**City of Bloomer**

**Regular Meeting of the Common Council**

1503 Main Street

Bloomer, WI 54724

October 13th, 2021, 5:15 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 13th, 2021, at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall, 1503 Main Street – Mayor Koehler presiding.

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

All present gave pledge to the flag.

Meinen made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 22nd, 2021, council meeting as presented. Baribeau seconded the motion and all present voted aye.

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

 Checks Numbered: 87768 - 87856

 General Fund: $ 72,156.87

 Electric Fund: $ 325,093.68

 Water Fund: $ 9,575.83

 Sewer Fund: $ 35,601.95

 Payroll $ 97,319.38

 TOTAL $ 539,747.71

Mark Schwartz, Ambulance Chief, commented on the sale of the old City Street Department building stating that the Ambulance has interest and has concerns with the City selling it to a private entity. One of the concerns is the parking availability for staff when they have either a large call out or staff meetings, they currently have to utilize that area for additional parking. There are also safety concerns regarding the access to 17th Avenue. The Ambulance is currently utilizing space in the old Street Department to store a trailer and a vehicle. Additionally, the two buildings share a storm sewer drain.

Alderman Meinen and Mayor Koehler thanked all of the volunteers that were involved with the crafts fairs that were held in the City this past weekend. They brought in a lot of people and it was good for the community.

Mike Randall, Lake Como Association representative, stated they had 319 volunteer hours. The Association purchased and installed beach booms to assist in keeping the weeds out of the swimming area for $3,000. Currently the harvester has an oil leak and the quote to fix is $5,300. The Association is asking for financial assistance to get the harvester repaired as well as the annually contribution from the City to the Association of $5,000.

Motion (Meinen/Baribeau) to approve Resolution #09-21 redistricting the boundaries of the Aldermanic Wards in the City of Bloomer. Motion carried.

Motion (Meinen/Zwiefelhfofer) to approve Resolution #10-21 allowing use of streets and alleys for the 2022/2023 road reconstruction projects. Motion carried.

Motion (Baribeau/Reischel) to approve Resolution #11-21 approving the 2022 health insurance contract with Security Health and City premiums. Motion carried.

Motion (Reischel/Zwiefelhofer) to approve Resolution #12-21 approving the 2022 dental insurance contract with Mutual of Omaha and City premiums. Motion carried.

Motion (Reischel/Zwiefelhofer) to approve a service agreement with the CBS2 for services to design and survey the second phase of the 17th Avenue sidewalk project. Motion carried.

Motion (Meinen/Baribeau) to replace only the sidewalks that are currently in place throughout the 2022/2023 road reconstruction project and to special assess property owners for sidewalks, curb & gutter. Motion carried.

Motion (Meinen/Reischel) to approve utilizing capital improvement funds for the purchase of a Toolcat with broom, snowblower, bucket and stump grinder as quoted with Bobcat for the Street Department. Motion carried.

Motion (Baribeau/Zwiefelhofer) to approve utilizing capital improvement funds for the purchase of a snow plow blade as quoted with Lano for the Street Department. Motion carried.

Motion (Baribeau/Meinen) to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(e) – “Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive bargaining reasons require a closed session.” – Sale of old Street Department Building, 1427 17th Ave. Roll call vote was taken – Meinen - aye; Zwiefelhofer - aye; Baribeau – aye; Reischel – aye. Motion carried.

Motion (Reischel/Meinen) to come out of closed session. Roll call vote was taken – Meinen – aye; Zwiefelhofer – aye; Baribeau – aye; Reischel – aye. Motion carried.

Motion (Meinen/Baribeau) to reconvene to open session. Motion carried.

No action was taken.

Motion (Meinen/Reischel) to adjourn. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Sandra L. Frion

City Administrator