

CITY OF MARKESAN COMMON COUNCIL

Markesan City Hall

September 8, 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. Triemstra, Ald. Kazda, and Clerk-Treasurer Amend. Ald. Thiem was absent. Also present were Connie Wilsnack and Attorney Taylor T. Fritsch. Roger Matthews from Berlin Journal was also present.
- 1.3 Citizen's comments – None
- 1.4 Nominating new Council President was moved to the end of agenda.

2. Approval & Review of Minutes, Reports & Correspondence

- 2.1 After review, motion Bieszki/Triemstra to approve the August 11, 2020 Common Council minutes as presented; motion carried 5-0.
- 2.2-2.8 After review of all items, motion Triemstra/Bieszki to approve the Board of Zoning Appeals minutes of August 17, 2020 and August 25, 2020, August Police Report & September Schedule, Streets, Building & Utilities minutes of September 1, 2020, Public Property & Health minutes of September 1, 2020, Finance, Personnel & Safety minutes of September 1, 2020 and August Library's Director's Report and Markesan Library Board minutes of August 20, 2020; motion carried 5-0.

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 #36131-36170, electronic payments #ETF 1028-1036, and direct deposits #3789-3838 in the amount of \$150,503.31, and Utility Checks #12618-12628 in the amount of \$21,897.86; motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- 3.2 After review, by consensus the August 2020 Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

4. New Business

- 4.1 Mayor Slate recused himself from discussion and turned the table over to acting President Bieszki. Property owner and Attorney Taylor were present. Attorney Taylor addressed the Council and presented that the property owner of 650 N Margaret Street has signed contracts with contractors and a timeline to fix buildings 6, 7, 8 and 9 and to raze building 5 (Hog House). The building inspector also has issued the proper building permits for the work to be done on the property. The motion on the floor was from last month to raze all buildings- 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. Motion Triemstra/Kazda to rescind the motion from last month razing buildings; motion carried 4-0. Monthly written updates on progress of construction are required from the property owner of 650 N. Margaret Street going forward.
- 4.2 Following discussion, motion Abendroth/Triemstra to approve modified MOU Agreement between the City of Markesan and the Lion's Club for Soldier's & Sailor's Park; motion carried 5-0.
- 4.3 Following discussion, the Council has asked that the owners of the property at 410 S. Bridge Street be present at the October Streets, Buildings & Utilities Meeting with an update on the progress of the maintenance of the property.
- 4.4 After discussion, motion Bieszki/Triemstra to approve Trick or Treating for October 31, 2020 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm; motion carried 5-0.
- 4.5 Motion Abendroth/Kazda to appoint Elizabeth VandeStreek and Glenda Honnard as 2020-2021 Election Inspectors; motion carried 5-0.
- 4.6 Motion Bieszki/Abendroth to approve the purchase of new handguns (Glock 17 9mm) for the police department. After trade in of old guns, the purchase price will be \$809.00; motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- 4.7 Motion Abendroth/Triemstra to purchase tire chains for the pay loader from Rennert's for \$1,407.56 which includes shipping; motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- 4.8 Motion Kazda/Tetzlaff to purchase new dust to dawn LED Lights (3) for Soldier's & Sailor's Park from Ness Electric for \$578.51; motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

- 4.9 Motion Bieszki/Abendroth to approve the Crack Filling Service Corp Invoice for \$5,000.00; motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- 4.10 After discussion, motion Bieszki/Triemstra to approve \$500 (not to exceed) for 9/11 Ceremony being held downtown on Bridge and John Streets from 6:30-7:00 pm on September 11, 2020; motion carried 5-0.
- 4.11 Motion Bieszki/Triemstra to approve the Class “B” Picnic License for Green Lake Terrace Sno-Streakers for September 11, 2020 (proof of insurance was provided); motion carried 5-0.
- 4.12 Following discussion, motion Kazda/Tetzlaff to grant Operator’s licenses to Alex A Dallman and Amy L Voigt for the period ending June 30, 2021; motion carried 5-0.
- 4.13 With heavy heart, motion Abendroth/Tetzlaff to accept the resignation from Alderman Steve Bieszki effective September 8, 2020; motion carried 4-0.
- 1.4 Mayor Slate asked for nominations for the next Council President. Dave Abendroth was nominated; motion Bieszki/Tetzlaff to have Alderman Dave Abendroth as the new Council President; motion carried 5-0.
5. **Schedule Future Meetings and Agenda Items.** Mayor Slate asked for a volunteer to be the Streets, Buildings & Utilities Committee Chairman. With no volunteers, Mayor Slate will be the Chairman for the Streets, Buildings & Utilities Committee. The following meetings were scheduled: Streets, Building & Utilities – October 6, 2020 at 6:00 PM at City Hall; Public Property & Health –October 6, 2020, immediately following Streets, Buildings & Utilities Committee meeting at City Hall; Finance, Personnel & Safety – October 6, 2020 immediately following Public Property & Health meeting at City Hall; and Common Council – October 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Reminder of the Finance Committee of the Whole – September 22, 2020 at 6 PM at City Hall to work on budget.
6. The Council honored and thanked Alderman Steve Bieszki with a plaque for his 19 years of service with the City of Markesan.
7. **Adjournment.** Motion Bieszki/Triemstra to adjourn; carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Amend, Clerk-Treasurer