

**CITY OF MANAWA
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2023 6:00 pm**

Proceedings of the Manawa Common Council meeting held Monday, November 20, 2023. Called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Frazier pursuant to open meeting regulations, Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

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

Moved Eck/Bonikowske to approve the agenda of November 20, 2023. Carried.

Moved Roenz/Bonikowske to approve the council meeting minutes of October 16, 2023. Carried.

Moved Eck/Lehrer to approve of the Bills of Allowance \$142,169.41. Carried.

Finance: Wages 2024: Moved Eck/Roenz to approve the new wage schedule for 2024. Carried. **Lawnmower:**

Moved Eck/Brown to purchase new zero turn lawnmower for \$9,500. Carried.

Improvements: Melvin O. Handrich sign: Moved Bonikowske/Brown to move Wisconsin State Historical Marker Melvin O. Handrich sign and cannons from Triangle Park to Manawa Area Veterans Freedom Park. Carried. **Triangle Park signs**: Moved Bonikowske/Eck to allow Triangle Park Renovation Committee to go ahead with putting an electronic sign on Triangle Park and updating wooden sign on Triangle Park. Carried.

Protection: Fire Board: Fire Board rep Mary said we won't be renewing the ambulance contract with Clintonville. **Squad car**: Moved Roenz/Bonikowske to purchase new squad car with equipment \$71,906. Carried. **Snowmobile trail**: Moved Roenz/Eck to accept revised snowmobile trail to gas station. Carried.

Plan Commission: Next meeting Monday December 18th 5pm.

Mayor: Ellen Connor Day: Moved Brown/Bonikowske to celebrate Ellen Connor Day on December 18th. Carried. Mayor Frazier said that 150th Manawa celebration will have a booth at the holiday fair, next meeting is January 8th, did some fundraising by going to businesses.

DPW: Josh went over his report. Repaired sewer inlets. New partition for men's restroom at city hall has been installed. Decorating Triangle with Christmas lights. Will be bringing in picnic tables and setting up barricades for Merry Manawa.

Police: Police report was given by Chief Severson. Had a school safety meeting. The new squad will be ordered soon.

Fire: Chief Josh Smith went over his report. Working on establishing explorer program at the high school. Will be taking part in the 2nd Annual Cops vs. Firefighters Lighted Food Pantry Drive in Weyauwega on Dec. 9th. Elections were held with the "Odd" numbered positions being voted on. Elected Officers are Fire Chief Josh Smith, 2nd Capt. Brian Lettau, 2nd Lt. Nick Weed (newly elected), 2nd Engineer Florian Rosera. We end 2023 with 114 calls (new record high) Currently at call 8 for 2024 year.

Library: Director: Moved Brown/Eck to approve the hire of the new Library Director Sue Vater Olsen started on 11/14. Carried.

Clerk: Financial Report: General Fund balance – \$101,360.11; Government Pool – \$32,731.90; **License**: Moved Eck/Lehrer to approve operator license for Nathan Parks. Carried. **Street closing**: Moved Bonikowske/Eck to accept request by Manawa Chamber to close 2nd Street from S. Bridge Street to Mill Street for Merry Manawa A Christmas Market on Thursday November 30, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Carried.

New Business: Finance and Personnel will be meeting on Tuesday January 9th at 5pm.

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

Logan Hass, City Clerk