

**CITY OF MANAWA  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 20, 2020 6:00 PM**

Proceedings of the Manawa Common Council meeting held Monday, April 20, 2020. Called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Smith by teleconference 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, Jim Gorman, Rob Rosenau, Logan Hass.

Moved Frazier/Miller to approve agenda of April 20, 2020. Carried.

Moved Miller/Buelow to approve of the common council meeting minutes of March 16, 2020. Carried.

Moved Eck/Frazier to approve of the Bills of Allowance \$353,169.46. Carried.

**Audience:** Terri Suehs didn't join by phone but wanted to let the council know that they should look at changing the ordinance about having chickens in the city.

**Finance:** Eck mentioned that we did not meet and nothing to report.

**Improvements:** Miller stated that we did not meet.

**Protection:** Frazier said that they have not met. Eck mentioned that Fire board is postponed till further notice with the current situation.

**Recycling:** Lyle Flunker resigned and Chuck Ostermeier is taking over recycling duties. Mayor Smith stated that Chuck is a great guy and will do great at the job.

**Mayor:** Mayor Smith said that it is awkward doing the meeting via phone, looks forward to working with Jim Roenz and Seth Miller as new elected council members and thanked Wendy Velie and Mike Miller for their service to the city. He also mentioned that he hopes this will be the last time that we do the council meeting via phone. Wendy thanked the mayor and stated she enjoined her time on the council and learned a lot. Mike thanked the mayor and appreciated his time working with other council members and looks forward to his son being on the council.

**DPW:** Mark mentioned that they are working on taring, rehabbing well 2 and hauling sludge. Frazier asked if he has heard anything about High Street. Mark commented that he hasn't heard anything yet.

**Police:** Chief Gorman stated that he has nothing other than his monthly report. He mentioned about the semi crash on S. Bridge Street and that the School District contacted him because they are very interested in having an SRO. Frazier noted that he will be setting up a meeting to talk about burning ordinance and adding another officer.

**Fire:** Chief Rosenau stated that the Pancake breakfast is canceled and classes have been done online.

**Library:** Alice mentioned that Joe Burkard resigned from the library and they are currently looking for a replacement for the maintenance position.

**Clerk:** Financial Report: General Fund balance: \$244,602.58; Government Pool – \$166,664.21; Line of Credit - \$250,000. Clerk Logan Hass asked the council if they thought there would be an issue with allowing people to put signs in the triangle park to honor the high school students. They didn't see any issue and would allow it for the current situation that is going on.

**New Business:** Ipads for council/public works: The city was given a quote for ipads if the council was interested in going more electronic format to deliver information to council members.

Mayor Smith stated that it will need to go to a finance meeting.

Reorganization meeting: Will take place tomorrow night at 6pm.

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Board of Review Meeting/Training: Mayor Smith noted that Larry the City's Assessor had some changes that are in the works to be figured out.

Emergency Order: Mayor Smith explained about the resolution, he later decided to not go through with it, filled the council in on who he has talked to about Covid-19 issues and how we can get the city back to operating as normal. Mayor Smith expressed his fear of businesses having a difficult time like they did back in the Great Recession.

Veterans Park Water Bill: Mayor Smith stated that we will have to have a committee meeting to discuss it.

Frazier commented that he enjoined working with Wendy and Mike. Buelow agreed with Frazier as well.

Moved Brown to adjourn at 6:43 pm. Carried.

Logan Hass, City Clerk