

**CITY OF MANAWA
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 6:00 pm**

Proceedings of the Manawa Common Council meeting held Monday, September 15, 2025. 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: Mary Eck, Alice Brown, Ann Bonikowske, Jim Roenz, Mark Lehrer, Aaron Timm, Mayor Mike Frazier. City Employees: Josh Smith, Jason Severson, Logan Hass.

Moved Lehrer/Timm to approve the agenda of September 15, 2025. Carried.

Moved Eck/Timm to approve the council meeting minutes of August 21, 2025. Carried.

Moved Eck/Bonikowske to approve of the Bills of Allowance \$655,135.29. Carried.

Improvements: Fuel tanks: Moved Bonikowske/Eck to add fuel tank at Sewer Plant and approve the electrical work of \$1,215. Carried. Dam update: Mayor Frazier said our Attorney is currently looking over the agreement once he is done, we will have a closed session meeting on it. Lights of Love: Moved Bonikowske/Eck to have the City take over Lights of Love from Chamber. Angie will be in charge of event. Carried.

Plan Commission: Manawa Community Living Center: Moved Roenz/Eck to approve plans for expansion for Manawa Community Living Center and curb old driveway openings on E 4th Street and Grove Street. Carried.

Mayor: Mayor Frazier said been in communication with State Building Inspector in regards to Motel. He needs to approve the plans before we can do anything.

DPW: Josh Smith went over the Public Works report. Splash Pad is shut down for the season. Brush trimming on streets and sidewalks is completed. Starting jetting sewer and exercising valves. Will be helping with traffic control for Homecoming parade on October 3rd. Wayne and Nick attended WRTWA Outdoor Expo in Plover. Picked up new broom attachment for the larger mower. Had to order new blower pump part for the sewer plant. Right now, running on backup blower. Estimated time of repair is about a month for the parts to come in.

Police: Police Chief Jason Severson went over his report. Looking into entering semis sign by Sturm Foods on Industrial Drive. Sturm Foods will pay for the cost of the signs. Homecoming Football game is on October 3rd. looking into updating a few ordinances. Manawa is hosting the DOJ School Reunification Method on October 8 at the Masonic Center.

Fire: Fire Chief Josh Smith went over fire report. Wisconsin Surplus items were sold and picked up. Will be helping with Homecoming events. Yearly hose testing was completed with no issues. Will be doing a fire prevention presentation at the schools. Had to take in rescue truck because of electrical issues. Currently at 83 calls for the year. 10 calls since last meeting.

Clerk: Financial Report: General Fund balance – \$94,417.49; Government Pool – \$37,308.19; Park Fund - \$3,248.07; Dam Fund - \$3,437.47. Halloween Trick & Treat will be on Saturday October 25th from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Licenses: Moved Eck/Bonikowske to approve operator's licenses for Russ Wohlrabe, Sarkis Babikian. Carried. Moved Eck/Timm to deny operator license for Stacie Schultz. Carried. Moved Roenz/Bonikowske to approve Temporary Class B Picnic License for Manawa American Legion for Car Show and Pig Roast on Saturday September 27, 2025. Carried. Budget Hearing: Moved Roenz/Timm to set 2026 Budget Hearing Monday November 10th at 6pm. Carried. Street closings: Moved Roenz/Bonikowske to close 2nd Street to Mill Street/Mill Street to Inn Street by the Manawa Chamber of Commerce for Fall Fest on Saturday October 4, 2025 from 9:00 am to 2 pm. Carried. Moved Bonikowske/Brown to accept request by Manawa Chamber to close 2nd Street from S. Bridge Street to Mill Street for Merry Manawa A Christmas Market on Friday December 5, 2025 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Carried.

New Business: Protection and Welfare will be meeting on Monday October 20th at 5pm to look at updating some ordinances. Committee of the Whole will be meeting to talk about the 2026 budget on Monday October 13th at 6pm.

Moved Brown/Bonikowske to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Carried.

Minutes submitted by Logan Hass, City Clerk