

**CITY OF MANAWA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2025, 6:00 PM**

Proceedings of the Manawa Special Council meeting held Monday, February 24, 2025. Called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Frazier at the Manawa Municipal Building. Alderpersons present on roll call: Alice Brown, Mark Lehrer, Jim Roenz, Aaron Timm, Mary Eck, Mayor Mike Frazier. City Employees: Dave Forsythe, Jason Severson, Josh Smith, Sue Vater Olsen, Angie Jacobsen.

Audience: Todd Niemuth, Dan Pomeroy, Jackie Beyer, Rod Beyer, Bob Mundt, Joe Starr, Amy Starr, Emily Doud, Jason Bessette by phone.

Moved Lehrer/Timm to approve the agenda of February 25, 2025. Carried.

Hydroelectricity for dam: Jason Bessette was called and put on speaker phone to answer to questions. He provided a list of options regarding the hydroelectricity for the dam.

1. To negotiate with Wiscon8 for the city to obtain FERC license of hydro.
2. To negotiate with Wiscon8 to keep the FERC license but the City receive a higher percentage of revenues from the hydro.
3. To move forward without Wiscon8 and put in a spillway.

If the City goes with option 1 or 2 he recommends retaining legal counsel to negotiate with Wiscon8. Jason Bessette talked to Julia Wood, a FERC attorney, that handles FERC licensing. She is available to help or the City could use their own attorney.

The city engineer, Cedar Corp, will bring the dam repair options to the City Council on March 14, 2025.

Dave Forsythe talked to Cheryl Latsch from the WIDNR. She said there is an option to put in a dam without hydro right away. The hydro option can be added later to the dam. She said she will come to the City and discuss options with the Council. She suggested hiring a consultant to help with the process. Dave stated that he can renegotiate the contract with Wiscon8.

Josh Smith suggested having a virtual meeting with Cheryl Latsch might be easier for everyone.

Aaron Timm asked if doing any of the options will affect the funding we might receive from the state. Dave will contact Cheryl Latsch to set up a meeting.

Hire outside attorney: The city will not hire an outside attorney at this time since Dave Forsythe said he is able to negotiate the dam contract.

Little Wolf Dam Agreement: There is currently no agreement with Little Wolf for the dam. Jackie Beyer stated that there will have to be a closed session to discuss terms and a possible contract with Little Wolf.

Ordinance 94-4 Dog and Kennel Licenses: The changes presented:

3. The minimum license tax under this section shall be ~~\$3~~ \$5 for spayed females or neutered males. The minimum fee for unspayed or unneutered animals shall be ~~\$8~~ \$10. ~~Please refer to the City's Fee Schedule for the updated license tax. These amounts shall be reduced by 1/2 if the animal became six months of age after July 1 during the license year.~~ The license year shall commence January 1 and end December 31.

Moved Eck/Roenz to approve Ordinance 94-4 with the changes as presented. Carried.

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Ordinance 94-26 Limitation on number of dogs: The changes presented:

A. Number limited.

1. No family shall own, harbor or keep in its possession more than ~~two~~ **three** dogs on any residentially zoned lot ~~without the prior approval of the Common Council~~, except that a litter of pups or a portion of a litter may be kept for not more than ~~eight~~ **12** weeks from birth. If more than one family resides on a residential lot, then only a total of ~~two~~ **three** dogs shall be allowed on the residential lot, ~~unless prior approval is obtained from the Common Council~~. For the purposes of this section, the term "family" shall be defined as one or more persons. Persons may keep more than ~~two~~ **three** dogs only if they have first received a kennel license and a conditional use permit pursuant to Chapter **303**, Zoning, of this Code. [Amended 1-3-2000]

2. If a family would like to own more than three dogs, they may apply for a Kennel License. See ordinance 94-4 Dog and kennel licenses.

~~The above requirement may be waived with the approval of the Common Council or when a kennel license has been issued by the city. Such application for waiver shall first be made to the City Clerk-Treasurer, who shall forward the request with his or her approval or objection to the Health Officer and the Police Department. After review, these officials shall make a recommendation to the Common Council prior to Council action on the matter.~~

Moved Roenz/Eck to approve Ordinance 92-26 with changes presented. Carried.

Moved Brown/Eck to adjourn at 7:05 pm. Carried.

Angie Jacobsen, Deputy Clerk