

Mayor Larson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll showed Councilpersons DeGross, Koosmann, Lee, Peterson, Sandow and Unruh were present. Also present were CT Rosenow, PW Director Caress, Judy Achterhof, Jeff Jordheim, Amber Hayden, Joan Bartz and Missy Flettre.

DeGross moved and Peterson seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Voice vote carried.

Lee moved and Unruh seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2020 Regular Council. Voice vote carried.

Unruh moved and Sandow seconded a motion to approve disbursements. Roll call vote carried with all councilpersons present voting yes.

In Public Comments, Judy Achterhof informed the council that she was running for a county supervisor position due to the fact that no one else had taken out nomination papers.

A concern was brought to the council, raised by Jill Logghe regarding the lack of sidewalk on 6th St. between Oak St. and Maple St. Logghe would like to see sidewalk added to those blocks to help facilitate safe travel for residents of the Glenhaven campus to the park and Holy Cross church.

There was no summer rec committee report.

Councilperson Peterson gave the library report, stating that the library board was meeting on the 17th and action to be taken will be to close access to the library due to the Covid-19 health emergency.

PW Director Caress reported that the annual cross connection report had been submitted to the DNR, water testing for lead and copper has been completed and Well #3 will be brought back online within the week. Caress also informed the council there were some issues with the water meter reading collector but those have been resolved by Badger Meter, that work is wrapping up on the lagoon project and the storm sewer behind the carwash will be repaired this spring.

A written Police report was submitted.

In the Clerk-Treasurer report Rosenow stated she was working on contingency planning for the upcoming election with focus on Covid-19 considerations.

In the Mayor's report, Larson informed the council that he and CT Rosenow had toured the Clear Lake municipal building/library to see options for a new building. Larson also updated that the asbestos abatement at the old school will be completed by the end of March and Unruh indicated he would again reach out to the correctional facility in regards to hiring them to do the remainder of the clean out of the building.

In Old Business, there was nothing new to report on a new municipal building but Larson did encourage any interested council members and the library director to also take a tour of the Clear Lake municipal building for ideas to incorporate here.

In New Business, Joan Bartz presented the council with a request from the Glen Hills Lions Club to allow the Lions Club to have their name on the city softball field. After much discussion regarding the names that are

already attached to the field and a statement that they need to remain on the fencing, Unruh moved and Peterson seconded a motion to allow the Lions to place a sign reading Glen Hills Lions Memorial Field on the backstop. Voice vote carried with all voting yes.

Joan Bartz spoke on behalf of a concern brought to the Chamber regarding parking on Oak St. during business hours. Bartz and Missy Flettre of Flettre's Gifts and Thrifts voiced concerns about parking spots in front of Leaker's Place being occupied for several hours at a time during daytime bowling leagues which took away parking for neighboring businesses. Flettre suggested designated spots for each business or time limits on those spots. After much discussion regarding the difficulty in enforcing such restrictions, it was suggested that perhaps the best place to start was to communicate to business owners that they can park behind their businesses or in the city parking lot to see if that alleviates some of the problem. Mayor Larson also put the matter into the Public Works committee for discussion.

Lee moved and Koosmann seconded a motion to approve pay request #1 to Asbestos Removal Services for \$58,128.13. Roll call vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

CT Rosenow informed the council that there was new guidance from the Public Service Commission regarding the requirement to duplexes to have separate curb stops for water. This is relevant as there are 34 units on Magnolia Drive and Morning Glory Circle that have more than one household served by one curb stop, which eliminates the ability to disconnect service to one household for non-payment. This requirement can only be enforced when the utility accounts are not in the property owner's name or if there are separate owners for the residences. Letters are being sent to three owners that this currently affects.

Judy Achterhof informed the council that she had just left the St. Croix County Board Administrative Committee meeting and stated that they approved paying the \$42,085 of required match funding for the proposed safe room at the fairgrounds. St. Croix County also agreed to loan the City the interim financing that would be needed during construction of the project at an interest rate of 2%. After discussion regarding the project it was determined that there were still too many unknown answers to commit to accepting the FEMA agreement so no action was taken on agenda item # 14.

A burn permit application for St. Croix County Parks was submitted with a request from a park representative to eliminate the 30-day limit on the permit in case there wasn't snow on the ground when they wanted to burn, as they didn't want to have to apply for another permit if the time expired before they burn could be completed. Lee moved and Peterson seconded a motion to approve the application with the 30-day limit in force as usual. Voice vote carried with DeGross voting no.

DeGross moved and Lee seconded a motion to approve a donation of \$100 to the Glenwood City Post Prom. Voice vote carried.

A local Brownie troop requested approval to build an outdoor play kitchen at Hinman Park out of used pallets. It was decided that more discussion regarding specifics for the plans need to take place before the council could take action, therefore the matter was tabled until April.

Sadow moved and Peterson seconded a motion to approve Operator's License applications for

Matthew P. Jones and Sandra M. Harp. Recommendation by the police chief after background checks were completed was to approve Harp but deny Jones based on information in the background check. After discussion, voice vote was taken with Unruh voting no. Motion passed.

At 8:05 p.m. DeGross moved and Peterson seconded a motion to enter into closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) Compensation and Evaluation: Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee subject to the jurisdiction or authority of governing body; discussion regarding employee wages. Roll call vote showed Councilpersons DeGross, Koosmann, Lee, Peterson, Sandow and Unruh voting yes.

At approximately 8:30 p.m. DeGross moved and Lee seconded a motion to reconvene to open session. Roll call vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

No action was taken on closed session topic.

DeGross moved and Peterson seconded a motion to adjourn. Voice vote carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Rosenow
Clerk-Treasurer