

CITY OF MARKESAN COMMON COUNCIL

Markesan City Hall

MINUTES

February 11, 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 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 Triemstra/Kazda to approve Common Council Minutes – January 14, 2025. Motion carried 6-0.
- 2.2. Motion Prill/Thiem to approve Finance, Personnel & Safety Minutes – February 4, 2025; Finance, Personnel & Safety Closed Session Minutes – February 4, 2025; Streets, Buildings & Utilities Minutes – February 4, 2025; Public Property & Health Minutes – February 4, 2025; Library Board Minutes of January 16, 2025. Motion carried 6-0.

3. Approval of Claims

- 3.1. Motion Abendroth/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 January 2025 Treasurer's Report was filed for Audit.

4. New Business

- 4.1 Motion Abendroth/Prill to renew the 2 CDs for the Cemetery and to "Cash Out" the TID CD to apply toward the Firetruck cost. Motion Amended Abendroth/Triemstra to amend the Motion to include Renewal of the 2 CDs for 7 months. Motion To Amend carried 6-0. Amended Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- 4.2 Motion Lager/Thiem to Approve Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Carla Van Rossum's Stipend Payment of \$750.00. Motion carried 6-0 on roll call vote.
- 4.3 Motion Triemstra/Abendroth to Approve the twelve cent (\$.12) wage increase for Matthew Mace. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- 4.4 Motion Lager/Triemstra to Reconsider Jim Wilderman's Wage Increase of fifty cents (\$.50). Motion Carried 6-0. Motion to Amend Triemstra/Kazda to change the Wage Increase to twenty-five cents (\$.25). Motion to Amend carried 6-0. Amended Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- 4.5 Motion Abendroth/Thiem to Approve Ethan J. Augustynowicz's Conditional Offer of Employment as a Part-Time Police Officer & Sponsorship for the Police. Motion carried 6-0 on roll call vote.
- 4.6 Motion Thiem/Triemstra to Approve the Reposting of the Police Chief Position to accept Applicants through February 28, 2025. Motion carried 6-0.

- 4.7 Motion Thiem/Triemstra to Upgrading Quickbooks Accounting Software for an additional cost of \$439/year (difference between current cost of \$2,801.00 and new cost of \$3,240.00) for added benefits of security, automation and accuracy. Motion carried 6-0 on roll call vote.
- 4.8 Motion Prill/Triemstra to Approve Resolution 02-2025 Sidewalk Installation with City Attorney Approval and Addition of "All assessments that are \$350.00 or less must be paid within 30 days of invoice. All such payments will not be charged interest or penalty." Motion carried 6-0.
- 4.9 Motion Lager/Thiem to Approve Payment of BMD Concrete Innovations Invoice #2421 for \$37,404.90 Pending the City Attorney's Opinion. Motion carried 6-0 on roll call vote.
- 4.10 Motion Triemstra/Abendroth to Approve Payment of \$2,207.82 to BMD Concrete Innovations for Sidewalk Replacement at the High School due to water break. Motion carried 6-0 on roll call vote.
- 4.11 Motion Lager/Kazda to Approve Payment of \$1,121.00 to BMD Concrete Innovations for Curb & Gutter Repair at 601 Caroline St. (city pays 50%, property owner pays 50%). Motion carried 6-0 on roll call vote.
- 4.12 Discussion to Approve Residential Billing for Sidewalks. No Motion at this time.
- 4.13 Motion Prill/Abendroth to Accept Low Bid of \$3,170.05 from Great Lakes TV Seal for Sewer Televising. Motion carried 6-0 on roll call vote.
- 4.14 Motion Prill/Lager to Accept Bid of \$2,500.00 from Great Lakes TV Seal to Clean Out Receiving Tank. Motion carried 6-0 on roll call vote.
- 4.15 Motion Kazda/Triemstra to Approve Temporary Class "B" License for Abendroth-Connolly Legion Post 282 for March 28, 2025 for Baseball Club Fundraiser. Motion carried 6-0.
- 4.16 Motion Abendroth/Lager to Approve Temporary Class "B" License for Markesan SnoDrifters for May 18, 2025 for Markesan SnoDrifters Car Show. Motion carried 6-0.
- 4.17 Motion Lager/Triemstra to Approve Operator's License for the Period Ending June 30, 2025, for Kevin Bauman. Motion carried 6-0.

5. **Schedule Future Meetings and Agenda Items.** The following meetings were scheduled:
Public Property & Health – March 4th at 6:30pm at City Hall; Finance, Personnel & Safety immediately following Public Property Health at City Hall; Streets, Building & Utilities immediately following Finance, Personnel & Safety at City Hall; and Common Council – March 11th at 7:00pm at City Hall.
6. **Adjournment.** Motion Triemstra/Kazda to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Tamra M. Harrington

Clerk/Treasurer