

Regular Meeting Minutes of the Fountain City Common Council
Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Gwen Katula. Roll call: Barb Schmidtknecht, Christine Williamson, David Endres, Cheryl Braatz and Ryan Ligman - all present.

Motion Ryan, second Barb to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting held on Thursday, November 16, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion Chris, second Cheryl to approve the minutes from the Budget Hearing on Thursday, November 16, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion Cheryl, second Ryan to move the shop furnace financing to the finance committee. Motion carried.

Motion Barb, second Chris to adopt Resolution 11-2023 to vacate a portion of Bishop St from Fountain St to Hill St. Motion carried.

Motion Ryan, second Cheryl to approve a Class B Beer and a Class B Liquor License for the Lily Pad pending payment and a Seller's Permit. Motion carried.

Motion Barb, second Chris to appoint Mary Schmitt as Chief Inspector; Judith Wolfe, Susan Prussing and Nicolette Richmond as Election Inspectors; Roberta Schlesselman and Judith Beohm as Alternate/Standby Election Inspectors for 2024 – 2026. Motion carried.

Motion Ryan, second Chris to approve the Amendment of the 2023 Budget; line item for Dock, Harbor, Boat Launch Outlay from \$65,000 to \$181,500, a \$116,500 increase. Funding sources are: Money market Savings \$38,485, Boat checking \$77,000, ARPA funds \$40,119 and a bank loan of \$25,896. Motion carried.

Motion Cheryl, second Barb to increase Mayor & Alderperson pay \$10 for council & committee meetings; the new payrate for Mayor council meeting is \$85, committee meetings \$70; for Alderperson council meeting pay is \$75, and committee meetings \$55, effective January 1, 2024. This does not apply to the current mayor & council, only new members moving forward. Motion carried.

Motion Ryan, second Barb to approve as needed temporary clerk assistance during the month of January 2024 at \$15/hour and a maximum of 40 hours. Motion carried.

Motion Chris, second Ryan to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Motion Ryan, second Cheryl to convene in closed session at 8:00 PM under section 19.85(1)(c) of the WI Statutes for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation, data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Roll call vote: Christine Williamson-yes, Barb Schmidtknecht-yes, David Endres-yes, Ryan Ligman-yes, Cheryl Braatz-yes.

The council reconvened in open session at 8:34 PM.

Motion Barb, second Chris to approve the hiring of Tyler Urell, pending a successful background check, for the General Maintenance position, at \$21.50 per hour, a full benefits package with vacation accruing 2 weeks annually. Motion carried.

Motion Ryan, second Cheryl to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM. Motion carried.

/s/ Mayor Gwen Katula

/s/ Clerk/Treasurer Marcia Drysdale