

CITY OF MARKESAN COMMON COUNCIL
Markesan City Hall

May 12, 2020

MINUTES

1. Preliminaries

1.1 Meeting was called to order by Mayor Slate at 7:02 pm.

1.2 Present were Mayor Slate, Clerk-Treasurer Amend, Ald. Abendroth, Ald. Bieszki, Ald. Henke, Ald. Thiem, Ald. Triemstra, and Ald. Kazda. Also present was Roger Matthews from the Berlin Journal and Adam Trotz.

1.3 Citizens Comments: None

2. Approval & Review of Minutes, Reports & Correspondence

2.1 After review, motion Bieszki/Triemstra to approve the April 7, 2020 Common Council minutes; motion carried 6-0.

2.2 After review, motion Abendroth/Kazda to approve the April 21, 2020 Organizational Common Council minutes; motion carried 6-0.

2.3-2.7 After review of all items, motion Bieszki/Thiem to approve the April Police Report & May Schedule, Committee of the Whole Finance, Personnel & Safety minutes and Closed Session minutes of May 5, 2020, Public Property & Health minutes of May 5, 2020, Streets, Buildings & Utilities minutes of May 5, 2020 and April Library's Director's Report and Markesan Library Board minutes of April 16, 2020; motion carried 6-0.

3. Approval of Claims:

3.1 The Finance, Personnel & Safety Committee reviewed City and Utility checks and recommended approval to the Council. Motion Abendroth/Bieszki to approve the following vouchers as presented: City Checks #35920-35978, Electronic Payments #EFT 0995-1004, and Direct Deposits #3585-3637 in the amount of \$116,455.04, and Utility Checks #12546-12565 in the amount of \$175,893.85; motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

3.2 After review, by consensus the April 2020 Treasurer's Report was filed for audit

4. New Business

4.1 Following discussion, motion Bieszki/Triemstra to not allow the use of the City Garage for the June Dairy Days this year; motion carried 6-0.

4.2 Motion Abendroth/Kazda to accept Alderperson Brenda Henke's Resignation effective June 10, 2020; motion carried 5-0, 1- Henke abstain

4.3 Mayor Slate presented and proclaimed an Employee Recognition Proclamation

4.4 After review, motion Bieszki/Triemstra to approve the Violation Notice Timing and Fines Policy pending the Building Inspector's review and the addition of the Ordinance 273 wording; motion carried 6-0.

4.5 Motion Abendroth/Triemstra to approve the blacktop patch bid for water main breaks from General Asphalt in Beaver Dam for \$2,700.00; motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

4.6 Mayor Slate made the appointment of Joe Strelow as the Public Works Director and City Forester, motion Bieszki/Thiem to approve the appointments; motion carried 6-0.

4.7 Following Mayor Slate's statement and after discussion, motion Bieszki/Thiem to approve the Chicken Ordinance presented; motion failed 3-3, with ayes from Thiem, Abendroth, and Kazda and nays from Henke, Triemstra and Bieszki. Motion Bieszki/Thiem to send the Chicken Ordinance back to Public Property Committee in June; motion carried 6-0.

4.8 Following discussion, motion Bieszki/Henke to schedule drop-off site bulky trash days and to have Public Works Director Joe Strelow organize and set parameters for the event as long as it is within the budget; motion carried 6-0.

4.9 After discussion, motion Henke/Triemstra to amend the Employee Handbook to include policy for voluntary fire fighters and medical personnel employees. Policy to reference Wisconsin State Statute 103.88, which permits employees to leave work to respond to emergencies. Also to allow employee to make up time within the pay period without overtime; motion carried 6-0.

4.10 Motion Henke/Abendroth to reconsider COW Finance committee closed session minutes from May 5, 2020; motion carried 6-0. Motion Henke/Abendroth to amend the May 5th Closed session minutes for Finance to read no action taken for public works assistant hourly wage; motion carried 6-0.

5. Old Business

5.1 Motion Bieszki/Triemstra to approve the purchase of the new 2021 Chevrolet Truck with Rugby Box for \$42,242 from Ewald Automotive for the Public Works department; motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

6. Schedule Future Meetings and Agenda Items. The following meetings were scheduled: Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 6:00 PM at City Hall; Public Property & Health on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 6:30 PM at City Hall; Finance, Personnel & Safety on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 immediately following Public Property & Health at City Hall; Streets, Buildings & Utilities on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 immediately following Finance, Personnel & Safety at City Hall; and Common Council on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm at City Hall; and Board of Review on Thursday, June 4, 2020 from 5:00 -7:00 PM at City Hall

7. Adjournment. Motion Triemstra/Kazda to adjourn; motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Amend, Clerk-Treasurer