

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 PM by Chair Molly Henkel with the following roll call:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Molly Henkel	Chair	Present	
Bob Smith	Aldersperson	Present	
Jack Abbott	Aldersperson	Present	

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES****Approve the Minutes of the June 21, 2022 and June 23, 2022 Meetings**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jack Abbott, Aldersperson
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bob Smith, Aldersperson
<b>AYES:</b>	Henkel, Smith, Abbott

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Ken Oechsner-270 Mary Street-It is his personal opinion that chickens shouldn't be in the city. He grew up on a farm with the smell and they aren't very clean. If they are going to be allowed there should be an ordinance that is very specific with coops/fencing, distance from neighbor on property, limits on the number of chickens, addressing types of birds. It also should be addressed who is going to monitor this, fines and repercussions for not following the rules. He also questioned the disposal of waste as well as the zoning and selling eggs. He suggested a referendum.

Gene Frings-1176 Dayton Street-He concurs with Mr. Oechsner. He grew up raising chickens. Chickens bring vermin and the waste of chickens needs to be considered. Chickens carry several types of bacteria. In most cases the government recommend that children under 5 stay away from chickens. Waupun's ordinance is pretty comprehensive. He believes a referendum would be a wise choice.

Mary Buggs Grove Street-She also gave opinion last time but will do it again. She believes it is a great idea and good for families. Children can learn responsibilities. Her sister in Milwaukee had neighbors with chickens. There are a lot of cities that do. People can keep these safe and tidy just like dogs. Dogs poop on sidewalks. Chickens can be maintained and kept. They do need to have some rules and specifics. In the end it giving the opportunity for people to raise their own food in a way they can feel comfortable and can afford.

Merle Kahlhammer-90 Riverview Heights- He doesn't believe chickens in the city are a good idea. People think they are saving money by raising their your own chickens, but they still need a coop, fencing, etc. By the time you figure out the cost-even at \$4/dozen it is not coming out. They do attract critters. Even with a fence you could still have hawks. They are dirty animals. He was raised on a farm and if they did something wrong they had to clean out chicken house.

John Generlick 475 Grove Street-He concurs that they do smell. His grandparents in iron ridge had them and they were stinky. They also drew in vermin. He gets along with his neighbors, but if this goes through he would be living in chicken central. He can understand what they want, but he whole heartedly disagrees. He is ok with a referendum.

Mike Jackson 217 N German Street-He has heard concerns about chickens. Having chickens in a residential area is not like a chicken farm. He started a site specifically dedicated to these concerns to come up with solutions. This can be done clean and responsibly. They can responsibly clean up the waste. He can smell the dump just a few miles down the road. There are other animals around the neighborhood and irresponsible people everywhere. No one is monitoring him if he has too many drinks and it doesn't limit him from drinking. All of the proposals recommended so far are manageable. There are a lot of responsible people in Mayville.

Elijah Riese-505 Grove Street. She didn't have anything prepared but should address the issue. She supports chickens. She has heard concerns about smell, waste and rodents. Some rodents are killed by chickens and waste can be turned into compost. She's not looking for chicken farms. She home schools 3 girls and it is a good opportunity for them to learn. She works at a farm on Thursdays and there is hands on experience there. There are responsible pet owners. There are owners of rabbits in the city. This is more of a personal issue than a broader issue. . If her neighbors spray their lawns and she doesn't care for it, she can't control it. It is what happens on their own property. There were comments on the cost to raise chickens. Chickens can be fed table scraps to offset the costs. When things are wiped out she will still be able to provide food for her family. Where she shops it is \$8/carton-including the 1 hour drive. She said Molly is sick and tired of talking about chickens and said she didn't get a lot of calls or emails, but she has proof that she actually did. We are tired of having to ask for basic rights approved. A lot of people couldn't make it tonight they can't continue to make it to these meetings.

Stephanie Billington-257 N German-She spoke at the last meeting and gave her opinion in favor of chickens. She has 4 children and it's an awesome way to provide food. The kids play with them and clean up after them. It gets the kids out of the house and off the phones. It's almost like therapy. They are not going to have a whole farm just a little coop and a little area. The neighbor kids come over and hold animals. There is nothing to do and they are glued to their phones. It brings them back to nature. Not every single person in Mayville is going to get chickens. There are dogs barking in every corner of the neighborhood.

