

**CITY OF MANAWA
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 18, 2020 6:00 PM**

Proceedings of the Manawa Common Council meeting held Monday, May 18, 2020. Called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Smith pursuant to open meeting regulations, Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Aldermen present on roll call: Mike Frazier, Brandon Buelow, Mary Eck, Alice Brown, Jim Roenz, Seth Miller and Mayor John Smith. City Employees: Mark Hass, Jim Gorman, Rob Rosenau, Katie Boerst and Logan Hass. Audience: Jamie Lane.

Moved Frazier/Buelow to approve agenda of May 18, 2020. Carried.

Moved Eck/Buelow to approve of the common council meeting minutes of April 20, 2020 and Reorganization meeting minutes of April 21, 2020 Carried.

Moved Buelow/Eck to approve of the Bills of Allowance \$271,438.46. Carried.

Audience: Judy Trull did not show up to talk about watering the flowers.

Finance: Eck mentioned that they have not met.

Improvements: Fireworks: Moved Buelow/Brown to allow fireworks to be shot off for Miracle on Bridge Street off of the bridge pending state approval with logistics to follow. Carried.

Splash Pad: Moved Buelow/Brown that the city takes over the payment of the water bill at the Veterans Freedom Park. Discussion Clerk Hass explained to the council about what the expected cost would be. Mayor Smith informed the council that the project won't be completed this year because of all the fundraising events that were canceled due to COVID-19. Carried.

Parks: It was discussed that the parks bathrooms won't open up until events start happening at the park.

Protection: Frazier stated that they met last week and discussed about letter from tavern league, extra police officer, burning ordinance and closed session items. Eck mentioned that the last two fire meetings have been canceled, but are meeting tomorrow.

Mayor: Mayor Smith said that it is nice to be back, meeting goes much smoother in person and it is nice to see everyone. This is a busy time of year for our city crew guys and the city clerk's office did a good job closing down city hall and getting the drop box which makes doing business much better.

DPW: Mark stated that well 2 is rehabbed, yearly crack filling is all done, started brush pickup and there were some issues where it was longer than 6ft so it was hard to pick up. CMAR report received all A's and the water tower will be having an inspection done in the next couple of months.

Police: Chief Gorman mentioned that they are dealing with a deceased body case and issues at the library with tapping into Wi-Fi late at night. He continued with that there are large liability issues with leaving the Wi-Fi open 24/7, at New London they have their Wi-Fi set on a timer, people tapping into the electricity at the library and needles found by the dam. Gorman said that he would like to talk to the library about the issues and to be able to get eyes on the outside of the library. Brown asked how come they come to the library. Gorman stated that it gives them an excuse to be there because they just say that they are using the Wi-Fi.

Fire: Chief Rosenau noted that they have had 44 calls for the year and 16 of them have been in the city. They have started up meetings and trainings, received a large donation and would like to be invited to the burning ordinance meetings.

Library: Brown said that the library will be reopening and putting up protective measurements throughout the library.

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Clerk: Financial Report: General Fund balance: \$115,250.70; Government Pool – \$116,712.76; Line of Credit - \$250,000.

New Resolutions: Moved Buelow/Roenz to adopt Resolution 2020-4 accepting the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for 2019. Carried.

New Business: Frazier set up a protection and welfare meeting for June 1st at 5:30 pm to talk about criminal activity at library and burning ordinance. Eck set up finance and personnel meeting on May 26th at 5 pm to talk about timeclock, iPads and 4th officer.

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

Logan Hass, City Clerk