

Special Common Council Minutes
Wednesday, April 14, 2021—6:30pm

The Common Council of the City of Neenah, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, met in special session at 7:37pm, April 14, 2021, in the Council Chambers of Neenah City Hall.

Mayor Kaufert in the chair.

Present: Alderpersons Borchardt, Boyette, Bates, Lang, Lendrum, Erickson, Hilstrom, Steele, and Stevenson, and City Attorney Westbrook.

Mayor Kaufert called the meeting to order at 7:37pm

- I. Attorney Westbrook called a voice roll call followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Public Forum
 - A. Scott Berhman – 985 Bridgewood, Neenah – inquired if the Council received an email from Rachael Cabral-Guevara.
 - B. Candace Leech – 988 S Green Bay Rd Suite B, Neenah – inquired if the comments from the meeting Committee of the Whole will carry over to this meeting.
 - C. There being no further appearances, Mayor Kaufert closed the public forum.
- III. Report from Committee of the Whole meeting of April 14, 2021
 - A. Consideration of Committee recommendation regarding Ordinance 2021-08 Creating an Ordinance to Create a Temporary Mask Order within the City of Neenah due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Aldersperson Stevenson reported from the Committee of the Whole meeting. Committee recommends, in lieu of Ordinance 2021-08, that the Council strongly endorse and ratify the Mayoral Proclamation issued April 12, 2021, encouraging Covid precautions, including the wearing of masks.

 1. Aldersperson Bates encourages that the proclamation be published publically, such as on a rolling billboard, and not only on the internet.
 2. Aldersperson Hilstrom inquired when the end date will be, and Attorney Westbrook advised that the proclamation states until such time that the City's Covid-19 case data indicates that the pandemic has abated.
 3. Aldersperson Boyette would like to thank the public for providing their feedback and comments on the subject. She encourages the public to respect each other's choices related to mask-wearing and to bridge the divide regardless of personal opinions.

4. Alderperson Bates clarified that the Wisconsin Supreme Court overturned the statewide mask mandate due to their determination that such a mandate would be unconstitutional when implemented by the governor, but that a similar mandate could be implemented by the legislature, such as this Council.
5. Mayor Kaufert thanked the community and the Council for working together to the benefit of the City. He pledges to publicize the proclamation and promote it as positive step towards the finish line of the pandemic.

MSCRP Stevenson/Borchardt, all voting aye.

IV. Adjournment

MSC Lendrum / Lang to adjourn at 7:54pm, all voting aye.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam Westbrook". The signature is stylized, with a large, looped initial "A" and "W".

Adam Westbrook
City Attorney