

CITY OF MARKESAN COMMON COUNCIL

Markesan City Hall

September 12, 2023

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. Prill, Ald. Lager (via phone), Ald. Thiem, Mayor Slate, Ald. Glisch and Ald. Triemstra. Kirsten Radtke from Berlin Journal and Clerk-Treasurer Betsy Amend. Also present was Tom Ruetten from the Deer Management Committee
- 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.4 Citizen's comments: Rich advised Tom Ruetten to speak during agenda item 4.1, Reconsidering the "Horn-et Award"

2. Approval & Review of Minutes, Reports & Correspondence

- 2.1 After review, motion Abendroth/Triemstra to approve the August 8, 2023 Common Council minutes and Common Council Closed Session minutes as presented; motion carried 6-0.
- 2.2-2.9 After review of all items, motion Prill/Triemstra to approve the COW Finance, Personnel & Safety Minutes of August 22, 2023, Dog Park Committee Minutes of August 24, 2023, Deer Management Committee Minutes of August 31, 2023, August Police Report & September Schedule, Finance, Personnel & Safety Minutes of September 5, 2023, Streets, Building & Utilities minutes of September 5, 2023 (date corrected on agenda), Public Property & Health minutes of September 5, 2023, August Library's Director's Report and Markesan Library Board minutes of August 24, 2023; 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/Prill to approve the following vouchers as presented: City Checks #37936-37994, electronic payments #EFT 1403-1422, and direct deposits #5826-5869 in the amount of \$157,144.09, and Utility Checks #13185-13204 in the amount of \$29,124.91; motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- 3.2 After review, by consensus the August 2023 Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

4. Old Business

- 4.1 (Clerk's Clarification) Mayor Slate began the discussion with explaining that the "Horn-et Award", which allows harvesting 2 does first and then harvesting a buck, needed to be relooked at by the Deer Management Committee and then needed to be brought back to the Council for reconsideration. Mayor Slate first allowed Tom Ruetten from the Deer Management Committee to address the Council with concerns he had with the program. Tom Ruetten spoke for 15 minutes on the hunt rules and procedures of the committee. Discussion started with Tom and the Council members on the rules, regulations and procedures, but Mayor Slate said the discussion was off topic and that these items would be addressed at the next Finance & Safety meeting in October. Mayor Slate said that the motion to be addressed was the reconsideration of the "Horn-et Award" only, not the pause of the hunting. Mayor Slate recommended that the Deer Management Committee meet and discuss the concerns of the rules and procedures and bring the recommendations to the October Finance meeting. Motion Thiem/Triemstra to reconsider the "Horn-et Award"; Mayor Slate opened the floor up to the motion on the table and Ald. Thiem suggested the "Horn-et Award" be put on hold until the Deer Management Committee could meet and get on the same page. No other opinions were voiced at this time; the vote on the reconsideration of the Horn-et Award" was Abendroth-aye, Glisch-aye, Lager-aye, Prill-aye, Thiem-aye, Triemstra-aye; motion passed 6-0 with roll call vote. Mayor Slate then informed the Council that they voted to approve it, but the Mayor said he was going to do a revote to allow the Council to understand how they were voting, which meant that a yes vote is for approving it and a no vote was for scraping it. Ald. Prill stated that the Council should have known how they were voting, but the Mayor still took a revote. The revote on the reconsideration of the Horn-et Award" was Abendroth-no, Glisch-aye, Lager-no, Prill-aye, Thiem-no, Triemstra-no; motion failed 4-2 on a roll call vote. Mayor Slate then stated that the hunters were to hold off on shooting bucks at this time.

Mayor Slate stated that he would contact Matt Amend to hold a Deer Management meeting to address the issues at hand. Mayor Slate also stated that he has clarified with Matt Amend on how to hold a meeting and the procedures of a meeting, as the Mayor did not do that with him in the beginning. Meetings will be run accordingly going forward. Ald. Prill asked Tom Ruetten if he was on the committee or off. Tom stated that he was still on now. Mayor Slate did clarify that he did resign but then did tell Mayor Slate that he was going to stay on the committee. Tom Ruetten and another member of the committee were asked by both Mayor Slate and Clerk-Treasurer Betsy Amend to put it in writing if they were resigning. Tom Ruetten did not put it in writing, while the other member did send an email to Betsy Amend. It was clarified that one member of the Deer Management Committee needed to be replaced and appointed later in the agenda. Following the Common Council meeting, the City Attorney determined the revote as null and void, since no motion was made before the revote and also the Horn-et Award was not voted on, just the reconsideration was voted on twice.

- 4.2** Motion Prill/Abendroth to accept the 2024 GFL Solid Waste Midwest, LLC contract for residential municipal solid waste and recycling collection services for 7 years and with the final changes approved by City Attorney Dan Sondalle; motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. The final contract will be sent to the October meetings.

5. New Business

- 5.1** Motion Triemstra/Thiem to approve the City's Halloween date and hours to be Tuesday, October 31st, 2023 from 6:00-7:30 PM; motion carried 6-0.
- 5.2** Mayor Slate recommended appointing Hunter Kennow as the new member of the Deer Management Committee; motion Triemstra/Lager to appoint Hunter Kennow; motion carried 6-0.
- 5.3** Motion Triemstra/Abendroth to approve the bid from Pat's Tire Sales for \$7,325 for Pay Loader Tires; motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- 5.4** Motion Prill/Thiem to approve the bid from Asphalt Specialist for \$6,600 for the blacktop work on the City Hall parking lot, sinkhole at S. Main & John Street and street patch at Grand & W. Charles Street; motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- 5.5** Motion Prill/Triemstra to approve the purchase of the Dog Park Fence for \$16,033.60, with all the funds to be fundraised; motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- 5.6** Grand River Bookkeeping decided not to lease an office from the City. No Action.
- 5.7** Motion Glisch/Prill to approve the bid from New Beginnings Custom Painting for the Scout Cabin at Soldier's & Sailor's Park for the painting of the cabin in 2024 for \$6,000; motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- 5.8** Motion Triemstra/Thiem to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the CSM for 495 and 505 Hollader Street; motion carried 6-0.
- 5.9** Motion Thiem/Lager to grant Operator's License for the period ending 6/30/24 to Kimberly A Timm; motion carried 6-0.

- 6. Schedule Future Meetings and Agenda Items.** The following meetings were scheduled: Streets, Building & Utilities Committee – October 3, 2023 at 6:00 PM at City Hall; Public Property & Health Committee – October 3, 2023 immediately following Streets, Buildings & Utilities Committee meeting at City Hall; Finance, Personnel & Safety Committee – October 3, 2023 immediately following Public Property & Health Committee meeting at City Hall; and Common Council – October 10, 2023, 7:00 PM at City Hall.

- 7. Adjournment.** Motion Triemstra/Thiem to adjourn; motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Amend, Clerk-Treasurer