

CITY OF MARKESAN COMMON COUNCIL

Markesan City Hall

July 9, 2024

MINUTES

**1. Preliminaries**

- 1.1 Meeting was called to order by Mayor Rich Slate at 7:00 pm.
- 1.2 Roll Call by the Clerk-Treasurer – Present was Ald. Abendroth, Ald. Kazda, Ald. Lager, Ald. Prill, Ald. Triemstra, Mayor Slate, and Clerk-Treasurer Betsy Amend. Absent Ald. Thiem. Also present was Berlin Journal Newspaper, Kristin Radtke
- 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.4 Citizen’s comments: Connie Wilsnack confirming that she did not need the well inspection. Also wondering if anyone in the community is an advocate for help with the employment problem. Mayor Slate recommended the Chamber of Commerce.

**2. Approval & Review of Minutes, Reports & Correspondence**

- 2.1 After review, motion Prill/Triemstra to approve the June 11, 2024 Common Council minutes as presented; motion carried 5-0.
- 2.2-2.7 After review of all items, motion Triemstra/Kazda to approve Dog Park Committee minutes of June 12, 2024, Keep Markesan Grand minutes of June 28, 2024, Public Property & Health minutes of July 2, 2024, Finance Personnel & Safety minutes of July 2, 2024, Streets, Buildings & Utilities minutes of July 2, 2024, June Library Director’s Report and Markesan Library Board minutes of June 20, 2024; 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/Lager to approve the following vouchers as presented: City Checks #38444-38481 in the amount of \$58,430.74, Electronic Payments #EFT 1543-1556 in the amount of \$56,379.67, and Direct Deposits #6410-6461 in the amount of \$35,979.77, and Utility Checks #13371-13395 in the amount of \$71,108.25; motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- 3.2 After review, by consensus the June 2024 Treasurer’s Report was filed for audit.

(This was moved to after the Closed Session in the agenda order)

Motion Abendroth/Prill to adjourn to enter into public hearing at 7:15 PM; motion carried 5-0.

**4. Sidewalk Assessment Public Hearing:**

Four residents came to the hearing. All were heard on their concerns. All concerns will be addressed by Todd Zamzow, Public Works Director. Residents were given an extension on deadline.

Motion Triemstra/Kazda to adjourn to go back into council meeting at 7:35 PM; motion carried 5-0.

**5. New Business**

- 5.1 Motion Prill/Kazda to approve the settlement of \$500 to Sandy’s Diner for replacement of the front wall from the snow plow damage. Public Works department will remove wall, pending the final liability agreement/waiver from the City Attorney is signed by Sandy’s Diner; motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- 5.2 Motion Abendroth/Kazda to approve Core & Main Invoice for \$2,345 for the Omni+ Meter for the Markesan School; motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- 5.3 Motion Triemstra/Lager to grant Soda Water licenses for the period ending 6/30/25: Dollar General Store, Sandy’s Diner and Grand River Fire District; motion carried 5-0.
- 5.4 Motion Abendroth/Lager to grant Class A Beer & Class A Liquor Retailers License for the period ending 6/30/25: Dolgencorp, DBA Dollar General Store; motion carried 5-0.
- 5.5 Motion Triemstra/Kazda to grant Operator’s License for the period ending 6/30/25: Brittany Brown; motion carried 5-0.

**6. Closed Session: Employment**

Motion Prill/Triemstra to convene into closed session at 7:10 pm; motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote-Abendroth-aye, Kazda-aye, Lager-aye, Prill-aye, Triemstra-aye.

The Common Council may, by roll call vote, convene in Closed Session, pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) to consider the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of a public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, after which they will reconvene into open session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(2).

Motion Triemstra/Kazda to reconvene into Open Session at 7:14 pm; motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.  
Mayor Slate made the announcement that Officer Ryan Behlke resigned.

**7. Schedule Future Meetings and Agenda Items.** The following meetings were scheduled:

Finance, Personnel & Safety – August 6, 2024 at 6:00 pm at City Hall, Streets, Building & Utilities – August 6, 2024 immediately following Finance, Personnel & Safety meeting at City Hall; Public Property & Health – August 6, 2024, immediately following Streets, Buildings & Utilities meeting at City Hall; and Common Council – August 13, 2024, at 7:00 pm at City Hall.

**8. Adjournment.** Motion Triemstra/Lager to adjourn; motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elizabeth Amend, Clerk-Treasurer