**City of Bloomer**

**Regular Meeting of the Common Council**

1503 Main Street

Bloomer, WI 54724

May 25th, 2022, 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, May 25th, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall, 1503 Main Street – Mayor Koehler presiding.

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

All present gave pledge to the flag.

Zwiefelhofer made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 11th, 2022, council meeting as presented. Reischel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Checks Numbered: 88737 - 88786

General Fund: $ 36,998.48

Electric Fund: $ 9,569.32

Water Fund: $ 8,112.09

Sewer Fund: $ 1,039,308.98

Util. Refund $ 16.17

Payroll $ 85,454.54

TOTAL $ 1,179,459.58

Mayor Koehler opened the public hearing to hear comments on the discontinuance of an alley located East of Lots 1-5 and West of Lots 7-12 on Block 1 of Johnson’s Addition. There were no public to make comment on this issue. Mayor Koehler closed the public hearing.

Greg Loew, spoke on behalf of his parents Garry and Pat Loew, 701 Priddy Street, as to the 2022 construction project and how it relates to their property. They would like to see drive-over curb installed along their property on 7th Avenue or be able to put in another driveway. Loew’s would also like to be able to store their camper on the fairgrounds during the construction project. There is a dip on the fairground’s property towards the southwest corner of the Loew property that causes the water to puddle and would like to see that the dip gets filled in.

Carol Rubenzer, 1622 17th Avenue, spoke in favor of the drive-over curb at the fairgrounds.

Bob Olson, 1519 9th Avenue, spoke in favor of keeping a tree that is encroaching the city right-of-way.

Jagr and Dianne Hofstedt, owners of The Old Bloomer Brewhouse and The Buckingham which leases in the old brewery building, would like the City to consider allowing another liquor license. Their business is an event center and majority of the inquiries they are getting are asking for liquor to be sold. Not being able to serve liquor limits the events they can hold, which therefore leads to less revenue.

Motion (Meinen/Reischel) to approve a contract agreement with JT Engineering for services of designing the two projects related to the bipartisan infrastructure bill.

Motion (Baribeau/Zwiefelhofer) to approve Res. #07-22 to discontinue an alley located east of lots 1-5 and west of lots 7-12 on Block 1 of Johnson’s Addition contingent upon receiving the last utility easement from an abutting property owner.

Motion (Meinen/Baribeau) to approve Resolution #08-22 declaring intent to exercise special assessment powers under Wi. Stat. §66.0703.

Motion (Zwiefelhofer/Meinen) to approve designing the curb on 7th Avenue from Riggs Street to Priddy Street with drive-over curb as it relates to the 2022 road reconstruction project.

Motion (Meinen/Zwiefelhofer) to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(g) – “Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved in.” – (Discuss Olson tree removal) – Roll Call: Meinen-aye; Zwiefelhofer- aye; Baribeau-aye; Reischel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion (Meinen/Zwiefelhofer) to reconvene to open session. Roll Call: Meinen-aye; Zwiefelhofer- aye; Baribeau-aye; Reischel-aye. Motion carried. No action was taken.

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

Sandra L. Frion

Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer