

**CITY OF MANAWA
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2026 6:00 pm**

Proceedings of the Manawa Common Council meeting held Monday, January 19, 2026. 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: Mary Eck, Ann Bonikowske, Jim Roenz, Aaron Timm, Mayor Mike Frazier. Absent: Alice Brown, Mark Lehrer. City Employees: Josh Smith, Jason Severson, Sue Vater Olsen, Logan Hass.

Moved Roenz/Bonikowske to approve the agenda of January 19, 2026. Carried.

Moved Eck/Timm to approve the council meeting minutes of December 15, 2025. Carried.

Moved Bonikowske/Timm to approve Special Council meeting minutes of January 7, 2026. Carried.

Moved Roenz/Bonikowske to approve of the Bills of Allowance \$1,055,713.63. Carried.

Improvements: Dam update: Jim Roenz gave update on meeting at Library about the dam. Senator Rachel Cabral-Guevara was present. Group at meeting would like City and Little Wolf to get agreement figured out. Rachel told the group should try to get money at next budget cycle. If get all ducks in a row there will be a good chance to get money. Next budget cycle there needs to be lots of lobbying to the Joint Finance Committee. Mayor Frazier said still working on negotiations with Dwight. Jim said met with Village President of Caroline about their dam. Interesting projects to look at about dams are Elco Lake dam and City of Burlington. Burlington was awarded 10 million last budget cycle. It took them 10 years to get the money they also had a referendum done about the dam. Dam rep: Moved Bonikowske/Eck to approve Mark Craig as City resident rep for dam committee.

Protection: Update agreement for Manawa Fire and EMS: Moved Eck/Timm to approve updated agreement for Manawa Rural Fire and Ambulance. Discussion: Mary Eck said Lebanon is adding ambulance coverage. Carried.

Mayor: Mayor Frazier complimented Public Works on snow removal efforts.

DPW: Josh Smith went over the Public Works report. Bucket truck is in service for repairs. Had two water main breaks on Center Street. Going to do preventative work to stop breaks from happening. Backhoe needed repairs done. We have been backing down on salt use with reports of shortages at other places. Working with WRWA on an energy study of the Water and Wastewater Plants. Should be receiving vac trailer in February.

Police: Police Chief Jason Severson went over his report. No issues since approving 3 dogs as limit. Distributed many gift cards to members of the community who are in need. Ordered more barricades. Will be receiving \$600 safety grant to cover costs of barricades. Looking into event for recycling electronics.

Fire: Fire Chief Josh Smith went over fire report. Calendar raffle tickets will be selling soon. Tender is finally back in service. Currently at 19 calls for fiscal year.

Library: Director Sue said everything is going well at the Library.

Clerk: Financial Report: General Fund balance – \$276,982.88; Government Pool – \$142,833.51; Park Fund - \$4,406.59; Dam Fund - \$3,437.71. License: Moved Eck/Roenz to approve operator license for Cassandra Fuller. Carried.

Moved Bonikowske/Roenz to adjourn at 7:04 pm.

Minutes submitted by Logan Hass, City Clerk