



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
COMMON COUNCIL 1ST MEETING OF MONTH
6:30 PM, DECEMBER 12, 2023**

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Mauston Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. Mayor Dennis Nielsen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members present were Donna McGinley, Leanna Hagen, Jim Allaby, Rick Noe and Darryl Teske. Also present were Mayor Dennis Nielsen, Public Works Director Rob Nelson, Fire Chief Kim Hale, City Administrator Daron Haugh by phone until 7:00 pm, and Deputy Clerk Nicole Lyddy.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nielsen lead the Pledge.

Discussion and action relating to Minutes

Noe/Allaby to approve minutes of November 28, 2023. Motion carried.

Sewer Rate Study presentation by Ehlers

Josh Low from Ehlers recently talked about the Wastewater Treatment Facility project, specifically focusing on the initial phase set to kick off in 2024. During his presentation, he discussed two choices for sewer rates that need to be decided upon for 2024. These options aim to meet the debt coverage ratio requirement of 1.10. Additionally, Josh shared the good news that the City has been granted \$1.7 million from the state for this project, which he included in his presentation.

Citizens Address to the Council

None

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions

None

Public Works Committee Report

Maresch Sewer Termination

Noe/Allaby to approve sewer termination at 117 Prairie Street. Motion carried.

2023 Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Award

Noe/Allaby to approve Olympic Builders General Contractors, Inc. - Bid Amount \$7,694,375. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Director of Public Works

117 Beach Street lateral was fixed due to Alliant Energy's error this week which caused backups at their house. The storm sewer is being repaired on Sherman Street and the GOLD fishing tournament is January 20, 2024.

Finance and Purchasing Committee Report

Vouchers

Teske/Noe to approve vouchers in the amount of \$741,232.08. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Ordinances, Licenses, and Permits Committee Report

Ordinance 2023-2064 Amending Article II Sec.8-24 Dog Licenses

First reading was accomplished.

Fire Chief's November Report

Chief Hale gave his report and answered any questions.

City Council Report

None

Mayor's Report

The mayor reminded everyone of the ambulance blessing this Thursday December 14 at the Mauston Ambulance building.

Cancelling December 26 meeting

Noe/Hagen to cancel the regular council meeting on December 26 with the finance committee having authority to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Election Inspectors for the 2024-2025 term

Ferguson/Noe to approve the 2024-2025 term of election workers including Maryann Allaby. Motion carried.

Salary exempt employee

Teske/Noe to approve the salary wage increase contingent on the new labor law being passed. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Adjourn

Hagen/Noe to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

ADMINISTRATOR

DATE