

**CITY OF MANAWA  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 17, 2025 6:00 pm**

Proceedings of the Manawa Common Council meeting held Monday, March 17, 2025. 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: Jim Roenz (via phone), Mark Lehrer, Mary Eck, Alice Brown, Ann Bonikowske, Aaron Timm, Mayor Mike Frazier. City Employees: Josh Smith, Jason Severson, Sue Vater Olson, Logan Hass. Audience: Emily Doud, Jason and Julie Bessette, Ben Hlaban, Dan Pomeroy, Coleen Phelan, Kurt Kolosso,

Moved Bonikowske/Lehrer to approve the agenda of March 17, 2025. Carried.

Moved Eck/Timm to approve the council meeting minutes of February 17, 2025. Carried.

Moved Timm/Eck to approve of the Bills of Allowance \$599,969.53. Carried.

**Audience:** Ben Hlaban said he met with people from the Baraboo River Restoration. They have removed 11 dams in Wisconsin. If City Council is interested, they could come up and do a presentation. Wisconsin River Alliance is available to speak to about just leaving it as a river.

**Finance:** Loan options: Moved Eck/Bonikowske to have a 5-year loan at 5.5% for \$80,000 for Lindsay Park ball fields and a 10-year loan at 5.5% for \$585,200 for shoreline restoration through Premier Community Bank. A grant of \$355,200 will be used to pay down balance once received for the shoreline. Carried.

**Improvements:** Chair Ann Bonikowske gave updates on the dam. \$13.2 million is the estimate provided by Cedar Corp for removal of the dam and putting in a regular dam. The estimate was submitted to the State for the budget. Josh Smith said that phase 1 is completed of the shoreline stabilization and phase 2 will be starting soon.

**Mayor:** Mayor Frazier recognized Wayne Wendt 6 years and Josh Smith 6 years of service to the City.

**DPW:** Josh went over his report. Had numerous Sewer Plant repairs. Picked up the new pickup truck. Look at getting tar kettle next month.

**Police:** Police Chief Jason Severson went over his report. Updating the county wide domestic violence packet. Attended training in Madison about the packet. Created an Initial Response to the Threat of an Act of Violence at a School form. April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> will be the spring cleanup event.

**Fire:** Chief Josh Smith went over his report. Pancake Breakfast is April 27<sup>th</sup> 8am to noon. Calendar raffle starts next month. Currently at 39 calls for the fiscal year.

**Clerk:** Financial Report: General Fund balance – \$220,303.53; Government Pool – \$60,711.69;

**New Business:** Special Council meeting for Thursday March 20 at 6pm to approve the Common Council meeting minutes of March 17, 2025.

Moved Brown/Bonikowske to adjourn at 6:30 pm. Carried.

Logan Hass, City Clerk