

**Village of Eau Claire
Monday, March 16, 2020
Unapproved Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

Regular Council meeting called to order 5:30 PM by John Glassman, Village President

Members Present: John Glassman, Virginia Gonzalez, Tom Baker, Jeff Rice, Dan Malkin, Clerk Shawn Foster, Chief Charles Sherene and PWS Mike Keesler

Absent: Lisa Borkowski, Treasurer

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Gonzales to approve the agenda and add No. 6 under Administration to appoint V. Gonzalez for the Administrative/Personnel/Police Committee Second by, Malkin. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: None. Meeting was closed to the public due Covid-19.

Visitor Discussion: None

Approval of Minutes: approval of the regular meeting minutes of February 17, 2020, Public Hearing Budget of 02/28/2020 and Recreational Adult Use Marijuana Public Hearing of 03/04/2020 Motion by Gonzalez, Second by Malkin, All Ayes, Motion carried.

Board Minutes: Fireboard minutes & Incident Summery of January 15, 2020 in the Clerk's office.

Library Board Minutes: Library Board Minutes of March 09, 2020 are available in the Clerk's Office.

Police Department: 01/20/20 – 02/17/2020; 4 tickets and 6 incidents.

Finance/Treasurer's Report: Departmental Balance Report. 01/01/2020 – 01/31/2020 Feb Report not available.

All Funds	1,071,906.31				
Fund	Restricted	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Unrestricted
General	125,000.00	296,924.01	Sanitation		1045.59
Major Streets		200,776.83	Sewer	61,740.00	24,156.20
Local Streets		1,087.16	Water	129,870.00	82,227.80
Municipal Streets		149,078.72			

Payment of the Bills: Motion by Gonzalez, second by Rice to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$10,799.07, All ayes; motion carried.

Employee Wage Report: Total Gross Wages were \$15,648.70, a total of 702.60 hours worked for all regular Village Employees for January 2020.

Utilities Report: is still not 100% accurate.

Administrative: I & M Electric is wanting to place a metal pole near the corner of Main & Second St. and wanting to move the stop sign for Second St. for Michigan Gas Utilities & want permission to go onto Village Property of the Lagoons for measurements, PWS M. Keesler will work with them.

Covid-19 Virus: In an abundance of caution the regular Council Meeting was closed to the public in order for the Chief of Police and the Council to discuss an emergency preparedness response. All essential employees will be working, the office door will be kept locked as there are not windows or barriers to make payments, we are asking Village Residents to please try to pay with a check or money order and place in our outside drop box or have exact change for their Utility Bills. We can take debit or credit card payments by phone, the company we use charges a 2% fee but at this time the village will credit your Utility bill for the amount of the fee we are not set up for online payments. Check the Village website for updates eauclairemi.com.

Vacation: Give the Clerk, a Dept. Head two weeks of vacation at 6 hours per day total of 60 hours per year, total of \$960.00 per year effective 03/16/2020. Motion by Gonzalez, Second by Baker, All ayes, motion carried.

Code Enforcement/Blight: The Code Enforcer would like to have several Ordinances changed to be keeping with current times, also ordinances will hold up in court better then the IPMC book of 2012.

Ordinance 2020-1 Noxious Weed and Uncontrolled Plant Growth Ordinance; this replaces section 90.15 Under General Regulations Ordinance Title IX, 2020-2 Litter Ordinance; this replaces Section 93.06 Under General Regulations, Title IX and adding 2020-3 Vehicle Storage & Repair.

Water/sewer/solid waste: Water Committee met on 3/5/2020 and determined some increases to Water & Sewer are necessary to fund the Water and Sewer balances as recommended by the Star of Michigan and the USDA. Resolution to add a \$3.00 per month System Development Fee to all accounts, Commercial & Residential monthly. To review in 10 years, starting on the Village Resolution R2015-4 effective 09/21/2015; these funds will be restricted to Water & Sewer fund for future use or development.

In 2015 the Board had decided on a 2% rate increases annually on water usage. This was not reviewed on an annual basis and was not put into effect as written. The committee proposes that a 10% water increase be moved on immediately to cover the past 5 years. Commercial accounts rate increase will begin immediately with Residential units effective once all meters are installed and the 3 months of residential unit's review period is over. Once water meter completion takes place residents will given a 3-month period to review how much water is being used and correct any leaks or running toilets or dripping faucets they might have in their residences. Motion by Malkin to add a \$3.00 per month System Development fee to commercial accounts immediately; second by Rice, All ayes, Motion carried. And Motion by Rice to have a 10% rate increase effective immediately on Commercial accounts and after all meters are in place to include Residential units as well, Second by Malkin, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Malkin to implement a \$3.00 System Development fee restricted for water and sewer funds for future use, Second by Rice.

Streets:

Parks: All documents and construction plans have been submitted, waiting for DNR approval

Equipment: No new business

Sanitation: No new business

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn: 7:30 PM

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