

## Common Council Meeting minutes, October 7, 2024

Mayor Rawson called the Common Council meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Council attending: A. Stevens, J. Anderson, P. Syverson, C. Ekern, D. Stephenson, J. Rawson.  
Others in attendance: Attorney Mark Radcliffe, Andrew Dannehy-Trempealeau County Times, Mike Ressel, Tyler Palkowski, Clerk/Treasurer-Debi Fremstad.

Agenda was posted on 10/3/2024 at City Hall, Post Office, Waumandee Bank, & City website.

**Motion by P. Syverson to approve agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Anderson. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Public Comment: none.

**Motion by J. Anderson to approve 9/5/2024 Common Council & 9/9/2024 Special Council minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Syverson. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

**Motion by D. Stephenson to accept the JF Brennan hydraulic dredging bid of \$2,070,150 for the Lake Henry project, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Ekern. Discussion: none. Roll Vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.**

**Motion by C. Ekern to accept the McMullen & Pitz Construction dam bid of \$296,071.60 for repairs to the dam, with the supplemental unit price of S1-Excavation Below Subgrade of \$10.00/yd<sup>3</sup> and S2-Steel Sheet Pile Obstruction Removal Wage of \$550.00/hour, 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Stephenson. Discussion: JA-how do we know how much the supplemental price will be. CE-there is a lot of concrete there from when the old bridge was torn out. Roll Vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.**

City parking lot discussion: The Fireman's dance is held on the city parking lot in May. There would be a trailer for the band, 2 food trucks, and stakes for the tent. Tyler Palkowski stated that the tent could be put up so that one side was out in the grass. Plywood could be put down under all trucks and trailers. **Motion by J. Anderson to allow the fireman's dance on the city parking lot on Gilbert and Center on May of 2025, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Syverson. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

236 W Broadway property: Attorney Radcliffe referred to the raze report that the engineer sent. The report stated that the buildings are old, dilapidated, or out of repair, and consequently, dangerous, unsafe, unsanitary, or otherwise unfit for human habitation. The City can issue a raze order for the property. The owner would have 60 days to raze the buildings on their own. If not done in 60 days the City can hire a private contractor to raze the building and the cost would get put on the tax bill as a special tax. **Motion by D. Stephenson to adopt raze order and give 60-day notice, 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Stevens. Discussion: JA-when does the 60 days start? MR-When the order is posted. Roll Vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.**

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Tri-City Sanitation will be raising the costs of bins by \$0.55/month. This comes out to \$6.60 for the year. This increase will start in 2025.

Board of Review ordinance drafted by Attorney Radcliffe. This ordinance allows confidential information given to the assessor to remain confidential within the Board of Review. **Motion by J. Anderson to adopt Ordinance 6.10 Relating to Confidentiality of Income and Expense Records, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Syverson. Discussion: none. Roll Vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.**

This resolution controls the rights of the rights-of-way within the city. There would be a fee involved to any utility working within the city rights-of-way. The City can't make money off the fee; it is used to pay engineers to review the utilities within the city and make a map, as well as any legal fees and any time employees spend working on this. **Motion by P. Syverson to approve Resolution 10-24-1 to control rights-of-way within the City, 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Stevens. Discussion: none. Roll Vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.**

Resignation of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilperson: Jeremy Tranberg has moved out of the City of Blair and can no longer serve as Councilperson. **Motion by J. Anderson to accept the resignation of Jeremy Tranberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Syverson. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Server applications for Brian Brunkow and Erikka Thomas. **Motion by C. Ekern to approve all server applications, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Anderson. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

**Open Book: 10/31/2024 - 10 am to 12 pm; Board of Review 11/14/2024 - 10 am to 12 pm**

**Motion by D. Stephenson to pay the bills R192, 61972, 62023-62105, V1181-1199, EBC16, WI 259-260, DOA2-2024, ETF 10-2024, efts 090624 & 092024, Def Comp 193-194, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Stevens. Discussion: none. Roll Vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.**

**Motion by C. Ekern to adjourn at 6.56 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Stevens. Discussion-none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Debra Fremstad, Clerk/Treasurer