

Mayor Unruh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll showed Councilpersons DeGross, Kletscher, Lee, Ross and Sandow were present. Also present were CT Rosenow, Library Director Karlson, Fire Chief Holden, Lynn McIntyre, Greg Adams, Greg White, Betsy Schug, Carlton DeWitt and members of the GCE student council and parents.

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

Kletscher moved and Ross seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2023 Regular meeting, the April 4, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting and the April 5, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting. Voice vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

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

Public Comments submitted by Betsy Schug were read.

There was no summer rec report.

In the Library report, Director Karlson informed the council that there were close to 1000 walk-in patrons in March and circulation is increasing. The Friends of the Library sponsored a bookmark contest at school, there will again be a Civil War program May 13th and summer reading program will start June 8th.

There was no Public Works report.

A written Police report was submitted and Interim Chief Klatt stated the 2020 squad repair is complete and it is back in service.

There was no Clerk-Treasurer's report.

There was no Mayor's report.

In Old Business, it was reported that Derrick Building Solutions is still working on warranty items in the building and Karlson questioned whether there was any kind of extended warranty since the library lights are still not working correctly. It was learned that the lighting manufacturer will be in to address the situation and it can be discussed at that time. It was also decided that the saddle club, old library and old school properties will be offered for sale once the alley discontinuance is completed at the old school property.

In New Business, Lee nominated Councilperson DeGross for the Council President position. DeGross then nominated Sandow for the position. When asked, DeGross declined the nomination and Kletscher seconded the nomination of Sandow. Sandow accepted and voice vote carried, with all councilpersons present voting yes.

Mayor Unruh stated he has made standing committee appointments, but they are only preliminary at this time until the vacant council seat is filled. Special committee assignments were not ready at this time.

DeGross moved and Sandow seconded a motion to designate the Tribune Press Reporter as the official newspaper. Voice vote carried.

In discussion on filling the open council seat, it was decided to use the same procedure as used in the past and Kletscher moved and Ross seconded a motion that the council would accept letters of interest for the open council seat until 4:30 p.m. May 12th and the seat would be filled at the May council meeting. Voice vote carried.

Kletscher moved and Ross seconded a motion to approve the library's civil war program which will include the shooting of blanks from a cannon on May 13, 2023. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons present voting yes.

Lee moved and Sandow seconded a motion to accept the recommendation to the full council to allow for batting cages to be installed near the right field foul line fence of Hinman Field #2 towards the outfield fence, with the exception that the nets be taken down in the winter to allow for snowmobile access. Motion carried.

A member of the summer rec committee was planning to attend the meeting to request the budgeted \$2000 donation from the City to the program, but no representative was present. Sandow moved and Ross seconded a motion to give the \$2000 donation to the summer rec program. Voice vote carried with Kletscher voting no, stating he felt someone from the committee should be present to formally request the donation.

Lee moved and Sandow seconded a motion to approve a Temporary Class "B" License application from St. Croix County Fair, Inc from July 19-23, 2023. Voice vote carried with Kletscher abstaining.

At 7:30 p.m. DeGross moved and Ross 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; consideration of Police Chief position. Roll call vote showed Councilpersons DeGross, Kletscher, Lee, Ross and Sandow voting yes. Motion carried. Council convened in the Clerk's office.

At 8:45 p.m. Lee moved and Sandow seconded a motion to reconvene to open session. Roll call vote showed all councilpersons voting yes. Motion carried.

Kletscher moved and Sandow seconded a motion to hold a special meeting April 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to further discuss the Police Chief position. Voice vote carried.

At 8:46 p.m. DeGross moved and Ross seconded a motion to adjourn. Voice vote carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Rosenow
Clerk Treasurer