

Regular Council Meeting minutes, June 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor John Rawson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Open meeting law requirements were met. Council attending: P. Syverson, C. Ekern, D. Stephenson, T. Wheeler, J. Tranberg, J. Anderson, and J. Rawson. Others in attendance: Clerk-Susan Frederixon, Treasurer-Debra Fremstad, Attorney-Mark Radcliffe, Trempealeau County Times-Andrew Dannehy, David Donnelly, Attorney John Behling, Police Chief-Kent Johnson, and Attorney Dawn Harris.

Motion by J. Anderson to move item #6 up next on the agenda, 2nd by J. Tranberg. Discussion-none. Vote: Yes-6, No-0. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action on Smart Sand replacement bond request: Attorney Radcliffe stated that he had reviewed the bond with the new wording that was requested and is recommending approval. **Motion by C. Ekern to accept the replacement bond request from Smart Sand, 2nd by T. Wheeler. Discussion: D. Stephenson-is everything the same, exact amount of previous bond? Attorney Radcliffe-Yes. J. Anderson-are you open for business? Attorney J. Behling-we are working on it. Vote: D Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, T. Wheeler-yes. Motion carried.**

Motion by J. Anderson to go into closed session, pursuant to WI Statute 19.85(1)(b) to consider the possible dismissal, demotion, or discipline of a public employee and/or the investigation of charges against such public employee and possibly taking formal action on any such matter, based on a grievance which has been filed; and also pursuant to WI Statute 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which is or is likely to become involved regarding complaints received, 2nd by P. Syverson. Discussion: none. Vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, T. Wheeler-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Ekern to reconvene on open session, 2nd by P. Syverson. Vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, T. Wheeler-yes. Motion carried. Mayor Rawson asked three times if anyone would like to take any action on the closed session. There was none.

Public Comment Session: none.

Discuss/Take Action on meeting minutes: **Motion by J. Anderson to accept the minutes from the 4/19/2022 Re-organizational meeting, 5/2/2022 Regular meeting, 5/18/2022 Special meeting, and 5/25/2022 Special meeting as presented, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion-none. Vote: Yes-6, No-0.**

Open Liquor License Hearing/Public Comment/Close Liquor License Hearing: **Motion by C. Ekern to open Liquor License Hearing, 2nd by P. Syverson. Vote: Yes-6, No-0. There was no public comment.** D. Stephenson and J. Tranberg removed themselves from the Council at this time. **Motion by C. Ekern to close Liquor License Hearing, 2nd by P. Syverson. Discussion-none. Vote: Yes-4, No-0. Motion carried.**

Discuss/Take Action on Liquor License Applications approval: **Motion by J. Anderson to approve the following liquor licenses. Class B-Bullpen Sports Bar, Farmers Escape, LLC, The Barnyard Tavern, Blair Haus Sports Bar & Grill, LLC, Wildcat Saloon and Class A-**

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Kwik Trip, Inc, Express Mart, Dollar General, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion-none. Vote: Yes-4, No-0. Motion carried. D. Stephenson and J. Tranberg rejoined the Council.

Discuss/Take Action on Temporary Street Closure, Temporary Class “B” License, set aside open intoxicant ordinance for July 3 Celebration: **Motion by C. Ekern to approve the temporary street closure, the Temporary Class “B” license, and set aside the open intoxicant ordinance for the Fireworks Over Blair on July 3, 2022, 2nd by J. Tranberg. Discussion: P. Syverson- they only want Gilbert St closed from Hwy 95 to the park entrance? Council discussed the need for some sort of signage by Center and Gilbert so traffic knew it couldn’t get to the highway. J. Anderson-Did someone take of the fees for this? C. Ekern-Yes. Vote: Yes-6, No-0. Motion carried.**

