
City of Bloomer

Regular Meeting of the Common Council

1503 Main Street
Bloomer, WI 54724
October 14th, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Bloomer was called to order on Wednesday, October 14th, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1503 Main Street – Mayor Koehler presiding.

Roll call was taken: Mayor Koehler, Aldermen Meinen, Bauch, Baribeau and Administrator Frion were present. Alderman Reischel and Attorney Gierhart were absent.

All present gave pledge to the flag.

Bauch made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 23rd, 2020 regular meeting. Meinen seconded the motion and all present voted aye.

Baribeau made a motion to approve all claims against the City and Utilities as presented. Meinen seconded the motion and all present voted aye. The claims were in the amounts listed below:

Checks Numbered:	86185 - 86290
General Fund:	\$ 87,788.66
Electric Fund:	\$360,387.68
Water Fund:	\$ 6,626.48
Sewer Fund:	\$120,581.06
Payroll	<u>\$170,836.79</u>
TOTAL	\$ 746,220.67

Street Department Manager, Tony Burgess, commented that they will be sweeping the streets now until it starts to snow. There will also be one more week of crack sealing the streets before winter. Administrator Frion commented that she was able to secure \$9,400 in grant funds for the purpose of creating a new City website and is currently working on the design of it. The library has continued to stay open with a 25% capacity limit.

Alderman Meinen wanted to thank the Bloomer Advance for their recent article of the North Park and the new ship play equipment that was recently added. The Park Board has also had discussion pertaining to potentially adding another smaller pavilion a little closer to the lake. Mayor Koehler also thanked the Park Board and Ardella Pecha for their contributions to the additions that have been made at the park.

The Common Council reviewed the amendments that were made by Attorney Gierhart based off of the previous meeting pertaining to the proposed Ordinance #08-20 relating to temporary buildings, structures and storage containers. Frion stated that a Class 2 notice will need to be published along with another public hearing before adoption can take place.

Baribeau made a motion to approve the 2021 Security Health Insurance proposal with a 5% increase for employee premiums. Bauch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Frion reviewed the draft 2021 budget and the proposed mill rate with the Council stating that it would be the recommendation to go with the State's maximum allowable levy limit. By doing so, it will likely increase the mill rate by roughly \$0.20/\$1,000 of assessed property. Status of the capital improvement accounts was also discussed. Frion stated she is working on coming up with a vehicle replacement program as the City currently doesn't have one, outside of emergency vehicles. Final discussion took place regarding the retirement benefit for employees. Current employees will have the one-time option to opt in to the Wisconsin Retirement System.

Meinen made a motion to approve budgeting \$5,000 for the Lake Association to be applied either towards payments of the harvester or maintenance and repair of it. Baribeau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meinen made a motion to adjourn. Baribeau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sandra L. Frion
City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer