REGULAR MEETING of the COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Cuba City, April 03, 2024.

Mayor John Van De Wiel presiding. Called to order at 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor J Van De Wiel, Alderpersons L Weber, B Loeffelholz, T Hazen, C Hendrickson, F Raupp,

S Tranel, N Moris, R Hess

Also Present: J Hill, G Morrissey, T Terpstra, M Patterson, R Gerhards

Mayor Van De Wiel asked all present to join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Alderperson Hess and seconded by Alderperson Weber that the Common Council approve the consent agenda items: Approval of the minutes of the March 6, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Common Council; approval of notice of this meeting posted at City Hall, IGA and the Cuba City Post Office and e-mailed to the Tri-County Press on March 28, 2024, and with updated Action Item D on April 1, 2024; and authorize payment of claims against the General Fund and Municipal Sewer Plant in the amount of $161,815.44. Motion carried: Ayes-8; Noes-0.

**Public Presentations, Comments, Observations and Petitions**

Alderperson Hess addressed the Council members, expressing his gratitude and appreciation for welcoming him when he joined the Council and for the work they do for the city. Hess stated that although he was not re-elected to the Council, he will continue serving the city on various boards and committees.

**Committee Reports**

Board of Public Works – The Board met earlier tonight to review 2024 projects and make recommendations to the council. Electric & Water –Spring hydrant flushing has begun. The transformer purchased from Mt. Horeb is being prepared for moving here. Grant applications for the 2028 Main Street projects have been submitted. Discussion on possibly blacktopping around electric shed.

**Department Reports**

Chief Terpstra presented the department’s monthly report. K-9 Thor trained with the Southwest WI K-9 Training Group and Midwest Working Dogs. K-9 Thor was deployed to sniff the prison in Prairie Du Chien. Officers Bendickson and Jorgenson attended a red-hot handgun training. Sgt. Lovell attended Fire Investigation School. Sgt. Lovell, Officer Bendickson and Officer Jorgenson attended a less lethal shotgun course put on by GTSO Sgt. Mark Schwarz. Officer Jorgenson has completed training and is now working independently. Donation requests were sent out for the K-9 fund and for some needed equipment. Thank you to Cuba City Family Dental and Casey-McNett Funeral Home for committing to purchase new body cameras for the department. The new squad is built and should ship soon. All the equipment for the new squad is here. A new radio has been ordered for the truck due to Grant County’s plan to switch to a new system in January. Spring ordinance reminders were sent out in utility bills at the end of February. Sgt. Lovell attended “Read Across America” week at the school and read to Mrs. Kopp’s class.

Alderperson Hazen thanked the Police Department for doing a great job keeping an eye on his home while he was away for 3 months. Hazen stated that this is a great service provided by the department.

DPW Morrissey presented his monthly report. The building at 204 S. Main has been razed. The DNR will now complete their Phase 2 study/testing. Grants have been applied for with both Tammy Baldwin and Derek Van Orden for 2028 street projects and for improvements at the fire house. The salt shed report was received back and all was good. The old salt shed was deficient in several areas. There will be some CDC meetings coming up to review results from the Epione Redevelopment study. In the end, CDC will make a recommendation to the council and the council will have the option to move forward with recommendation or hold off on redevelopment. At the south end of Splinter Park, the electric department will be boring in for street lights in the new parking lot. The Electric & Water Commission approved painting the electric shed and obtaining bids to blacktop around it along with the 2024 street projects. They also approved pressure washing of the water tower. The new substation project is still in progress and will be for years. Morrissey met with the city’s engineer and is in contact with DNR on adaptive management. We are not getting the results we need for phosphorus control using adaptive management, so we have to officially switch over to trading credits. The Park & Recreation Board will meet after the new board/committee/commission appointments happen at the reorganizational meeting. Bids for the restroom/concession stand project at Splinter Park should be going out in the next few weeks.

Fire Chief Mark Patterson presented his monthly report. The 2023 DNR grant is closed and we are waiting on the reimbursement check. The radios ordered under the 2023 FEMA grant should be here in the next couple weeks. The 2024 FEMA grant was submitted for respirators. Painting at the fire station is still in progress. Per the 5-year turnout gear replacement schedule, 8 sets of turnout gear have been ordered. The department interested in purchasing the rescue truck is still interested but waiting for our new one to come in. The new truck is expected sometime in July. Practice for the month was on pre-planning various addresses and businesses. Calls for the month included 4 EMS lift assists.

**Action Items**

Moved by Alderperson Tranel and seconded by Alderperson Hess that the Common Council approve the plans for the 2024 Streets & Utilities projects. Motion carried: Ayes-8; Noes-0.

Moved by Alderperson Hess and seconded by Alderperson Hendrickson that the Common Council approve advertising for bids and quotes for the 2024 Street & Utilities projects. Motion carried: Ayes-8; Noes-0.

Moved by Alderperson Weber and seconded by Alderperson Hess that the Common Council approve advertising for bids for the proposed bridge work on Model Road. Motion carried: Ayes-8; Noes-0.

Moved by Alderperson Tranel and seconded by Alderperson Hendrickson that the Common Council adopt Resolution 2024-01, Addendum B to Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement. Motion carried: Ayes-8; Noes-0.

Moved by Alderperson Hazen and seconded by Alderperson Loeffelholz that the Common Council approve the certified survey map as submitted by Mitch McNett and Presidential Place Condos. Motion carried: Ayes-8; Noes-0.

Moved by Alderperson Loeffelholz and seconded by Alderperson Raupp that the Common Council approve the application to close S. Jefferson Street from Clay to Webster for the 2024 Community Market. Motion carried: Ayes-8; Noes-0.

Moved by Alderperson Weber and seconded by Alderperson Hess that the Common Council approve the SAG grant agreement with WEDC. Motion carried: Ayes-8; Noes-0.

Moved by Alderperson Moris and seconded by Alderperson Hess that the Common Council convene in closed session under s.19.85(1)(g), WI Statutes to discuss the status of Sunset Ridge subdivision lots. Motion carried: Ayes-Tranel, Hendrickson, Loeffelholz, Hess, Hazen, Weber, Raupp, Moris; Noes-0 @ 7:35 p.m.

Moved by Alderperson Hess and seconded by Alderperson Hazen that the Common Council reconvene in open session. Motion carried: Ayes-8; Noes-0 @7:47 p.m.

**Informational Items**

The following upcoming meetings and events were noted:

* Re-Organizational Meeting of the Common Council – Tue, April 16th – 7:00 p.m.
* Electric & Water Commission Regular Meeting – Wed., April 17th - 4:30 p.m.
* Grant County Economic Development Corporation Meeting – Wed, April 24th – 5:30 p.m. @ Boscobel
* Common Council Regular Meeting – Wed., May 1st – 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Alderperson Weber and seconded by Alderperson Moris that this meeting adjourn. Motion carried: Ayes-8; Noes-0. (7:49 PM)

Jill M. Hill

Clerk-Treasurer

I hereby certify that the Clerk-Treasurer has submitted the above minutes to me, and I hereby by my signature approve said minutes and all acts of the Common Council as set forth herein.

John Van De Wiel

Mayor