

Common Council Minutes
Wednesday, January 4, 2023—7:00 PM

The Common Council of the City of Neenah, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, met in regular session at 7:00 PM, January 4, 2023, in the Council Chambers of Neenah City Hall.

Mayor Lang is the chair.

Present: Alderpersons Boyette, Borchardt, Hillstrom, Lendrum, Erickson, Weber, Skyrms, Steiner, and Stevenson. Staff present Deputy Director of Finance Andy Kahl, Community Development & Assessment Haese, Director of Public Works Kaiser, City Attorney Rashid, and City Clerk Nagel.

Also present were Eric Maggio and family, Alexander M. Collins, Bethanie Gengler, Donald Beckham.

Mayor Lang called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

- I. The Mayor/Alderpersons recorded their attendance on the RollCall-Pro System as the Clerk called the roll. Alderperson Steiner led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Introduction and Confirmation of Mayor's Appointment(s)
 - A. Appoint Eric Maggio to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a three year term ending December 2025. **(UC)**
 - B. Swearing in – Clerk Nagel swore Eric Maggio into the Parks & Recreation Commission.

There being no objections the Mayor's appointments were ordered approved by unanimous consent.

Mr. Maggio addressed the Council by stating the he and his family are Neenah natives. The entire Maggio family utilizes the parks and recreation system. He is looking forward to giving back to the community and serving on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

- III. Approval of Council Proceedings
 - A. Approval of the Council Proceedings of December 21, 2022 regular session. **(UC)**

There being no objections the Council Proceedings of December 21, 2022 was ordered approved as written by unanimous consent.

- IV. Public Forum
 - A. Speakers should give their name and residential address (not mailing address) and are allowed five minutes to speak on any topic.

Alexander Collins, 331 E. Wisconsin Avenue – Introduced himself as a District 1 Alderman candidate for the Spring Election.

Donald Beckham, 113 N. John Street – Would like to have the bus shelter from the Church Street location moved to the current location on Doty Street. That shelter is heated which is much more desirable in the winter. Mr. Beckham understands there is some question as to whether or not the Doty Street location will be the permanent transfer station but would like to see the heated shelter moved.

Don Nussbaum, 665 Dartmouth Drive, County Board Supervisor – Brought forth the Winnebago County Board Scholarship Program to the Council. There are nine \$1,000 scholarship available and the deadline to submit paperwork is March 31st.

After additional calls for comments there were no appearances. Mayor Lang closed the public forum at 7:07 PM.

- V. Mayor/Council consideration of public forum issues
Director Kaiser addressed the concern regarding the heated bus shelter and bus route. The city has been working with both East Central Regional Planning and Valley Transit who are in the process of hiring a consultant, of which part of the scope of the contract is to do a study of the best location for the conjunction of the bus routes in downtown Neenah. The results of the completed study will be presented to the Council for final decision on a permanent location.
- VI. Consent Agenda – None.
- VII. Reports of standing committees
- A. Regular Public Services and Safety Committee meeting of December 27, 2022: (Chairperson Lendrum/Vice Chairperson Hillstrom) (Minutes can be found on the City web site)
1. Meeting cancelled, no report.
- B. Regular Finance and Personnel Committee meeting of December 26, 2022: (Chairperson Erickson/Vice Chairperson Skyrms) (Minutes can be found on the City web site)
1. Meeting cancelled, no report.
- C. NMFR Joint Finance & Personnel Committee meeting of December 19, 2022: (Aldersperson Borchardt) (Minutes can be found on the City web site)
1. Committee recommends Council approve the purchase of a UTV, skid unit and trailer for a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00. **(RollCall-Pro)**
MSRCP Borchardt/Boyette to approve as recommended by committee, all voting aye.

Discussion: Aldersperson Stevenson pointed out that a grant was the funding mechanism for the purchase of the UTV, skid unit and trailer, and asked Fire Chief Kloehn to explain.

Fire Chief Kloehn explained State of Wisconsin EMS Safety Grant award around \$120,000 to NMFR. The grant money could be used in a variety of ways. The current UTV is used by both cities in parades, special events, on trails, and in various other ways. The current UTV is about 18 years old and is due to be replaced in the next two years in the CIP. This UTV is a bigger than the current one and also has the appropriate trailer. The department is researching other EMS equipment for the remainder of the funds.

Aldersperson Stevenson explained that purchasing the UTV now will save taxpayers borrowed money two years from now, and the replacement will be removed from the CIP as part of the next approval process.

Aldersperson Lendrum was hoping the department would keep the current UTV to use in multiple call situations. Chief Kloehn advised the current UTV will be used as a trade-in with a value between \$6,000 to \$7,000. The machine is also starting to have mechanical issues, plus the department can

borrow from an Oshkosh business if an additional UTV is needed for special events. With that said, the department felt that trading-in the current UTV was the best option.

2. Committee recommends Council approve the carry forward of \$9,547.00 from NMFR's 2022 All Other Equipment CIP budget (180-2481-712-8133). **(RollCall-Pro)**
MSCRP Borchardt/Boyette to approve as recommended by Committee, all voting aye.

No discussion.

3. Committee recommends Council approve the carry forward request of \$10,000 from NMFR's maintenance of software budget (180-2301-712-0218). **(RollCall-Pro)**
MSCRP Borchardt/Boyette to approve as recommended by Committee, all voting aye.

No discussion.

- VIII. Reports of special committees and liaisons and various special projects committees
 - A. Regular Plan Commission meeting of December 27, 2022: (Council Rep Steiner) (Minutes can be found on the City web site)
 1. Meeting cancelled, no report.
 - B. Community Development Authority
 1. Report from the CDA – Director Haese
 - a. No report.
 - C. Sustainable Neenah Committee
 1. Report from the Sustainable Neenah Committee – Alderperson Borchardt
 - a. No report.
 - D. Bergstrom Mahler Museum
 1. Report from the Bergstrom Mahler Museum – Alderperson Steiner
 - a. Report from the meeting of December 28, 2022.
 - b. Thursdays the museum hosts guided meditations at 6:00pm.
 - c. Night at the Museum Fundraiser will take place on March 11, 2023.
 - E. Parks & Recreation Commission
 1. Report from the Park Commission – Alderperson Borchardt
 - a. No report.
- IX. Presentation of petitions
 - A. Any other petition received by the City Clerk's Office after distribution of the agenda.
 1. No petitions.
- X. Council Directives
 - A. Alderperson Erickson would like an update on the feasibility and opportunities to attract a convenience store/gas station on Doty Island directive next meeting.

XI. Unfinished Business

XII. New Business

- A. Any announcements/questions that may legally come before the Council.

XIII. Closed Session

- A. The Council may convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85 (1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session relating to the Southpark Industrial Park Expansion Area. **(RollCall-Pro)**

MSCRP Stevenson/Borchardt for the Council to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85 (1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session relating to the Southpark Industrial Park Expansion Area. The Council may reconvene into open session to take action on the item discussed in closed session, all voting aye in a voice vote.

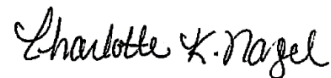
- B. The Council may reconvene into open session pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 19.85(2) to consider or act on closed session recommendation(s).

After a brief recess, the Council convened into closed session at 7:30 PM. The Council adjourned the meeting in closed session.

XIV. Adjournment

MSC Stevenson/Borchardt to adjourn, all voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Nagel, City Clerk