

**CITY OF MANAWA
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 15, 2021 6:00**

Proceedings of the Manawa Common Council meeting held Monday, March 15, 2021. Called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Smith pursuant to open meeting regulations, Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Alderpersons present on roll call: Alice Brown, Mike Frazier, Brandon Buelow, Mary Eck, Jim Roenz, Seth Miller and Mayor John Smith via phone. City Employees: Josh Smith, Chief Jim Gorman and Logan Hass. Audience: Jeff Thomas and Judy Trull.

Moved Frazier/Buelow to approve agenda of March 15, 2021. Carried.

Moved Roenz/Frazier to approve of the common council meeting minutes of February 15, 2021. Carried.

Moved Buelow/Eck to approve of the Bills of Allowance \$440,861.74. Carried.

Swear in Ceremony: Jeff Thomas was sworn in as a part time police officer.

Audience: Judy Trull Revitalization Committee – Beautify Triangle Park: Judy said that the Revitalization Committee is looking to write a grant and discussed about having lights in the trees to make it appealing to have events at the triangle park.

Finance: Work hours: Moved Eck/Frazier to have the public works employees work schedule from 6:00am to 2:30pm May 1st to October 1st. Discussion: Brown asked do all the guys agree. Josh said yes we all agree and prefer that schedule during those months. Carried. Emails:

Moved Eck/Buelow to setup .gov email accounts for council, clerk office and DPW. Carried.

Engineer: Moved Eck/Buelow on two year advisory consulting contract with Cedar Corporation.

Carried. Easter Egg Hunt: Moved Eck/Frazier to allow deputy clerk Angie Jacobsen to use city hall for 2 hours on Saturday April 10th for the Easter Egg Hunt. Carried. Council room flooring:

Moved Eck/Frazier to go with Modern Flooring for the removal and replacement of the carpet in the council room. Lawn mower: Moved Eck/Buelow to purchase 60 inch deck zero turn John Deere lawn mower. Carried. Employee: Moved Eck/Roenz to hire a seasonal parks employee.

Carried. Wages: Moved Eck/Frazier to raise the current public works employees Wayne Wendt and Nick Weed to \$20 an hour. Carried. Community Service Officer: Moved Eck/Frazier to not

move forward with the community service officer. Carried. Police wage scale: Eck mentioned that we will discuss at next finance and personnel meeting.

Improvements: Chair Buelow talked about the water/waste water alarm system upgrade options.

Mayor: Mayor Smith recognized Library Director Ellen Connor for 32 years of service, Josh Smith 2 years of service and Wayne Wendt for 2 years of service.

DPW: Josh mentioned that wallpaper removed and painted the walls in the council room, completed 20 meter change outs and cross connections, replaced counter top in men's bathroom and in the process of reorganizing the sewer plant which found some items from the 40s and 60s. Eck asked about the mapping system. Josh said we just started doing some mapping on the Ipad. Josh talked about he has been in contact with City of Waupaca and New London to build a relationship and see how they do stuff there. Mayor Smith said that he appreciates the collaboration.

Police: Chief Gorman said that he doesn't have anything other than his report.

Fire: Eck mentioned that the fire department is looking into replacing the water tender and Pancake Breakfast is April 18th.

Clerk: Financial Report: General Fund balance: \$111,737.80; Government Pool: \$111,762.11.

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Licenses: Moved Eck/Miller to approve operator's licenses for Shatoya Chancellor, Nathan Wendt and Sebastian Mikkelsen. Carried.

Resolutions: Sale of Land: Moved Frazier/Brown to adopt Resolution 2021-1 sale of city owned land around the city pity to Nathan Orvedahl. Carried. Board of Review: Moved Buelow/Brown to adopt Resolution 2021-2 to hold the Board of Review on May 17, 2021 from 3:45-5:45 pm and the Open Book on May 10, 2021 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Carried.

New Business: It was brought up that in 3 years will be the celebration 150 years of Manawa. The council said they would like to get a committee going to start the planning. Improvements & Services is meeting on Monday March 22 at 6:00 pm and Finance and Personnel meeting on Monday March 29 at 4:00 pm.

Moved Brown/Frazier to adjourn at 7:33 pm. Carried.

Logan Hass, City Clerk