

CITY OF MARKESAN COMMON COUNCIL

Markesan City Hall

MINUTES

January 14, 2025

7:00 PM

1. Preliminaries
 - 1.1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Rich Slate at 7:00pm.
 - 1.2. Roll Call by the Clerk-Treasurer – Present were Ald. Abendroth, Ald. Kazda, Ald. Lager, Ald. Prill, Ald. Thiem, Ald. Triemstra, Clerk-Treasurer Harrington, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Van Rossum and Mayor Slate. Also present was Berlin Journal Newspaper, Kristin Radtke.
 - 1.3. Pledge of Allegiance
 - 1.4. Citizen’s Comments

2. Approval & Review of Minutes, Reports, & Correspondence
 - 2.1. Motion Kazda/Triemstra to approve Common Council Minutes – December 10, 2024. Motion carried 6-0.
 - 2.2. Motion Prill/Thiem to approve Special Finance, Personnel & Safety Minutes – December 3, 2024; Special Council Meeting – December 23, 2024; December 2024 Police Report and Schedule; Finance Personnel & Safety Minutes – January 7, 2025; Streets, Buildings & Utilities Minutes – January 7, 2025; Public Property & Health Minutes – January 7, 2025; December Library Director’s Report and Library Board Minutes of December 19, 2024. Motion carried 6-0.

3. Approval of Claims:
 - 3.1. Motion Prill/Triemstra to approve City Checks #38715-38784, Electronic Payments #EFT 1622-1630, Direct Deposits # 6722-6789, and Utility Checks #13471-13485. Motion carried 6-0 on roll call vote.
 - 3.2. By consensus the December 2024 Treasurer’s Report was filed for Audit.

4. New Business
 - 4.1 Motion Abendroth/Lager to Approve Revising the Annual Interest Rate to 4% for the General Fund Cash Advances to the TID Fund during the time period of 2002-2024. Motion carried 6-0.
 - 4.2 Motion Triemstra/Kazda to Approve Resolution #01-2025 Tax Incremental District (TID) Termination Resolution for the City of Markesan. Motion carried 6-0 on roll call vote.
 - 4.3 Motion Prill/Thiem to Establish City Hall open hours from 8:00am – 4:00pm, Monday – Friday. Motion carried 6-0.
 - 4.4 Motion Abendroth/Triemstra to Approve Replacement of Touch Screen at Treatment Plant for \$2383.04 from SJE. Motion carried 6-0 on roll call vote.
 - 4.5 Motion Abendroth/Triemstra to Approve Purchase of New Truck & Plow from Ewald Automotive Group for \$46,427 & Darrell’s Auto Repair LLC for \$9,480.00. Motion carried 6-0 on roll call vote.

- 4.6 Motion Lager/Triemstra to Approve Resolution #02-2025 Final Resolution Authorizing Public Improvement and Levying Special Assessments Against Benefitted Property in the City of Markesan Regarding Sidewalk Installation. Motion defeated 0-6 on roll call vote.
- 4.7 Motion Kazda/Triemstra to accept Chief William Plfum's Letter of Resignation effective March 5, 2025. Motion carried 6-0.
- 4.8 Motion Abendroth/Prill to Approve Job Posting and advertise for Police Chief position. Motion carried 6-0.
- 4.9 Motion Abendroth/Triemstra to Convene in Closed Session at 7:22pm 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 we will reconvene into Open Session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(2). Motion carried 6-0.
- 4.10 After discussion, Motion Thiem/Kazda to Approve Employee Wage Increase of \$23.40/hour for James Wilderman. Motion carried 4-2 by roll call vote Abendroth - nay, Kazda - aye, Lager - aye, Prill - nay, Thiem - aye, Triemstra - aye

5. **Schedule Future Meetings and Agenda Items.** The following meetings were scheduled: Finance, Personnel & Safety – February 4th at 6:00pm at City Hall; Streets, Building & Utilities immediately following Finance, Personnel & Safety at City Hall; Public Property & Health immediately following Streets, Building & Utilities at City Hall; and Common Council – February 11th at 7:00pm at City Hall.
6. **Adjournment.** Motion Triemstra/Kazda to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.

Tamra M. Harrington

Clerk/Treasurer