

April 18, 2023

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

5:30PM

Washburn City Hall & Remote Video Conferencing

City Council Members:

Present, in-person: Tom Neimes, Jennifer Maziasz, Jared Trimbo  
Present, remote: John Hopkins

Municipal Personnel:

Present, in-person: Mayor Mary D. Motiff, City Administrator Scott J. Kluver,  
Asst. City Administrator Tony Janisch  
Present, remote: none

Absent: Mary McGrath, Tracey Snyder, Dave Anderson

**Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Motiff. Roll call attendance depicted four (4) of seven (7) members of the Common Council in attendance. Quorum of the Council recognized.

**Mayoral Announcements and Proclamations** – The Mayor mentioned the unfortunate passing of Fire Chief Mike Pedersen last Friday, and that the service will occur at the Fire Hall this coming Saturday with a visitation at 1:00pm and funeral following at 2:00pm. The Mayor then called for a Moment of Silence in his memory.

The Mayor next gave a shout-out to Joel & Ross at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for keeping on top of the heavy snow melt situation and to everyone that was conserving water to help out with the issue. The Mayor then made the proclamation for No-Mow May, to encourage property owners to provide early season foraging resources for pollinators. The Mayor concluded with the opportunity for council members to attend the Local Government 101 Workshop sponsored by the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, either in-person or on-line.

**Election of Council President** – Trimbo nominated Jen Maziasz for Council President. Neimes nominated himself for Council President. The Mayor questioned if she could break a tie vote for Council President, should one occur. Maziasz moved to postpone the vote for Council President until the May Council meeting, second by Neimes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Election of Plan Commission Member (2/3 Vote Required)** – Maziasz nominated Dave Anderson to continue serving on the Plan Commission. Kluver stated that because of the required 2/3 vote, at least five (5) council members needed to be present for the vote to occur. Maziasz moved to postpone the vote for Plan Commission until the May Council meeting, second by Trimbo. Motion carried unanimously.

**Confirmation of Council Member Appointments to Boards, Commissions, Committees** - Mayor is asking for the following City Council appointments: Mary McGrath, Tracey Snyder, and Tom Neimes to Personnel/Finance, John Hopkins to Library Board, Tom Neimes to BART Board, Jared Trimbo to Harbor Commission, and Jennifer Maziasz to Parks Committee. Moved by Neimes to confirm the Mayoral appointments of Council members to the various boards, commissions, and committees, second by Trimbo. Motion carried unanimously.

**Confirmation of Citizen Appointments to Boards, Commissions, Committees** - The Mayor nominated the following Citizens for appointments: Caroline Nelson & Candace Kolenda to Harbor Commission; Felix Kalinowski to Plan Commission; Linda Barnes, Sherry Mager & Karen Novachek as chair to Zoning Board of Appeals; Erika Lang & Susan Hall to Parks Committee; Tony Janisch as alternate to Wis. Lake Superior Byway Council; and Diane Posner & Margo Smith to Library Board. Moved by Maziasz to approve all citizen appointments, second by Neimes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Appointment of Weed Commissioner** – The Mayor requested that Gerry Schuette be appointed as Weed Commissioner. Moved by Maziasz to appoint Director of Public Works Gerry Schuette as the Weed Commissioner, second by Neimes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Designation of Public Depository (s)** – A motion was made by Maziasz 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 Neimes to designate the Ashland Daily Press as the official paper, second by Maziasz. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion of Orientation and Other Training for Council Members** – City Administrator Kluver stated that an orientation and training is typically offered and scheduled for new council members, and that he will coordinate with the city attorney to provide anything that is needed. Hopkins asked about the Local Government 101 workshop. Maziasz answered that it was a very informative workshop and well worth the time.

**Adjourn** – Mayor Motiff adjourned the meeting at 5:55 pm.

Tony Janisch  
Assistant City Administrator