

CITY OF MARKESAN COMMON COUNCIL

Markesan City Hall

August 11, 2020

MINUTES

1. Preliminaries

- 1.1 Meeting was called to order by Mayor Rich Slate at 7:00 pm.
- 1.2 Present were Ald. Abendroth, Ald. Bieszki, Ald. Tetzlaff, Mayor Slate, Ald. Thiem, Ald. Triemstra, Ald. Kazda, Joe Strelow and Clerk-Treasurer Amend. Also present via telephone was Connie Wilsnack and Dan Sondalle. Roger Matthews from Berlin Journal was also present.
- 1.3 Citizen's comments – Beth Kazda complimented the election workers and process of keeping things touch-free during voting.

2. Approval & Review of Minutes, Reports & Correspondence

- 2.1 After review, motion Thiem/Abendroth to approve the July 14, 2020 Common Council minutes as presented; motion carried 6-0.
- 2.2 After review, motion Bieszki/Triemstra to approve the July 14, 2020 Special Common Council minutes as presented; motion carried 6-0.
- 2.3-2.7 After review of all items, motion Abendroth/Bieszki to approve the July Police Report & August Schedule, Streets, Building & Utilities minutes of August 4, 2020, Public Property & Health minutes of August 4, 2020, Finance, Personnel & Safety minutes of August 4, 2020 and July Library's Director's Report and Markesan Library Board minutes of July 20, 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 #36088-36130, electronic payments #ETF 1024-1027, and direct deposits #3744-3788 in the amount of \$104,457.78, and Utility Checks #12599-12617 in the amount of \$51,022.45; motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- 3.2 After review, by consensus the July 2020 Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

4. New Business

- 4.1 Mayor Slate removed himself from discussion. Property owner and Dan Sondalle were present via telephone conference.
Following discussion on 650 N. Margaret Street property:
It was decided to have the City get two sets of quotes to raze buildings 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 from contractors by the Public Property meeting September 1, 2020. The two types will be one with concrete walls left up and second tearing everything down to the ground level. The committee will then choose a contractor and send to Council on September 8, 2020 and start the raze order. In the meantime, the property owner is to reach out to General Engineering for code clarification on support beams and also bring a signed contract or have already started to repair buildings by the September meetings; motion Bieszki/Abendroth to raze buildings 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 after getting two sets of quotes for razing. Motion carried 5-0 with one nay by Beth Kazda.
- 4.2 Following discussion, motion Bieszki/Kazda to waive the reading and to approve Resolution #09-2020 Establishing Fees for Keeping Chickens; motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- 4.3 Motion Abendroth/Triemstra to accept the bid of \$1,227.56 from Rennert's for the new tire chains for the pay loader with shipping cost not to exceed \$75.00; Joe Strelow asked for this to be brought back to next Common Council meeting because he was getting two more bids; Mayor Slate entertained a motion to postpone bids until next Council meeting in September; motion carried 6-0
- 4.4 After discussion, motion Tetzlaff/Triemstra to approve the special assessment waiver for 4 S. Bridge Street/Paul Salzwedel with first payment due 30 day after work completed and two annual payments after that date with 5% interest; motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- 4.5 Motion Abendroth/Triemstra to approve purchase of new election ICE Tabulator for \$6,600 with County paying the testing, firmware and delivery fees of \$1,178; motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. Possible Grant money to cover City Share of \$6,600.

- 4.6** Motion Bieszki/Thiem to approve the General Code Estimate for current supplementation project for City Code of Ordinances update not to exceed \$3,810.00; motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- 4.7** Following discussion, motion Kazda/Thiem to grant Operator's licenses to Katee M Henning, Paris N Laper, Autumn Ristau and Karen B Werth for the period ending June 30, 2021; motion carried 6-0.

- 5** **Schedule Future Meetings and Agenda Items.** The following meetings were scheduled: Public Property & Health – September 1, 2020, at 6:00 PM at City Hall; Finance, Personnel & Safety – September 1, 2020 immediately following Public Property & Health meeting at City Hall; Streets, Building & Utilities – September 1, 2020 immediately following Finance, Personnel & Safety meeting at City Hall; and Common Council – September 8, 2020, 7:00 PM at City Hall. Also Finance Committee of the Whole – September 22, 2020 at 6 PM at City Hall.
- 6** **Adjournment.** Motion Triemstra/Thiem to adjourn; carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Amend, Clerk-Treasurer