

**CITY OF MANAWA
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2019 6:00 PM**

Proceedings of the Manawa Common Council meeting held Monday, November 18, 2019.
Called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Smith at the Manawa Municipal Building pursuant to open meeting regulations, Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Aldermen present on roll call: Mike Miller, Wendy Velie, Mike Frazier, Brandon Buelow, Mary Eck, Alice Brown, and Mayor John Smith. City Employees: Mark Hass, Katie Boerst, Rob Rosenau, Attorney Forsythe, Logan Hass. Audience: Holly Neumann, Joe Starr and Dan Pomeroy.

Moved Frazier/Miller to approve agenda of November 18, 2019. Carried.

Moved Miller/Brown to approve of the common council meeting minutes of October 21, 2019. Carried.

Moved Eck/Velie to approve of the Bills of Allowance \$60,214.73. Mayor Smith noticed that we spend a lot on bleach and that we should look elsewhere to find a better deal for bleach. Carried.

Audience: Joe Starr gave an update of the Veterans Park to the council. They will be looking to add splash pad, bridge and blacktop in the future. This spring they will break ground for the splash pad. Joe asked the council if the city will be willing to pick up the water bill for 2020. Having the splash pad the water bill will be a lot more. Mayor Smith commented that it would need to go to improvements and services committee. Wautoma it costs them around \$8,000 but they are a bigger community and the splash pad is larger than what will be in Manawa. Brown asked about the geese issue. Mayor Smith commented that the geese flying over are not the issue the issue is the geese that are around in June and July.

Finance: Fire calls pay: Moved Eck/Frazier at supervisor discretion to allow workers to leave for fire calls during work and the city will pay the difference between fire fighters pay at \$13 an hour and their hourly pay rate with the city to make up the difference of lost wages. Carried.

Bonuses: Moved Eck/Miller to give city employees a 2% bonus for 2019. Carried.

Improvements: Update on City Garage: Chairman Miller talked about the tour of the new city garage. Mark explained that he had Dennis come out to get quotes on it with just the front part being taken down with the other part remolded and gutted out or tear the whole thing down but leave the slap to build on. Buelow commented that they talked about turning the current city garage into a salt storage. Eck asked about the timeline. Miller commented that it depends when Dennis the city engineer gets back to us.

Backhoe: Moved Miller/Buelow to purchase new case backhoe and trade in the current one. Carried.

Protection: Chairman Frazier mentioned that they had to cancel the burning ordinance meeting and will have to reschedule. Eck commented that the Fire department approved budget and there were a lot of fire calls this year.

Mayor: Mayor Smith stated that there will be a Joint Review Board meeting on Monday December 2nd at 2:00 pm to discuss the Kolbe Tiff. Kolbe is doing really well with adding a 3rd shift and the parking lot is full.

DPW: Mark stated that they have done snow removal already this year, Wayne is working on sweeping the streets to get the leaves off and we are finishing up on the fall cleanup.

Police: Chief Gorman was not present so officer Boerst was filling in for Gorman. Officer Boerst went over the police report. Talked about Halloween issues, take back drug day went well and everything was sent for the audit. We are currently at 30 calls for the school. Eck asked where

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are we are currently with the SRO. Officer Boerst commented that it was presented many times to the school district and they have denied it. She mentioned that Waupaca recently hired one within a month so the process can be pretty quick. Iola and Manawa are the only School Districts in Waupaca County who don't have a school resource officer. Officer Boerst mentioned that winter parking is in effect and they have been given out warnings.

Fire: Chief Rosenau noted that they had a record year of calls with 105 last year they had 95 calls the previous year. 28 calls were within the city. The average time to get to calls is ten minutes and sixty one seconds. We have started 7 officers in class and the elections stayed the same.

Attorney: Attorney Forsythe thanked the council for the opportunity to serve as the City Attorney. He stated that he will include each month a monthly report to the council.

Library: Brown mentioned that the library purchased tablets and computers. They rescinded the 3% raise and will go by what the city says.

Clerk: Financial report: General Fund Balance: \$133,003.60. Local Government Pool: \$10,196.99.

Moved Brown to adjourn at 6:45 pm. Carried.

Logan Hass, City Clerk