

April 20, 2021

**CITY OF WASHBURN RE-ORGANIZATIONAL
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**

5:30PM

Washburn City Hall & Remote Video Conferencing

City Council Members:

Present, in-person:

Karen Spears-Novachek, Tom Neimes, Carl Broberg, Mary McGrath

Present, remote:

Jennifer Maziasz, Laura Tulowitzky

Municipal Personnel:

Present, in-person:

Mayor Mary D. Motiff, City Administrator Scott J. Kluver,
Asst. City Administrator Tony Janisch, Director of Public Works
Gerry Schuette.

Present, remote:

none

Absent:

Dave Anderson

Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Motiff. Roll call attendance depicted six (6) of seven (7) members of the Common Council in attendance. Quorum of the Council recognized.

Mayoral Announcements and Proclamations – The Mayor congratulated the Washburn High School Girls Volleyball Team for their recent State Championship victory and undefeated season. She further encouraged voting for Caitlin Wheeler, who had been nominated for Wisconsin Sports VNN Athlete of the Week. Voting can be found on-line. The Mayor mentioned the upcoming Bayfield County Save to Give Challenge sponsored by Focus on Energy where residents can raise money for area non-profits by saving energy. The Mayor concluded by encouraging residents to join along with the High School Ecology Club with the City-wide Earth Week Spring Pick-Up.

Election of Council President – Neimes nominated Karen Novachek for Council President, no other nominations were received. The motion was made by Neimes to elect Novachek to Council President, second by McGrath. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Plan Commission Member (2/3 Vote Required) – Novachek nominated Dave Anderson to the Plan Commission. Moved by Novachek to elect Anderson to Plan Commission, second by Maziasz. Motion carried unanimously.

Confirmation of Council Member Appointments to Boards, Commissions, Committees - Mayor is asking for the following City Council appointments: Laura Tulowitzky to Library Board, Tom Neimes to BART Board, Carl Broberg to Harbor Commission, Jennifer Maziasz to Parks Committee, Personnel/Finance Mary McGrath, Laura Tulowitzky, and Karen Spears-Novachek. Moved by Novachek to confirm the Mayor appointments of Council members to the various boards, commissions, and committees, second by McGrath. Motion carried unanimously.

Confirmation of Citizen Appointments to Boards, Commissions, Committees - The Mayor nominated the following Citizens for appointments: John Baregi & Nick Suminski to Harbor Commission, Britt Serrine & Adeline Swiston to Plan Commission, Tom Pankratz & Jeffrey Olsen to Zoning Board of Appeals, Angel Croll to Parks Committee and Mary O'Brian-Cotheman & Leslie Alldritt to Library Board. A motion was made by Novachek to approve all citizen appointments, second by McGrath. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Weed Commissioner – The Mayor requested that Gerry Schuette be appointed as Weed Commissioner. Moved by McGrath to appoint Director of Public Works Gerry Schuette as the Weed Commissioner, second by Neimes. Motion carried unanimously. The Mayor further thanked Assistant City Administrator Tony Janisch for his service in this position for the past year.

Designation of Public Depository (s) – A motion was made by McGrath to approve all listed below as the public depository(s), second by Neimes. Motion carried unanimously.

- Bremer Bank
- Chippewa Valley Bank
- Northern State Bank

Designation of Official Newspaper- A motion was made by McGrath to designate the Ashland Daily Press as the official paper, second by Neimes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Orientation and Other Training for Council Members – City Administrator Kluver stated that typically an orientation and training is offered and scheduled for new council members, but since there are none, a refresher can be scheduled if anyone is interested. Novachek asked for an opportunity to discuss the impending federal stimulus. Kluver stated that the stimulus should be around \$200,000; with half coming this year and half next year. He further stated that there would be restrictions on spending, but they are still unknown. Novachek added that it would be mindful to spend wisely given this one time only opportunity. The Mayor included that the City would have 3 years to spend the funds.

Adjourn – Mayor Motiff adjourned the meeting at 5:49 pm.

Tony Janisch
Assistant City Administrator