**City of Bloomer**

**Regular Meeting of the Common Council**

1503 Main Street

Bloomer, WI 54724

May 12th, 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, May 12th, 2021, at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall, 1503 Main Street – Mayor Koehler presiding.

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

All present gave pledge to the flag.

Reischel made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 14th and April 21st, 2021 Council meetings as presented. Zwiefelhofer seconded the motion and all present voted aye.

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

Checks Numbered: 87095 - 87219

General Fund: $ 140,837.61

Electric Fund: $ 374,969.57

Water Fund: $ 22,718.88

Sewer Fund: $ 111,317.79

Payroll $ 177,924.35

TOTAL $ 827,768.20

Tammy Popple-Grage, former owner of Bloomer Pub, presented Fire Chief Zwiefelhofer with a donation of $3,500 to the fire department and thanked the department for their service.

Mayor Koehler, on behalf of the City, thanked Roberta Poirier for her years of service and dedication to the Bloomer Food Pantry. Koehler also thanked Ms. Popple-Grage for the donation to the fire department.

Chad Revoir and Al Roggenbach, representing the Sportsman Club, were present to discuss the possibility of putting in a handicap accessible dock at the North Park. Before doing more research on it, they were inquiring if the City would allow them to do so? It was requested that all necessary information be researched in regards to the ADA compatibility and to check with the WI Dept. of Natural Resources about being allowed to cut in to the bank of the shoreline to assist with accommodating the placement of the dock; it appears that there is no other necessary permitting needed from the DNR.

Reischel made a motion to approve moving forward with the planning of the dock installation and requested that a final plan be brought forward for approval prior to any installation. Zwiefelhofer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reischel made a motion to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Kevin Zwiefelhofer to the Library Board. Baribeau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Baribeau made a motion to approve signing into the Chippewa County Fire and Emergency Services Mutual Aid Agreement. Reischel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reischel made a motion to approve the revised Advertising Sign Space Lease agreement draft for future agreements being for 1 year with an annual fee of $500 per year. Zwiefelhofer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Baribeau made a motion to approve Ordinance #04-21 to repeal §14-1-100 of the City Code in its entirety regarding Variations and Exceptions from Subdivision Regulations/Requirements. Zwiefelhofer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding the upcoming street reconstruction projects in 2022 and 2023. The City is working on obtaining funding from both the USDA and the Safe Drinking Water Fund.

Baribeau made a motion to special assess the final costs for curb and gutter for the 2022 and 2023 street reconstruction projects. Reischel seconded the motion. Motion carried with Zwiefelhofer voting nay.

Baribeau made a motion to approve the presented Street Manager description and to advertise the job opening. Zwiefelhofer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Baribeau made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) “Considering employment, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.” (Police Chief Evaluation and Street Department Manager position). Seconded by Zwiefelhofer. Roll Call: Baribeau-aye; Reischel-aye; Zwiefelhofer-aye. Motion carried.

Baribeau made a motion to reconvene to open session. Seconded by Zwiefelhofer. Roll Call: Baribeau-aye; Reischel-aye; Zwiefelhofer-aye. Motion carried.

Reischel made a motion to approve $2.00/hour additional pay for the Street Department Lead person during the transition period for hiring a Street Department Manager. Zwiefelhofer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Baribeau to adjourn. Zwiefelhofer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sandra L. Frion

City Administrator