

Council President Unruh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll showed Councilpersons DeGross, Kletscher, and Ross were present. Lee and Sandow absent. Also present were DCT Swenby, PW Director Caress, Library Director Karlson, Lynn McIntyre, Ambulance Director Werner, Interim Police Chief Klatt, Officer McGrane, Fire Chief Holden, Betsy Schug, Christian Salsbury, two members of the GCE student council with parents and Carlton DeWitt.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by members of the GCE student council.

Kletscher moved and DeGross seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Voice vote carried. Lee and Sandow absent.

DeGross moved and Ross seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2023 Regular meeting. Voice vote carried. Lee and Sandow absent.

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

In Public Comments, Unruh read the comments submitted by Anna Mewis. Mewis' comments included questions regarding ice build up on the new municipal building and request for council meeting minutes.

There was no Summer Rec report but Unruh did have a request from Kevin Frey for councilpersons to set up a time to meet at Hinman Park to go over finding a place for batting cages. They will meet April 5, 2023 at 5 p.m. Unruh requested PW Director Caress also be in attendance if possible.

Director Karlson gave the library report stating they have set up a few new programs for children. They also hosted the St Croix County Book Club this last month. The Dr. Seuss birthday party was well attended. Attendance has continued to increase.

Public Works Director Caress reported he has been working with Cedar Corp to submit the Permit Application Renewal for the DNR. Councilperson Kletscher question the high cost of bills for sewer/water in February. Caress stated that a lift pump had to be repaired after it was clogged with rags and wipes causing it to kick out breakers.

In the Police report Interim Police Chief Klatt noted that Officer McGrane is back after paternity leave. They are still waiting on parts for the 2020 squad so it can return to service. They are also having electrical issues with the 2014. Both officers are looking at signing up for training sessions.

There was no Clerk-Treasurer's report.

In the Mayor's report, President Unruh asked for updated Bylaws from the Fire and Ambulance Service.

In old business, the city is moving ahead with the Discontinuing of the two dedicated alleys.

In New Business, the introduction of Resolution 2023-01, Discontinuing Two Dedicated Public Alleys. Public hearing will be held 40 days or more after introduction. Will be noticed with a class 3 notice.

Two different proposals were submitted to fix the downspouts on the new municipal building. One to install three trench drains to the parking lot at cost of \$9405 and one to install storm pipe to the edge of

the parking lot at a cost of \$28,500. Unruh suggested a meeting with Cedar before deciding anything. Lynn from Cedar was in agreement with this.

Fire Chief Holden discussed repairs needed at the fire station. Unruh asked Holden to get estimates on repairs. PW Director Caress said he would take care of the estimates.

Fire Chief Holden asked for approval to enter into a service agreement with other local fire departments to make fire service equipment, personnel and other resources available to each other. DeGross moved and Kletscher seconded a motion to enter into the Service Agreement. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons present voting yes.

Wendy Werner from the Ambulance Service was available to discuss run charges. The fire standby charge will be removed from the charge list. Lifequest is suggesting an increase in run charges but due to recent increases already made it was decided to leave the charges as is for now.

Discussion was held regarding the intersection at 1st and Oak Street. Concerns are people speeding on Oak Street and the difficulty with seeing traffic coming down Oak Street when coming off 1st Street. Rob will reach out to the state to have a study done on the intersection.

It was decided to table the ad for cleaning of the municipal building until a job description is completed.

DeGross moved and Ross seconded a motion to approve training for both police officers to ensure they get their 24 hours of continued education. Voice vote carried. Lee and Sandow absent.

Ross moved and DeGross seconded a motion to approve an Operator's license for Steven L Kuehn. Voice vote carried with Kletscher abstaining, Lee and Sandow absent.

At 7:57 p.m. DeGross moved and Kletscher 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 police chief position and employee wages. Roll call vote showed councilpersons DeGross, Kletscher, Ross and Unruh voting yes. Council adjourned to the Clerk's office.

At 9:01 p.m. DeGross moved and Ross seconded a motion to reconvene to open session. Roll call vote showed all councilpersons present voting yes. There were no members of the public remaining.

Kletscher moved and DeGross seconded a motion to hold a Committee of the Whole Meeting April 4, 2023 to conduct in person interviews with for the Police Chief position. First interview will be at 5:30 p.m. with additional interviews set for every 45 minutes. Voice vote carried. Lee and Sandow absent.

DeGross moved and Kletscher seconded a motion approve bonus' as discussed for City Employees from received American Recovery Plan Act funding. Roll call vote showed all present voting yes.

DeGross moved and Ross seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. Voice vote carried. Lee and Sandow absent.

Respectfully submitted,
Brandee L. Swenby
Deputy Clerk Treasurer