

**CITY OF MANAWA
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2026 6:00 pm**

Proceedings of the Manawa Common Council meeting held Monday, February 16, 2026. Called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Frazier pursuant to open meeting regulations, Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Alders present on roll call: Mary Eck, Alice Brown, Mark Lehrer, Jim Roenz, Aaron Timm, Mayor Mike Frazier. Absent: Ann Bonikowske. City Employees: Josh Smith, Jason Severson, Sue Vater Olsen, Attorney Dave Forsythe, Logan Hass.

Moved Eck/Brown to approve the agenda of February 16, 2026. Carried.

Moved Roenz/Lehrer to approve the council meeting minutes of January 19, 2026. Carried.

Moved Eck/Timm to approve Special Council meeting minutes of February 2, 2026. Carried.

Moved Eck/Roenz to approve of the Bills of Allowance \$166,955.54. Carried.

Audience: Rob Ferg – Variance or rezoning of a lot from 1R to 2R: Rob said would like to put up a duplex where house burned down. Will need variance and rezone to two family residence. Current building is 8 feet off of lot line. Duplex would have garage in middle with living areas to the sides of garage. There would be two-bedroom units in each. Mayor Frazier said Plan Commission will have to meet to discuss.

Finance: Police step wage scale: Moved Eck/Roenz to approve police step wage scale for 2026. Carried. Back pay: Moved Eck/Roenz to approve Emmaus Schaefer back pay \$100.40. Carried.

Dam Committee: Jim Roenz said Tom Squirres is the 5th member for the committee. Meetings will take place the 2nd Monday of every month at Little Wolf Town Hall.

Mayor: Mayor Frazier said we need to gather info on what we can provide to housing developers. Currently working on gathering info for grants for housing. Mayor Frazier recognized Carol Trantow for 13 years of service to the City and Lyn Hokenstad for 28 years of service to the City.

DPW: Josh Smith went over the Public Works report. Had another water main break on Center Street. There was damage done to a neighbor's garage and to Universal Thermal's one office. Universal Thermal is currently without water. Working on getting quotes to fix the stretch. Will wait till frost is out of the ground to start digging. Replaced a few water meters due to the extreme cold stretch.

Police: Police Chief Jason Severson went over his report. Hosted a class on vehicle window tint. All three officers attended and are certified to operate a tint meter. Spring Cleanup is May 8-9. Will be adding electronics and tires to drop off with a fee. Looking at updating sex offender ordinance.

Fire: Fire Chief Josh Smith went over fire report. Calendar raffle tickets are available to purchase. Three members are attending FDIC in Indianapolis. Already started prepping for Pancake Breakfast. Currently at 30 calls for the fiscal year.

Library: Director Sue said looking at doing a few projects at the Library. Looking into tempering windows.

Clerk: Financial Report: General Fund balance – \$676,478.81; Government Pool – \$143,282.58; Park Fund - \$4,406.66; Dam Fund - \$3,803.23; Line of Credit - \$500,000. License: Moved Eck/Brown to approve operator licenses for Chantell Herzfeldt and Tammie McGlin. Carried. Street closing: Moved Roenz/Brown to close 2nd Street from S. Bridge Street to Mill Street for Bunny Hop 5k run/walk on Saturday April 11th from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. Carried.

Moved Eck/Timm to adjourn into closed session at 7:00 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 purchasing building at 100 S Bridge Street. Carried.

Moved Eck/Timm to return to open session to make any recommendations arising from closed session. Carried.

Moved Eck/Brown to approve offer of \$57,500 from Wisconsin8 to purchase building at 100 S Bridge Street. \$500 charge per day after 90 days of closing if not all equipment is not all gone. Carried.

Moved Brown/Roenz to adjourn at 7:21 pm.

Minutes submitted by Logan Hass, City Clerk