

**CITY OF MANAWA
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2026 6:00 pm**

Proceedings of the Manawa Common Council meeting held Monday, August 17, 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, Ann Bonikowske, Jim Roenz, Mayor Mike Frazier. Absent: Aaron Timm. City Employees: Josh Smith, Jason Severson, Sue Vater Olsen, Logan Hass. Audience: Bethanie Gengler, Renee & Scott Hosket, Davis Lane, Amber Danielski, Joe Kobussen, Jacob Elsner. Moved Bonikowske/Brown to approve the agenda of August 17, 2026 with changes of moving the vote of Kobussen property to after audience and having Amber Danielski give audit presentation under Finance section. Carried.

Moved Eck/Lehrer to approve the council meeting minutes of July 20, 2026. Carried.

Moved Eck/Roenz to approve of the Bills of Allowance \$238,700.00. Carried.

Audience: Renee Hosket – Waupaca County Clerk of Circuit Courts candidate: Renee introduced herself as a candidate running for Waupaca County Clerk of Circuit Courts. Joe Kobussen – Kobussen property rezone: Joe explained the plans with the property that they want to rezone. Need the space for more parking and space to do CDL testing. Lane Davis – SBA disaster loans: Lane explained what the SBA disaster loans program is. Only residents or businesses qualify that were affected by the flood in April. Deadline for applications is August 31st.

Plan Commission: Kobussen rezone: Moved Eck/Lehrer to rezone parcel 31-16-41-8 (behind Kobussen) from Agricultural to 3B Intensive Business. All ayes. Carried.

Finance: Amber Danielski – 2025 audit presentation: Amber from CliftonLarsenAllen presented the 2025 audit. Payment system software: Moved Eck/Bonikowske to move forward with Point and Pay software with an initial cost of \$1,500. 4 ayes. 1 nah Mark Lehrer. Carried.

Mayor: Mayor Frazier said that working on having a Mayor and School District Administrator Q and A meeting. Mayor Frazier recognized Jason Severson 5 years and Kelly Ramstack 5 years of service to the City.

DPW: Josh Smith went over the Public Works report. Asphalt work is completed at Center Street. MCC was in town making repairs to the 2024 construction areas. This work falls under warranty. Parking lot at ThedaCare clinic was completed and some sidewalk sections. Will be giving a presentation at WRIA Outdoor Expo about the flooding events. Upcoming projects include trimming tree limbs from sidewalks and streets, making more permanent patches with asphalt over cold patch, exercise water valves, jetting sewers and flushing hydrants.

Police: Police Chief Jason Severson went over his report. Manawa Night Out went great at Veterans Park. The new location worked great. Participated in Police Lights of Christmas Culver's fundraiser in Clintonville with Officer Wesoloski.

Fire: Fire Chief Josh Smith went over fire report. Still selling raffle tickets for Field and Fire event. Yearly fit testing and physicals will take place this week. Currently at 85 calls for fiscal year. 8 calls since last meeting.

Library: Library Director Sue Vater Olsen said film on windows is installed and Carol Trantow is cutting back hours from 20 hours a week to 10 hours a week.

Clerk: Financial Report: General Fund balance – \$110,664.77; Government Pool – \$36,471.42; Park Fund - \$4,407.10; Dam Fund - \$3,803.62. Licenses: Moved Eck/Brown to approve operator's licenses for Rebecca Lorge and Khloe Kuenzi. Carried. Line of Credit: Moved Eck/Roenz to renew line of credit of \$500,000 with Premier Community Bank. Carried. Homecoming week events begin on September 20th. Halloween Trick or Treat will take place October 31st from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

New Resolution: Moved Roenz/Bonikowske to approve Joint Resolution 2026-1 with Town of Little Wolf establishing a joint fundraising subcommittee for the construction or reconstruction of the Manawa Dam. Carried.

New Business: Finance and Personnel will be meeting with Attorney Forsythe to discuss raising ThedaCare Clinic rent.

Moved Brown/Bonikowske to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by Logan Hass, City Clerk