

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 2025 at 6:30 PM 303 Mansion Street Mauston, WI

- Call to Order/Roll Call: The Mauston Common Council was called to order on March 25, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. by Council President Rick Noe. Attending members were Barb Hoilien, Jim Allaby, Rick Noe, Courtney Ray, Donna McGinley, and Mary Bender. Absent was Leanna Hagen and Mayor Darryl Teske. Administrator Daron Haugh, and Deputy Clerk Nicole Lyddy were also present.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance: Noe led the pledge.
- **3. Minutes:** Motion made by Ray, seconded by Allaby, to approve the minutes of March 11, 2025. Motion carried.
- 4. Citizens Address to the Council: There were no speakers.
- **5. Ehlers presentation:** Josh Low from Ehlers discussed the City's future borrowing for potential future projects including North Side interim financing, TID 5 utilities, and future street projects.
- 6. Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions: Nothing to report
- 7. Finance and Purchasing Committee Report:
 - **a.** Vouchers: Motion made by Noe, seconded by Hoilien, to approve the vouchers of \$295,940.17. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
 - **b.** Treasurer's Report: The council reviewed the treasurer's report.
 - **c. IT Services contract:** Motion made by Ray, seconded by Hoilien, to recommend the council approve the three-year contract with 3RT for IT services, with the first year cost at approximately \$50,000. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
 - **d. IT equipment Purchase:** Motion made by Ray, seconded by Hoilien, to recommend that the council approve the purchase of firewall switches and licensing from 3RT for \$16,707, to be paid from the Equipment Replacement Fund. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
 - e. Sarah Wilke Contract: Motion made by Ray, seconded by McGinley, to recommend that the council approve the updated contract price of \$350 per month with Sarah Wilke for social media services, graphic design, and website management. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

8. Ordinance, Licenses, and Permits:

- Ordinance 2025-2074: Motion made by Allaby, seconded by Ray, to approve Ordinance 2025-2074 amending Chapter 8: Animals, Article I, Sec. 8-2, Prohibited Animals. Motion carried.
- Drdinance 2025-2075: The first reading of Ordinance 2025-2075 Amending Downtown
 Parking District: Chapter 36, Traffic and Vehicles, Article IV, Sec. 36122(b)(1), was completed.
- 9. Police Chief's Report: The council reviewed the police chief's February report.
- **10. City Council Report:** McGinley asked the council to consider reinstating fluoride in the city's drinking water moving forward. Additionally, she expressed interest in increasing low-income housing in Mauston.
- **11. Mayor's Report:** Nothing to report.

12. City Administrator's Report

- a. **Debt Planning:** Motion made by Allaby, seconded by McGinley, allowing Haugh to continue with the debt issuance as discussed by Elhers. Motion carried.
- b. Comprehensive Plan: Motion made by Bender, seconded by McGinley, to approve working with Vierbicher to maintain municipal compliance standards for the next 10 years, starting in 2026. Motion carried.
- **13. Closed Session:** The proposed townhome development project at the intersection of TremI Dr. and Herriot Dr. was tabled.
- 14. Adjourn: Motion made by Hoilien, seconded by Ray, to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:18 p.m.

Administrator

Date