Discuss/Take Action on Temporary Street Closure and set aside open intoxicant ordinance on July 23 for John Clemens Celebration of Life: **Motion by J. Tranberg to approve the temporary street closure of Gilbert Street from E Broadway to W Center and set aside the open intoxicant ordinance for this event from noon to midnight on July 23, 2nd P. Syverson. Discussion: none. Vote: Yes-6, No-0. Motion carried.**

Discuss/Take Action on Reports: 5/5/2022 Combination Tax, Finance, and Personnel and Park Commission Meeting, 5/12/2022 Tax, Finance, and Personnel Meeting, 5/12/2022 Streets, Lights, and Equipment Meeting, and 5/19/2022 Blair Community Development Group Meeting (this meeting was pushed out to next month-June 16). **Motion by J. Anderson to accept minutes as presented, 2nd by D. Stephenson. Discussion-none. Vote: Yes-6, No-0. Motion carried.**

Discuss/Take Action on additional pool hiring: J. Anderson, Tax, Finance, and Personnel Chair explained that additional help is needed at the pool. Basket room help may be 14 years of age, but the slide attendant needs to be 16 or 15 with certified lifeguard training. Recommending Karter Kindschy, Lily Walters, and Eva Nyen (who can start on July 7) for basket room help at \$9/hour. **Motion by C. Ekern to hire as presented, 2nd by D. Stephenson. Discussion: none. Vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, T. Wheeler-yes. Motion carried.** The Committee also recommends Lisa Varnum as a swim instructor at \$14/hour and Madalynn Frederixon and Gabby Butterfield as lifeguards at \$10/hour. **Motion by J. Tranberg to hire as presented, 2nd by T. Wheeler. Discussion-none. D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, T. Wheeler-yes. Motion carried.**

Discuss/Take Action on 2021 DNR Consumer Confidence Report (CCR): **Motion by D. Stephenson to approve CCR as presented, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion-none. Vote: Yes-6, No-0. Motion carried.**

Discuss/Take Action on 2021 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR): **Motion by D. Stephenson to approve CMAR and adopt resolution 6-6-2022 for the CMAR, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion-none. Vote: Yes-6, No-0. Motion carried.**

Clerk Report: none.

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Discuss/Take Action on Server License Applications: Attorney Radcliffe informed D. Donnelly that there could be revocation of a liquor license if officers are denied lawful compliance checks in his bar. Radcliffe will resend the reasons an officer may enter a bar to the police department so that everyone is on the same page. J. Tranberg and J. Rawson removed themselves from the Council at this time and D. Stephenson, Council President took over the meeting. Server License Applicants include: Jacob Anderegg, Tonya Andrews, Tracey Berg, Eddie Buhler, Veronica Delgado, Kelley Kindschy, Tiffany Haury, Shadow Henton, Holly Hilgart, Lacey Hoem, Lori Hoem, Michelle Hull, Scott Janzen (picnic license), Ashley Joten, Susan Melby, Sandra Moen, Eric Olson, Jennifer Pabst, Wayne Palkowski, Kortney Parker, Kelli Qualley, John Rawson, Michael Schock, Anna Schrock, Tammy Schrock, Laura Shefelbine, Dianne Stenberg, Bridgette Stendahl, Kendra Stevens, Erin Thompson, Jeremy Tranberg, Darlene Wagner, Lorraine Wasserburger, Brooklyn Wells, and Beth Willers. **Motion by P. Syverson to approve all server applications as listed, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion-none. Vote: Yes-6, No-0. Motion carried.**

Present GEC Building Permits report: informational only.

Present Vouchers: **Motion by P. Syverson to approve vouchers as presented, 2nd by D. Stephenson. Discussion-none. D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, T. Wheeler-yes. Motion carried.**

Next meetings: Special Council Meeting on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:30pm and Regular Council Meeting on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 6:30pm. Both will be held in the Council Chambers.

Adjourn: **Motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm by P. Syverson, 2nd by T. Wheeler. Discussion-none. Vote: Yes-6, No-0. Motion carried.**