Roger Smith-334 Pinecrest-He doesn't want chickens, but doesn't mind if his neighbors do. He was around chickens when he was a kid and didn't care for cleaning up with them. The key is the ordinance and being a good neighbor. He has lived in a number of neighborhoods. There are neighbors with dogs.

Jennifer Thoreson 322 N Henninger St. She has voiced her support of having chickens. She read a letter from Angela Brick Horicon Street-in favor of chickens.

Greg Justman-19 Turner Street-He works for the school district and discussed the schools FFA program that has chickens.

Kiersten James-Wisconsin Street-She's been a resident for 6 years and is in favor of chickens. Several of her neighbors want them. There are ordinances for dogs barking, noises, weeds. She is personally, dealing with neighbor that doesn't cut weeds. There are already foxes in the yard, raccoons and chipmunks. People can be responsible without any issues. There is an ordinance on how many dogs so there could be an ordinance on how many chickens. There are rules on vicious dogs so if you can't maintain chickens then you can get fined and PD will address it

further. Outlined ordinance that everyone agrees with. Once the ordinance is in place it can be adjusted as we go. It will take practice and finagling to figure out what would work best. Not fair for the rest of us.

Sara read the letter from John Street truck traffic.

Kristin Schaefer-detailed the Audubon Days events.

## **MONTHLY EMS REPORT**

Christine and Julie gave report.

### **Calls for Service Report**

They have been incredibly busy. They had their golf outing on Saturday and had 5 calls during it. They are almost double the amount of calls that they were at in 2016.

### **Staffing Update**

They continue to be blessed with great staff. They are still doing classes which helps with recruitment. They are always looking for new candidates.

### **Training Update**

They are getting ready for the football season with cervical and spine injuries.

## **MONTHLY FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Jon and Mike gave report.

### **Equipment Update**

They detailed the repairs that have recently been done. They have to service the SCBA bottles. They have further inspections and equipment testing coming up.

### **Staffing Update**

They are at 22 as of today, but going to be dropping to 21. They do have a new applicant as well.

### **Fire Call Update**

They are at 68 ytd. There were 8 since the last meeting. They detailed the calls.

## **MONTHLY POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

No new report.

## **OTHER ITEMS OF DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **Discuss with Possible Action Ordinance Section 150-2 Restrictions on Keeping Certain Animals and Foul-Poultry and Honey Bees**

Ald. Riese looked at a number of ordinances and the Chief is reviewing them as well. If an ordinance goes into place, the police will enforce it. Anything not specifically in the ordinance would fall under the nuisance ordinance. Honey bees were addressed. It depends on how the ordinance is interpreted. Initially they discussed tabling it. The timeline for the referendum will be up if they are considering that option. Ald. Henkel noted there are several people that agree with a referendum so that each citizen can voice their opinion.

Motion to recommend to council for a referendum.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL [2 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Molly Henkel, Chair
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bob Smith, Alderperson
<b>AYES:</b>	Henkel, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	Abbott

#### **Discuss with Possible Action Downtown Parking**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>TABLED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
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#### **Discuss with Possible Action Revisions to Ordinance 397-3 through Highways; Controlled Intersections; Heavy Truck Route**

Ald. Abbott noted he doesn't think trucks should be on John street because it's all residential. He discussed the zoning and potential to go out 67, down 33 and around to V. There was discussion of the left turn from Horicon to John Street. Ald. Henkel questioned how we fix the issue. The last time this was addressed there was discussion on closing the truck route, but then there were arguments from the other truck routes in town-Clark Street, Kekoskee Street. There haven't been accidents, so he doesn't have stats that it is dangerous. It is loud. They have tried to control the speed and have put in measures to do so.

Motion to close the truck route down John Street through 4th street by Ald. Abbott, no second.

#### **Discuss with Possible Action Audubon Days Allen Street Band**

Kristin Schafer was present to talk about Audubon Days. Originally the band was scheduled for Allen Street, but there are concerns with the amount of people and the smaller venue. They are going to move the band to Lion's Point. The picnic licenses was addressed, which per the chief should be fine.

#### **Discuss with Possible Action Audubon Days Open Intoxicants on Main Street During Events**

This has been going on for many years. It hasn't been a problem. There are plenty of staff.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion

Adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

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Sara Decker, City Clerk