

Mayor Larson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll showed Councilpersons DeGross, Lee, Ketola, Peterson, Sandow and Unruh were present. Also present were CT Rosenow, Chief Darwin, Library Director Karlson, Sara Hinz, Anna Mewis, Betsy Schug, Greg Holden and Carlton DeWitt.

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

Sandow moved and DeGross seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2021 Regular Council meeting and the January 24, 2022 Special Council meeting. Voice vote carried.

Lee moved and Ketola seconded a motion to approve disbursements. Roll call vote carried with all councilpersons voting yes.

In Public Comments Betsy Schug questioned where the money was coming from to purchase the electronic sign and furniture for the new building. Schug also questioned if the park on First St were sold if the acreage for parks that is outlined in the comprehensive plan would be satisfied.

Anna Mewis asked if the council would purchase new nets for the basketball hoops at Hinman and also asked about the parks and rec committee members as she is aware of a grant to possibly do park improvements.

There was no summer rec report.

In the Library report, Director Karlson informed the council that kids' craft night has been consistently seeing 10-20 participants and all programs have had good attendance. Upcoming events include a Dr. Seuss birthday party, a grand opening on April 30th, a civil war reenactment group on May 14th and a Mad Hatter's tea party on May 28th. Karlson also reported that they are still waiting on the IFLS to get their computers hooked up so are currently running off the City's wifi.

There was no Public Works report. DeGross questioned picking up snow and whether the curbs could be cleaned up. It was also suggested a post, reminding residents to keep snow off storm sewer grates and away from fire hydrants should be put on the City's Facebook page.

A written Police report was submitted.

There was no Clerk-Treasurer's report.

There was no Mayor's report.

In Old Business, Sara Hinz of Cedar Corp informed the council she had done a walk through of the building with Mark Johnson of Derrick Construction regarding items left on the punch list for the building. It was noted that the partition wall for the community center is scheduled to arrive March 15th, joints in the corners of exterior walls will be corrected within one year, after the building has been through all the seasons to allow for natural settling and that the job supervisor for Derrick has been replaced, so they are getting the new one up to speed on the outstanding items.

In further discussion on the building, Councilperson Unruh told the council he'd been approached to use the community center space to host future dates for the Red Cross blood mobile. It was noted that they are welcome to schedule the space and it would be free of charge as a service to the community.

In New Business, Peterson moved and Sandow seconded a motion to approve pay request #8 to Derrick Building Solutions LLC for \$61,964.45. Roll call vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

Chief Darwin presented a quote for \$2,980 to purchase two AED's for the squad cars. The council raised several questions regarding compatability with the ambulance and the City's AED as well as warranty on the new devices. The purchase was tabled until Chief Darwin has a chance to look into these questions.

Lee moved and DeGross seconded a motion to approve the key policy. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons voting yes.

Unruh moved and Ketola seconded a motion to approve burn permit applications for Todd Walker and John Logghe. Voice vote carried with DeGross voting no.

Lee moved and Sandow seconded a motion to approve operator's licenses for Christopher J Lawson, Traci A Larson and Charles J Kuehn. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons voting yes.

Unruh moved and DeGross seconded a motion to enter into closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) Competitive or Bargaining Reasons: Deliberating of or negotiating for purchase of public properties, investment of public funds, or conduct of other specific public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; potential sales of city properties AND 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; consideration of police officer position. Roll call vote showed Councilpersons DeGross, Ketola, Lee, Peterson, Sandow and Unruh voting yes.

Lee moved and Unruh seconded a motion to reconvene to open session. Roll call vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

Peterson moved and Unruh seconded a motion that should the police chief receive a resignation in the next 30 days, he is able to proceed with the hiring process. Voice vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Rosenow
Clerk Treasurer