes. Motion carried.

Olson moved and Curvello seconded a motion to list parcel 231-1024-90-000 for sale with realtor⁷ John Lindelof of Coldwell Banker Realty. Voice vote carried with Lee and Sadow voting no.

DeGross moved and Olson seconded a motion to adjourn at 10:09 p.m. Voice vote carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Rosenow
Clerk-Treasurer