

**CITY OF MANAWA  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 21, 2024 6:00 pm**

Proceedings of the Manawa Common Council meeting held Monday, October 21, 2024. 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: Alice Brown, Jim Roenz, Mark Lehrer, Ann Bonikowske, Mary Eck, Aaron Timm, Mayor Mike Frazier. City Employees: Josh Smith, Jason Severson, Sue Vater Olsen, Logan Hass.

Moved Bonikowske/Brown to approve the agenda of October 21, 2024. Carried.

Moved Eck/Timm to approve the council meeting minutes of September 16, 2024. Carried.

Moved Roenz/Bonikowske to approve of the Bills of Allowance \$692,307.43. Carried.

**Audience:** Mary Mengert and Brenda Bushaw – Weeds, grass mowing and junk: Brenda said the issues are the weeds and junk at Primrose and the junk at the old Park N Shop. Mary said when asked the City about the properties they saw nothing wrong. Been to the Doctor several times to treat poison sumac because of the property behind house they don't mow lawn. It also creates tumbleweeds. Chief Severson said there are no ordinance violations nothing can be done. Nick Heise – Dam: Nick gave a presentation on what it would look like if the City kept it as a river and not as a pond. Would like to collaborate and form a committee to explore options. Water looks cleaner than ever. Manawa could do what Amherst did. Would like to see it as a river.

Joe Starr – Triangle Park Improvements: Joe said at the Triangle Park there is a group looking to add a roof to the bandstand. Would like the park to get utilized more. More lights would need to be added and crosswalks. Need to create ADA compliance for the bandstand. Dave Sarna said would like to see the pond back and repair the damage. Jason Bessette said would like to see pond back. There would be revenue coming back into the community. Paul Bonikowske said would like pond back because property values would lose value.

**Improvements:** Sewer rate study: Moved Bonikowske/Eck to have a sewer rate study done. Carried.

**Mayor:** Mayor Frazier recognized Angie Jacobsen for 27 years of service to the City.

**DPW:** Josh went over his report. Walnut and Factory Streets are completed. All concrete work and the moving of the historical marker to the Veterans Park has been completed. Winterizing of the parks will take place this week. Thedacare steps are supposed to be done in November. Kolbe Lift Station building will stay crocked and it will still be functional.

**Police:** Police Chief Jason Severson went over his report. Had training done on school safety.

**Fire:** Chief Josh Smith went over his report. Already received some of the items that we fundraised for. Submitted the Firehouse Subs Grant. Currently at 103 calls for the year.

**Library:** Board rep Alice said there are many events and activities at the library.

**Clerk:** Financial Report: General Fund balance – \$93,214.01; Government Pool – \$1,761,803.51; Licenses: Moved Eck/Brown to approve operator's licenses for Jessica Niemuth and Jon May. Carried.

**New Business:** Dam Ad Hoc Committee will meet on Tuesday October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm. Committee of the Whole will meet on Monday October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Moved Bonikowske/Brown to adjourn at 7:52 pm. Carried.

Logan Hass, City Clerk