

Proceedings of Manawa Common Council meeting held Monday evening, January 15, 2018 called to order by Mayor Smith at 6:00 PM at the Manawa Municipal Building pursuant to open meeting regulations, Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Aldermen present: Frazier, Miller, Brost, Radtke, Eck, Brown. City employees: J. Gorman, Hass, Simonis, Rosenau. Audience: Dan Pomeroy, Larry Squires, Chris Mollica, Holly Neumann, Justin Keen, Todd Platt, Jim Lundberg, Dean Remington, Wendy Remington.

Moved Frazier/Miller to approve agenda of January 15, 2018. Carried. Moved Miller/Eck to approve Common Council minutes of December 18, 2017 as written. Carried. Moved Eck/Brost to approve all bills as mailed in the amount of \$181,052.68. Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Moved Miller/Radtke to call to order Public Hearing at 6:05 PM for an application by Thomas Carelli and the City of Manawa to rezone property at 103 S. Bridge Street and the City purchased Railroad property from Planned Industrial to Community Downtown Commercial because of plans for a commercial building.

Discussion: The Mayor stated that the hearing would be only to discuss the zone change for the property at 103 S. Bridge Street. Dean and Wendy Remington introduced themselves to the hearing and stated that they owned Remington Foods across from the property. She stated that “her opinion was that there was no purpose for the City to have a national big box store – the \$ General and that the City was giving them everything but the kitchen sink.” At that point Mayor Smith stopped her and said that we are only discussing the rezoning of the property at 103 S. Bridge Street. He stated that many years ago the plan commission had put together maps that indicated the City would like that property to be zoned commercial to be consistent with the other commercial buildings. He asked Remingtons what they would like to see the property zoned as. Wendy Remington stated that they would like to see a park there, a community swimming pool, an aquatic center, people drive out of town now to go to other cities that offer those things. She would like that area opened up to the park below, she noted that the park is currently locked up and people cannot access it. The elderly are leaving Manawa to go to other pools, fitness centers and parks also. Radtke asked what the zoning would be for a park area and questioned costs of environmental cleanups. Mayor Smith stated that rezoning the property to commercial makes the property match what is currently there and what the City wants it to be. We do not need industrial zoning but more commercial zoning. Wendy Remington asked if the City would rezone for another business at the expense of other current businesses there. The Mayor stated that we do not know what effects the rezoning would have on current businesses. We felt that this would help other businesses and that this would bring opportunity to the City. He also noted that the City was looking to bring a hotel into town and that all the vacant area on the North side of town had been rezoned to commercial zones. No further comments.

Moved Eck/Brown to close Public Hearing at 6:20 PM to rezone property at 103 S. Bridge Street to Community/Downtown Commercial. Carried.

**AUDIENCE:** No comments from audience.

**FINANCE:** Any recommendation on completion of probation for DPW Cody Simonis: Moved Eck/Brown to remove DPW Cody Simonis from probation and to raise DPW pay to \$25.50 per hour. Carried.

Any recommendation on City Clerk position: Further meet on February 5, 2018.

**PROTECTION:** Any recommendation on liquor license merit system: Brown noted that all alcohol license holders will receive letters regarding license laws.

Any recommendation on local property clean-ups: Waiting for further information at this time.

Fire Board Chairman: Eck reported that the annual Christmas party will be held Saturday evening, the pancake breakfast will be held March 18<sup>th</sup>, working on by-law changes and ambulance scheduling.

**Committee to Work with Little Wolf:** The Mayor noted that Chief Gorman and he would be meeting on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> with the Town of Little Wolf to discuss County Yard Road.

**Mayor:** Recognized James Gorman for 2 years of service and Joe Burkhard for 4 years of service to the City.

Preliminary Certified Survey Map for 103 S. Bridge Street: Moved Eck/Brost to approve Preliminary Certified Survey Map for 103 S. Bridge Street showing the proposed property line boundaries that splits parcel 31-16-72-1. Carried.

Meet with Henry Veleker: Recommendation to meet with Henry Veleker to discuss expansion of broad band service on Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM.

Jt. Review Board: Moved Eck/Frazier to appoint Frank Jaeger to the Jt. Review Board. Carried. Mayor informed Council that the City Clerk and he will be attending a meeting in Madison regarding the "Dark Store" legislation on Wednesday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>. He also told Council that he had filed papers to run for Waupaca County Board and that he did not intend to resign his position as Mayor if he won. He informed Council of a Special Council Meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM to approve low bids for water tower repair and demolition project at 103 S. Bridge Street.

**DPW:** DPW Simonis told Council that he had a water freeze up, had taken down Christmas decorations and put up chamber signs, met with DNR and UW SP professor about reviewing the City's trees, and that Bob Gorman was expected to report back to work with no restrictions on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Police Chief:** No questions received on monthly police report. Full time/Part time Officers: Moved Brown/Eck to allow Chief Gorman to start process to approve hiring of a full time officer and part time officer. Carried.

**Fire Chief:** Chief Rosenow noted the department has been quiet with two calls.

**Library:** Brown noted that the library board is looking for a replacement for a member that resigned.

**Clerk: Financial Report:** General Fund Balance: \$731,346.04; Government Pool: \$164,059.08.

Class B Picnic License: Moved Miller/Brown to grant a Class B Temporary Picnic License for Manawa Area Veteran's Freedom Park Fishing for Freedom for January 27, 2018. Carried.

Operator's Licenses: Moved Eck/Brown to approve operator's licenses for Lu Ann Rupnow, Julie Wurth and Candace Elliott. Carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Resolution 2018-1: Moved Radtke/Brost to adopt Resolution 2018-1 granting a zoning change from planned industrial to community/downtown commercial on property owned by Thomas Carelli and the City of Manawa (Railroad property) at 103 S. Bridge Street, parcel number 31-16-72-1. Carried.

**Other New Business:** Frazier asked the Council to study our nuisance and junk ordinances. Moved Brown/Eck to adjourn at 6:37 PM. Carried.

