

**CITY OF MANAWA
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 20, 2026 6:00 pm**

Proceedings of the Manawa Common Council meeting held Monday, April 20, 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, Alice Brown, Mark Lehrer, Aaron Timm, Ann Bonikowske, Mayor Mike Frazier. Absent: Jim Roenz. City Employees: Josh Smith, Jason Severson, Sue Vater Olsen, Logan Hass. Audience: Al Moede, Todd Niemuth, Jackie Beyer.

Moved Lehrer/Brown to approve the agenda of April 20, 2026. Carried.

Moved Bonikowske/Timm to approve the council meeting minutes of March 19, 2026. Carried.

Moved Eck/Bonikowske to approve of the Bills of Allowance \$302,270.95. Carried.

Audience: Todd Niemuth gave updates on what has been going on at dam committee meetings. Town of Little Wolf made a motion last week to approve the spending over the cap of \$10,000 per contract, not to exceed \$55,000. This covers the estimated costs for the H&H study, and assessments and potential DNR permit costs. Jackie Beyer said would like to have RFPs for the dam done by October 15th so State legislature can have by November to get funding for the dam next year.

Dam Committee: Moved Eck/Bonikowske to approve the preliminary engineering work for the dam by Cedar Corp with costs to be split with Town of Little Wolf not to exceed \$55,000 per municipality. Carried.

Mayor: Mayor Frazier said need to brim up along river in Lindsay Park. Sewer Plant needs to be updated. Need to look into flood insurance. Received lots of complaints for the conditions of roads of Beech Street and Wells Street. Mayor Frazier recognized Mark Lehrer 3 years, Aaron Timm 4 years, Jim Roenz 6 years, Alice Brown 17 years, Mike Frazier 17 years and Ann Bonikowske 21 years of service to the City.

DPW: Josh Smith went over the Public Works report. Center Street project is scheduled to begin next Monday. Working with Insurance Company to cover the repair costs to the one Primary Clarifier. Ice Storm cleanup of brush will start tomorrow. Delayed because of mechanical issues with the fuel line on the backhoe needing replacement. Loss power to the Riverview Lift Station during the Ice Storm. There was lots of damage done to Lindsay Park from the flooding. Had many people and departments help assist in the Sewer plant from being flooded. Had 5 applicants and 4 interviews for the part time parks position. Parks position: Moved Eck/Bonikowske to hire Blake Krueger as seasonal parks position. Carried.

Police: Police Chief Jason Severson went over his report. Spring cleanup dates are Friday, May 8th and Saturday, May 9th. A non-profit to trap-neuter-return cats was setup by a citizen. We assisted Clintonville and New London with traffic control during flooding events. Manawa Night Out will take place Thursday, August 6th at Veterans Park because of the flooding at Lindsay Park.

Fire: Fire Chief Josh Smith went over fire report. Calendar raffle is currently taking place. Four firefighters have passed exams. Pancake Breakfast is Sunday April 26th from 8:00 am to noon. Currently at 57 calls for the fiscal year.

Library: Library Director Sue Vater Olsen presented the Library Annual Report.

Clerk: Financial Report: General Fund balance – \$54,290.27; Government Pool – \$36,444.95; Park Fund - \$4,406.81; Dam Fund - \$3,803.36; Line of Credit - \$0. Street closing: Moved Eck/Brown to accept request by Harley Classic Riders to close 2nd Street from S Bridge Street to Mill Street for Children’s Wisconsin Charity Ride on May 16 from 9am to 11am. Carried.

New Business: Reorganizational Meeting Tuesday April 21st at 6:00 pm.

Moved Brown/Bonikowske to adjourn at 6:49 pm.

Minutes submitted by Logan Hass, City Clerk