

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

Proceedings of the Manawa Common Council meeting held Monday, July 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, Jim Roenz, Mayor Mike Frazier. City Employees: Josh Smith, Jason Severson, Sue Vater Olsen, Logan Hass. Audience: Bethanie Gengler, Mary Craig, Kyle Radtke, Jeromy Schuelke, Shane Schuelke, Diane Muelmans, Dan and Carrie Thompson, Paul and Patricia Hirte.

Moved Bonikowske/Eck to approve the agenda of July 20, 2026. Carried.

Moved Eck/Timm to approve the council meeting minutes of June 15, 2026. Carried.

Moved Eck/Lehrer to approve of the Bills of Allowance \$187,656.66. Carried.

**Audience:** Diane Meulemans – Newly appointed Waupaca County Circuit Court Judge: Diane introduced herself to the Council as the new Waupaca County Circuit Court Judge Branch 3. Replaced Judge Raymond Huber. Carrie Thompson – Flock cameras: Carrie expressed her concerns with Manawa getting flock cameras.

**Public Hearing:** Moved Eck/Roenz to open public hearing for rezoning parcel 31-16-41-8 (behind Kobussen) from Agricultural to 3B Intensive Business. Carried. Public Comment: Paul Hirte said I have concerns what the use will be with the property. What will they all do at the property.

Moved Eck/Bonikowske to close public hearing for rezoning parcel 31-16-41-8 (behind Kobussen) from Agricultural to 3B Intensive Business. Carried.

**Finance:** ThedaCare parking lot: Moved Eck/Bonikowske to approve J. Holtz Excavating to fix ThedaCare parking lot with millings with the cost of \$12,250. Carried. Tree replacement: Moved Eck/Bonikowske to replace tree at 330 Walnut Street for \$800 that was wrecked during construction in 2024. Carried.

**Plan Commission:** Kobussen rezone: Moved Eck/Roenz to table for next meeting to gather more information. Carried. Subway zoning: Moved Eck/Lehrer to rezone 945 Depot Street (Subway) from LM Light Industrial to 2B General Business. Carried.

**Mayor:** Joint Review Board Rep: Moved Roenz/Brown to appoint Craig Moser as the public rep for Joint Review Board to replace Larry Squirres. Carried. Plan Commission: Moved Bonikowske/Brown to appoint Mike Miller to Plan Commission to replace Larry Squires. Carried. Mayor Frazier recognized Emmaus Schaefer 2 years, Nick Weed 7 years and Mary Eck 16 years of service to the City.

**DPW:** Josh Smith went over the Public Works report. Wells Street is repaved. Bridge by Rodeo Grounds is closed. Will remain closed until end of October. Working with DOT, Chamber and Revitalization Committee to work on coming up with a parking solution for the spots that we will be losing during the 2028 construction. Primary Clarifier was repaired and back to working condition on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Police:** Police Chief Jason Severson went over his report. Attended Waupaca County Mental Health meeting. Emmaus attended Police Lights of Christmas. Rodeo weekend and parade went well. Shannon has a couple of trainings coming up.

**Fire:** Fire Chief Josh Smith went over fire report. Will be participating in Meet the Fleet. 77 calls for the year. 10 calls since last meeting.

**Library:** Library Director Sue Vater Olsen said shifting to a new software system and roof was worked on.

**Clerk:** Financial Report: General Fund balance – \$45,244.26; Government Pool – \$58.81; Park Fund - \$4,407.03; Dam Fund - \$3,803.55; Line of Credit - \$0. Street closing: Moved Roenz/Eck to close 2nd Street to Mill Street/Mill Street to Inn Street by the Manawa Chamber of Commerce for Fall Fest on Saturday September 26, 2026 from 9:00 am to 2 pm. Carried. Moved Brown/Eck to allow open intoxicants for Manawa Car Show in downtown and Triangle Park from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Friday July 31st. Carried.

Moved Brown/Bonikowske to adjourn at 7:27 pm.

Minutes submitted by Logan Hass, City Clerk