

**CITY OF MANAWA  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
September 18, 2023 6:00 pm**

Proceedings of the Manawa Common Council meeting held Monday, September 18, 2023. Called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Frazier pursuant to open meeting regulations, Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Alderspersons present on roll call: Ann Bonikowske, Mary Eck, Alice Brown, Aaron Timm, Mark Lehrer, Mayor Mike Frazier. Absent: Jim Roenz. City Employees: Josh Smith, Jason Severson, Logan Hass. Audience: Ashley & Robbie Schneiderwent.

Moved Bonikowske/Timm to approve the agenda of September 18, 2023. Carried.

Moved Eck/Timm to approve the council meeting minutes of August 21, 2023. Carried.

Moved Timm/Brown to approve of the Bills of Allowance \$172,953.28. Carried.

**Audience:** Ashley and Robbie Schneiderwent talked about having three dogs and moving in the city. There will be a Protection and Welfare meeting setup to discuss.

**Finance:** Accident Plan: Moved Eck/Brown to offer accident insurance through Securian to full time employees with the employer covering 88% of the cost and employee covering 12%. Carried.

**Improvements:** Vacate Street: Moved Bonikowske/Timm to proceed with the process to vacate the east side of Inn Street and not to exceed in \$2,000 for survey costs. Carried. Water complaint: Moved Bonikowske/Brown to proceed with PFAS water complaint. Carried. Lindsey Park sidewalk: Moved Bonikowske/Eck to go ahead with pouring concrete for sidewalk at Lindsey Park for softball field and pour a slab of concrete for a future shed by the softball field. Carried.

**Protection:** Trick & Treat: Moved Brown/Bonikowske to have Halloween Trick and Treat set for Saturday October 28th from 4pm to 6pm. Carried. Fire board rep Mary said Ambulance raffle is going well. Will be discussing budgets and contract with Clintonville.

**Municipal Court:** Meeting Thursday September 21, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

**Plan Commission:** Meeting Monday, September 25, 2023 at 5pm to discuss Comp Plan and survey results.

**Mayor:** Mayor Frazier said Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> will be Ellen Connor Day to honor her. Will start in big room and then go to council room. Do we need to recognize the 150<sup>th</sup> committee as an ad hoc committee? Mary said no because the committee is more of a community organization and it is not ran through the city.

**DPW:** Josh went over his report. Exercised water valves. Bathroom stall partition will be installed next month. Met with Cedar Corp about road projects. Have had meetings on the ballparks. Last brush pickup will be in October. Hopefully to have the new plow truck by 2024-2025 plow season. Upcoming projects flushing hydrants, repairs on catch basins and take down trees behind city hall.

**Police:** Police Report was given by Chief Severson: School is back in. No issues yet. Squad and body cameras are up and running. New holsters and red dot sights are in. Looking into what is the best way to get rid of shotgun shells because have not used shotguns in years.

**Fire:** Chief Josh Smith went over his report. Participated in Memorial cleanup in Wisconsin Rapids. Completed annual fit test physicals. Assisted with watering the Rodeo Grounds for the High School Rodeo. Added one new member. Will be participating in Manawa Fall Fest and Homecoming events. 10 incidents since last meeting.

**Library:** Board rep Alice Brown said we have received a few applications for the Library Director position and will be conducting interviews soon.

**Clerk:** Financial Report: General Fund balance – \$282,635.35; Government Pool – \$32,440.78; License: Moved Brown/Eck to approve operator license for Lance Small. Carried. Street closing: Moved Eck/Timm to close 2nd Street to Mill Street/Mill Street to Inn Street by the Manawa Chamber of Commerce for Fall Fest on Saturday October 7, 2023 from 9:00 am to 2 pm. Carried. Budget Hearing: Moved Bonikowske/Brown to set 2024 Budget Hearing Monday November 13th at 6pm. Carried.

**New Business:** Committee of the Whole will have a meeting on Monday October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to discuss logo, time study and 2024 budget. Moved Brown/Bonikowske to adjourn at 6:56 pm. Carried.

Logan Hass, City Clerk