The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor John Guinn with the following roll call:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bob Smith	Alderperson	Present	
Joseph Riese	Alderperson	Present	
Kim Olson	Alderperson	Present	
Jack Abbott	Alderperson	Present	
Roger Smith	Council President	Remote	
John Guinn	Mayor	Present	

Also present were Attorney Nolan Franti, Comptroller/Treasurer Angela Runde, and City Clerk Anastasia Gonstead. Alderperson Roger Smith was present via Zoom, his connection did cut out for a while and he was back in the meeting by 7:11PM.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Sara Decker, 230 Hyland Trail, speaks. She is the former City Clerk. She expressed disappointment with the Dodge County Pionier article that ran. She and her family have had a long standing, participatory history with the City of Mayville. She served as City Clerk for six years. During that time key positions at City Hall turned over approximately 30 times. Mistakes are to be expected, but there is no evidence of wrongdoing. The article tarnishes reputations unnecessarily.

Joe Homan, 271 S Main Street, speaks. Mr. Homan indicates he feels the Mayor put us in this situation, as the mayor position is responsible for everything that happens or fails to happen. People are angry if money is unaccounted for. Expresses disbelief with forensic audits, states to look at the finances, that they need to be accounted for now. Addresses the Common Council, that they need to do this as well. Addresses Mayor, tells him to surround himself with good people. Mr. Homan states there is a difference between leadership and management, that it's currently defunct. States the tax payers know this, as well as various city departments. Mr. Homan tells the Mayor he allowed this to happen in a short period of time. Mr. Homan expresses disappointment with Mayor and Common Council. States everyone should be made about this, that it's ridiculous and needs to be fixed soon

Rob Boelk, 235 N Clark Street, speaks. Mr. Boelk states, as Mr. Homan, he saw the article this week in the paper (Dodge County Pionier). States an investigation must have been done then you go public, would like to see a report. People are paying attention. Mr. Boelk expressed concern that businesses that want to come to town will see this. Mr. Boelk also went on to address Rock 'n Boom and Audubon Days celebrations, that he sees the City wants to get rid of them and put it in the hands of the committees. He suggested that some money be held back, for Audubon Days in particular, so that if the City would need to get involved again in the future, it would help fund them down the road. Mr. Boelk is the former mayor of Mayville and offered his help to the City Clerk and the Common Council, that he is willing to aid in resolving issues.

## CONSENT AGENDA Approve the Minutes of the March 13, 2023 Common Council Meeting

No motion, no comment, no request for correction.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

## Mayor Mayor's Report

Report given by Mayor Guinn. States there have been material weaknesses over the last years. At this point, we are two months off, maybe three, from Baker Tilly being able to provide a certified financial audit. Mayor Guinn explains he did not create this mess, but he is 100% committed to fixing it. His career is 32 years in risk management and compliance. If someone would come to him to report something, such as stealing money, an HR issue, audit issues, etc, he cannot ignore it. Mayor Guinn stated nobody is being singled out, that he agrees with many of the things said in citizen comments. He is disgusted by the lack of internal controls, small rounding errors can lead to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Mayor Guinn asks what they expect him to do, to ignore it? He directs people to read the news article more closely, they will see verbatim what is in the article. He is asking for cooperation from the Common Council. Mayor Guinn points out, per State statute, the treasury is under the control of the Common Council. That, per statute, the mayor is to bring things to their attention on behalf of the City of Mayville. He invites members of the Common Council to come to City Hall, to actually see how much work it takes. That they'll go through the revolving loan fund files. He asks if the debtors are paying the City. He can't say, because there are no tracking mechanisms. He points out these issues to not all fall within his term. Mayor Guinn points out we have six TIDS in the City of Mayville and that some of them went poorly. That there are properties within TID 5 that requires research to ensure we aren't missing out on billing. Asks who from the Council is going to volunteer.

Mayor Guinn states the City does have quality personnel in place. He explained we have been flying blind for 18 months and states there are some who want to play political games. He points out he is here to serve the community. Tell the Council to get mad and get to work.

