

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

Proceedings of the Manawa Common Council meeting held Monday, November 17, 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, Sue Vater Olsen, Attorney Dave Forsythe, Logan Hass. Audience: Rob Ferg.

Moved Bonikowske/Roenz to approve the agenda of December 15, 2025. Carried.

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

Moved Eck/Bonikowske to approve of the Bills of Allowance \$358,208.46. Carried.

Audience: Rob Ferg – City improvements: Rob said looking at putting in travel plaza on the land by car wash. Estimated cost for project is \$4 million. Looking at what assistance, the City can provide or create a TIF District. Would like a letter of understanding to utilize the City street as driveway. City will reach out to Ehlers to look into different options.

Improvements: Dam update: Jim Roenz said had opportunity to meet with Governor Evers with other people from the community. There were members of the DNR present as well to talk about building the dam back. Governor Evers told the group don't need to wait another budget session to earmark money can reach out to State Reps now. Governor told the group let's get it done. Mary said meeting with Town of Little Wolf on Wednesday with Attorney Brian.

Recycling: Mark said recycling met and it is financially doing well.

Mayor: Mayor Frazier recognized Shannon Wesoloski and Logan Hass for 7 years of service to the City.

DPW: Josh Smith went over the Public Works report. Assisted with Merry Manawa, Miracle on Bridge Street and Lights of Love. Sent out letters to residents to keep sidewalks cleared. Made phone calls to some residents to trickle water so lines don't freeze. Thursday is the plan to fix the water leak at the Library.

Police: Police Chief Jason Severson went over his report. Officer Wesoloski went to the Police Lights of Christmas handoff event. We received \$3,080 in gift cards to hand out to the public. We did the Stuff the Squad Event. Received food and \$160 in grocery store gift cards. The stuff was split between the pantry and N2N program. Officer Wesoloski and I went to the Shop with a Cop event in Waupaca.

Fire: Christmas Food Basket deliveries will be happening this week. Assisted with Lights of Love event. Working on getting fire inspections completed. Currently at 12 calls for the fiscal year.

Library: Director Sue said 185 kids attended event during Miracle on Bridge Street. Working on mitigating software. Will take about 9 months.

Clerk: Financial Report: General Fund balance – \$231,730.64; Government Pool – \$37,700.02; Park Fund - \$4,406.51; Dam Fund - \$3,437.64. Election: Moved Eck/Brown to appoint election inspectors and special voting deputies for 2026-2027. Carried. Licenses: Moved Roenz/Eck to approve Temporary Class B Picnic License for Manawa Cowboys for Fisheree on January 24, 2026. Carried. Moved Roenz/Bonikowske to approve operator license for Brianna Coyle. Carried. Declaration of candidacy 2026: Up for reelection for the Spring Election on April 7th is Ann Bonikowske – Ward 1 Alderperson, Mary Eck – Ward 2 Alderperson, Jim Roenz – Ward 3 Alderperson.

Moved Bonikowske/Timm to adjourn into closed session at 6:45 pm per 19.85 (1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session for dam agreement update and purchasing building at 100 S Bridge Street. Carried.

Moved Brown/Bonikowske to return to open session at 7:05 pm to make any recommendations arising from closed session. Carried.

Moved Eck/Bonikowske to empower Attorney Forsythe to proceed with eminent domain at 100 S Bridge Street. Carried. Moved Brown/Bonikowske to adjourn at 7:07 pm.

Minutes submitted by Logan Hass, City Clerk