



COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM

303 Mansion Street Mauston, WI

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Mauston Common Council was called to order on March 11, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Darryl Teske. Attending members were Barb Hoilien, Jim Allaby, Rick Noe, Courtney Ray, Donna McGinley, Mary Bender, and Leanna Hagen. Mayor Darryl Teske, Administrator Daron Haugh, Police Chief Mike Zilisch, and Deputy Clerk Nicole Lyddy were also present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Teske led the pledge.
3. **Public Hearing:** Mayor Teske opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. to consider a request submitted by Renewal Unlimited for a Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate a Group Day Care Center (Head Start) facility pursuant to section 114-124(l) of the Mauston Zoning Ordinance. The building will be located at 717 Martin Street. Susan Hoppe from Renewal Unlimited and Jason Jackson the project manager from Harmony Construction, were present and answered questions. Thereafter a motion was made by Noe, seconded by Hagen, to close the public hearing. Motion carried at 6:37 p.m.
4. **Conditional Use Permit 2025-P-04:** Motion made by Noe, seconded by Ray, to approve the Conditional Use permit for Renewal Unlimited Inc. Motion carried.
5. **Minutes:** Motion made by Hoilien, seconded by Ray, to approve the minutes of February 25, 2025. Motion carried.
6. **Citizens Address to the Council:** Bob Bollig and Michael Turowski, both of the Mauston area, spoke about the homeless in Mauston.
7. **Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions:** Nothing to report
8. **Finance and Purchasing Committee Report:**
 - a. **Vouchers:** Motion made by Noe, seconded by Hoilien, to approve the vouchers of \$432,478.32. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
9. **Ordinance, Licenses and Permits Committee Report:**
 - a. **Ordinance 2025-2074:** The first reading of Ordinance 2025-2074 amending Chapter 8 Animals: Article I Sec. 8-2. Prohibited animals was completed.
 - b. **Downtown Parking District:** Motion made by Allaby, seconded by Hagen, to approve eliminating Maine St. between Hanover St. and Division St. and all of Elm St. from the Downtown Parking District. Motion carried.

10. **Fire Chief's Report:** Captain Allaby presented the February fire report and addressed any questions. He also noted that two new firefighters have been recruited and mentioned that while the firehouse floor has been completed, the color is incorrect.
11. **City Council Report:** nothing to report
12. **Mayor's Report:** nothing to report
13. **City Administrator's Report:**
 - a. **Debt for future borrowing:** Ehlers will be at the March 25 meeting to discuss.
 - b. **Agreement with Brunner:** There was a discussion regarding JCAIRS allowing a connection on their end, for which Haugh and Nelson will formally seek approval. A motion was made by Allaby, seconded by McGinley, to approve the agreement. Motion carried.
 - c. **Unassigned fund balance expenditure:** Motion made by Noe, seconded by Ray, to approve the one-time fund balance expenditures not to exceed the amounts provided. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
 - d. **Holiday Decoration Update:** Haugh updated the committee on the downtown holiday light display decorations, including those for Riverside Park, which have been ordered. Noe also suggested having a light display on Gateway Ave, the main corridor to the city. Haugh will follow-up with Nelson regarding any potential Department of Transportation issues with placing lights on Gateway Ave.
 - e. **July 5 Event Update:** Haugh provided an update on the Festival Foods Fireworks event, announcing that the festivities will begin with a parade at 1 p.m. The event will feature a carnival, bounce houses, live music, police and fire demonstrations, food vendors, and more.
 - f. **WP&L parcel on Water Street:** This item was tabled.
14. **Closed Session:** Motion made by Noe, seconded by Allaby, to convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(e) to discuss a proposed townhome development project at the intersection of Tremel Dr. and Herriot Dr., as well as the negotiation of a refuse and recycling contract. Motion carried by roll call vote at 7:29 p.m.
15. **Reconvene in Open Session:** Motion made by McGinley, seconded by Ray, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried at 7:36 p.m.
16. **Discussion and Action as a Result of Closed Session Matters:** Motion made by Ray, seconded by Allaby, to continue with our current refuse and recycling service until the end of the contract. Motion carried.
17. **Adjourn:** Motion made by Bender, seconded by McGinley, to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:37 p.m.

Administrator

Date