



Common Council

Regular Meeting

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
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Minutes

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

7:30 PM

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor Boyd.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Dan Carpenter	Aldersperson	Present	
Mike Eserkaln	Aldersperson	Present	
Jonathon Hansen	Aldersperson	Late	7:40 PM
Amy Chandik Kundinger	Aldersperson	Present	
Shana Defnet Ledvina	Aldersperson	Present	
Casey Nelson	Aldersperson	Present	
Dean Raasch	Aldersperson	Present	
Kelly Ruh	Aldersperson	Present	
James Boyd	Mayor	Present	

2. Approval of the minutes of the October 20, 2020 Common Council meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Casey Nelson, Aldersperson
SECONDER: Dan Carpenter, Aldersperson
AYES: Carpenter, Eserkaln, Kundinger, Defnet Ledvina, Nelson, Raasch, Ruh
ABSENT: Jonathon Hansen

3. Recommendation from Plan Commission to approve a Precise Implementation Plan (PIP) for a proposed new restroom and dump station on the Brown County Fairgrounds at 1500 Fort Howard AV (Parcels WD-57, WD-67, WD-70-1).

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Dean Raasch, Aldersperson
SECONDER: Casey Nelson, Aldersperson
AYES: Carpenter, Eserkaln, Kundinger, Defnet Ledvina, Nelson, Raasch, Ruh
ABSENT: Jonathon Hansen

4. Ordinance #20-19 Establishing Salaries for Elected Officials for the City of De Pere (2022 and 2023) (Second Reading)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Dean Raasch, Aldersperson
SECONDER: Dan Carpenter, Aldersperson
AYES: Carpenter, Eserkaln, Kundinger, Defnet Ledvina, Nelson, Raasch, Ruh
ABSENT: Jonathon Hansen

5. Resolution #20-113 Ratifying Mayoral Proclamations Issued From October 3, 2020 Through October 30, 2020.

Upon further discussion, Aldersperson Raasch asked whether additional security is required for posting a gun-free zone to which City Attorney Judith Schmidt-Lehman advised that there is no requirement under Posting Law that security be required. Currently, City Hall and all City facilities are posted that way, with no additional security. In response to Aldersperson Raasch's question as to whether there is additional

liability to citizens as a result of posting, City Attorney Schmidt-Lehman advised that the City is immune from this type of decision under its governmental immunity.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Casey Nelson, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Kunding, Defnet Ledvina, Nelson, Ruh
NAYS:	Dean Raasch
ABSENT:	Jonathon Hansen

6. Resolution #20-114 Suspending 2021 Common Collection Assessment.

Upon further discussion, Alderperson Raasch expressed that suspending the collection charge for all of 2021 may be far-reaching if the situation changes in 3-4 months, and wondered if there was another way to pass on the cost or find a way to support businesses differently. Administrator Delo explained that the assessment is done on an annual basis, so there is no way to divide it differently, as the assessment goes to the county for the calendar year. In response to Alderperson Carpenter, Administrator Delo advised that the assessment is tied to a parcel and transfer or closing of individual businesses wouldn't change the assessment.

In response to Alderperson Raasch, Public Works Director Scott Thoresen advised that the assessment goes to the property owner of the parcel. Alderperson Raasch clarified that the property owner may be the one benefitting from free collection and not necessarily the business owner; he would like to do something different to benefit businesses. PW Director Thoresen indicated that of the 25 impacted parcels, there are actually quite a few business owners who also own the property and are getting the assessment. Mayor Boyd added that property owners struggle as well, and this is one attempt of many to assist over the next 6-9 months.

Alderperson Carpenter asked whether in a Friday Memo or future agenda item if it could be identified if property owners also own the business at the impacted locations. PW Director Thoresen indicated he had that information and that half of 25 own the building as well as the business. Alderperson Raasch reiterated that this item is for property owners and not for businesses, as he wants to make it clear that it is coming across in that way.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dan Carpenter, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Amy Chandik Kunding, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Hansen, Kunding, Defnet Ledvina, Nelson, Raasch, Ruh

7. Resolution #20-115 Terminating Suspension of Overnight Parking Restrictions.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dan Carpenter, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Hansen, Kunding, Defnet Ledvina, Nelson, Raasch, Ruh

8. Resolution #20-116 Authorizing \$21,250 Donation to Downtown De Pere Inc. (d/b/a Definitely De Pere) for "Buy Local" Marketing Campaign.

Upon further discussion, Alderperson Hansen verified that this is something that the City's Communications Specialist could help promote. Both Mayor Boyd and Administrator Delo confirmed that the City could promote this initiative as much as Definitely De Pere would request.

Alderperson Raasch asked about funding, to which Mayor Boyd indicated that this is the remaining \$21,250 of funds from the \$50,000 that was allocated earlier.

Mayor Boyd added there are more initiatives to come and welcomed other suggestions be proposed in the future.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Casey Nelson, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Hansen, Kundinger, Defnet Ledvina, Nelson, Raasch, Ruh

9. Voucher approval.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathon Hansen, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Casey Nelson, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Hansen, Kundinger, Defnet Ledvina, Nelson, Raasch, Ruh

10. COVID-19 update from Health Department.

Health Director/Officer Deborah Armbruster indicated that the department's reporting attempted to accommodate suggestions made, so that the numbers shown are those with the highest concern. She reported a COVID death of a 39 year old female in the City; that Prevea has opened a winter testing site at the Brown County Fairgrounds to include testing with no symptoms; in the past week, more testing is being done and Prevea, through the government, has the ability to conduct surveillance testing as well; the West De Pere schools are in session and the Unified schools will continue virtually until 11/30; St. Norbert College will be out of session in about two weeks until early February; the Health Department will work with the school in spring for conducting surveillance testing when students return; the federal government is supporting antigen testing for the UW system main campuses with staffing and testing kits, but an appointment is needed and logistics are in process; she feels the Community is in good shape with available testing; the department is working with school nurses daily and developing plans for when vaccines become available.

In response to Mayor Boyd, Health Director/Officer Armbruster indicated she has not been informed of a time-frame for vaccinations yet. Alderperson Raasch thanked the Health Department for the changes made to the reporting and expressed concern of a possible rumor on social media regarding a recent COVID death; Health Director/Officer Armbruster did not have any information on that. Alderperson Eserkaln asked about the fairgrounds testing site, whether there is a testing limit to prevent individuals from requesting excessive testing, to which Health Director/Officer explained that an

appointment is needed and since testing was down, the state is allowing testing without symptoms now, and while changes may occur as time goes on, the government wants testing done. Alderperson Hansen confirmed that vaccines will likely require two shots. Alderperson Carpenter confirmed that antibody testing can be done, for example, with blood donations. Health Director/Officer Armbruster confirmed more antibody testing will be coming, but for now the community is in response-mode and that type of testing might not be as helpful if it is determined antibodies only last 90 days; however, that testing is available from providers, if requested.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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11. Future agenda items.

Alderperson Kunding advised that the State of De Pere event is scheduled virtually for January 12, 2020, in partnership among the De Pere Chamber, Definitely De Pere, St. Norbert College and the City.

Mayor Boyd congratulated Alderperson Ledvina on her new baby.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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12. Adjournment.

Upon Motion of Alderperson Nelson, seconded by Alderperson Raasch, the meeting of the Common Council adjourned at 8:06 PM by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Zills