



COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2024 at 6:30 PM
303 Mansion Street Mauston, WI

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Mauston Common Council held a regular session meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2024. Council Mayor Darryl Teske called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members present were Barb Hoilien, Jim Allaby, Rick Noe, Courtney Ferguson, Donna McGinley, and Leanna Hagen. Absent was Mary Bender. Mayor Darryl Teske, City Administrator Daron Haugh, Public Works Director Rob Nelson, and Deputy Clerk Nicole Lyddy were also present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Teske led the pledge.
3. **Public Hearing for the 2025 General Fund Operating Budget:** Tabled
4. **2025 General Fund Operating Budget:** Motion made by Noe, seconded by Hagen to table 2025 General Fund Operating Budget until December 3, 2024. Motion carried.
5. **Minutes:** Motion made by Noe, seconded by Allaby to approve the October 15 and October 22, 2024 minutes. Motion carried.
6. **Citizens' Address to the Council:** None
7. **Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions:** Library Director Bridget Christenson informed the council that the Hatch Library has been awarded a \$2.8 million grant to enhance its lower level. Planned improvements include two large community rooms, an elevator, and study rooms. She assured the council that updates will be provided as the renovation begins early next year.
8. **Finance and Purchasing Committee Report:**
 - a. **Vouchers:** Motion made by Noe, seconded by Hoilien to approve the vouchers of \$421,498.20. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
 - b. **(SCBA) Compressor:** Motion made by Noe, seconded by Ferguson to approve the purchase of the compressor through Macqueen of \$37,145.00. If insurance doesn't cover it, funds will be placed back into Fire Department ERF. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
 - c. **Ambulance Contract:** Chris Leopold gave a presentation about the Ambulance budget. The council discussed.
9. **Public Works Committee Report:**

Olympic Builders: Motion made by Noe, seconded by McGinley to approve pay app #7 to Olympic Builders of \$1,089,365. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- b. **Director of Public Works:** Nelson stated that the sewer project is moving along as projected. He also mentioned that today there was a water main break on Remington and Steiner that kept them busy.

10. Ordinance, Licensing, and Permits Committee Report

- a. **Henie's:** Motion made by Allaby, seconded by Hagen to approve Heinie's Temporary Amendment to Premises for a Tavern League event on November 16, 2024. Motion carried.
- b. **Direct Sellers Permit fee for Farmers Market vendors:** Motion made by Allaby, seconded by Ferguson to uphold the Park Commission's decision to charge the \$75 park fee per use and waive the Direct Sellers Fee for the Vendors who participate in the Farmers Market. Motion carried.

11. Health, Welfare and Sustainability Committee: Motion by Hoilien, seconded by McGinley to approve sending "Notice of Intent to Award" the Taxi Contract to Running Inc. Motion carried.

12. Fire Chief's Report: Chief Lenorud gave his October report and answered questions.

13. City Council Report:

Holiday Parade: Hagen advised that December 7th is the parade at 6:00 pm and to spread the word. Santa and Mrs. Clause will be at the end of the parade at the Library to light the tree.

Holiday Train: It was also mentioned that on December 9th the Holiday Train will be stopping in Mauston.

14. Mayor's Report: Mayor Teske expressed gratitude to the parade committee for their dedication and hard work in making this event a success.

15. City Administrator's Report:

- a. **Recognition:** Haugh presented Dutton with a certificate for his 5-years with the City of Mauston.
- b. **Fire Dept.:** Haugh swore in Lt. Richard Hale and Lt. Chris Carioscia to the Fire Department
- c. **Resolution # 2024-16:** Motion made by McGinley, seconded by Noe to adopt the 2024 Juneau County All Hazards Mitigation Plan Update. Motion carried.
- d. **Vibrant Spaces Grant:** Motion made by McGinley, seconded by Ferguson to approve Resolution 2024-17, authorizing the City Administrator to apply for the Vibrant Spaces Grant. Motion carried.

16. Closed Session: Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c) for the administrator's review. Motion made by Noe, seconded by Hoilien to go into closed session. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote at 8:06 pm.

17. Reconvene in Open Session: Motion made by Hoilien, seconded by Hagen to go into open session. Motion carried at 8:47 pm.

- 18. Result of Closed Session Matters:** Motion by Noe, seconded by Hagen to approve administrator's pay rate of Step 17 for 2025. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
- 19. Adjourn:** Motion made by Hoilien, seconded by Hagen to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:48 pm.

Chair

Date