Mayor Guinn goes on to thank the citizens in attendance for being present. States it is good to see the community involved, that the current situation is serious.

#### Resolution 5837-2023: Appointment to Park/Rec/TAG Center Commission

Motion by Alderperson Bob Smith to approve Resolution 5837-2023: Appointment to Park/Rec/TAG Center Commission. Second by Alderperson Riese. No discussion. 5-0, unanimous.

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bob Smith, Alderperson	
SECONDER:	Joseph Riese, Alderperson	
AYES:	Smith, Riese, Olson, Abbott, Smith	

## City Clerk <u>City Clerk's Report</u>

City Clerk Anastasia Gonstead reports. Election recap:

- We had a total of 1,451 voters in the Spring General Election. Of those, 330 were absentee voters, and we had 27 new election day registrants.

- The day was busy, with a constant stream of voters. The poll workers the City of Mayville has are top notch and it's thanks to them that our elections run so smoothly.
- We are always looking to add new names to our poll workers list. If anyone is interested, please reach out to me, as I'll be looking into training opportunities for current and new workers in the near future.
- The new Council members will be sworn in Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at the Organizational Meeting.

Liquor License/Operator License Reminder:

- All liquor/operator's licenses expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Renewal forms will be sent to those businesses and operators with licenses on file.
- Business liquor licenses will be reviewed at the May 22, 2023 Public Safety meeting, for consideration/approval at the June 12, 2023 Common Council meeting.
- Operator's licenses will be approved at the May and June Council meetings
- All of those that are renewing licenses must get their forms and fees in to City Hall.

Alderperson Kim Olson states she had complaints about in-person absentee voting and asked City Clerk Gonstead why she was not there. City Clerk Gonstead explained the first day of inperson absentee voting there was illness in her family precluding her from being at City Hall. Alderperson Olson went on to state it occurred more than once. City Clerk Gonstead explained the other time she was out of office during that span was part day for a County-hosted Spring Elections training.

## Discuss/Approve Operator's License for Kayliegh M Chapell, Beaver Dam, WI

Motion by Alderperson Bob Smith to approve the Operator's License for Kayliegh M Chappel of Beaver Dam, WI. Second by Alderperson Jack Abbott. Chief Toellner reports there were no issues with the background. 5-0, unanimous.

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bob Smith, Alderperson	
SECONDER:	Jack Abbott, Alderperson	
AYES:	Smith, Riese, Olson, Abbott, Smith	

#### Comptroller/Treasurer Comptroller/Treasurer's Report

Comptroller/Treasurer Angela Runde reports. She explains we are experiencing more and more issues with our accounting software. She also acknowledges the article that appeared in the paper this week. Explained we are working through the regular audit as well as the special audit. That issues such as these often come down to shortcomings in staffing and turnover. She points out we were not aware of the article and that the quotes within were taken from the recorded meetings. Comptroller/Treasurer Runde explained she put together a brief summary to show what issues we are running into with the software. She further explains many of these issues were present before the Comptroller/Treasurer before her. That these are not new issues and have been in prior audits. When she was hired, the Council acknowledged there were issues that needed cleaning up. She further reminded them that the special audit is a slow process. She explained the new server should be arriving on Wednesday and the upgrade will involve a lot of additional work for City Hall staff.

Comptroller/Treasurer Runde provided a presentation on the accounting software and how the different modules work together, as well as the volume of information being fed through it. She explained the volume of information going from submodules into the general ledger is when the system is timing out. We do not know how long this has been occurring, but explained the program is timing out more and more each month. That this also gives perspective that we are looking into thousands of transactions when we are trying to pinpoint issues over the last few years. Additionally, this software is all we have to look back into. Comptroller/Treasurer Runde explained that the system disconnect is happening at the point when it's coming into the general ledger. We are seeing duplications and other issues and this is occurring at software level.

Comptroller/Treasurer Runde informs the Council many of the issues she is seeing is due to being short staffed. She reminded them that there are still staffing needs. That the hardest point of hearing the public comments today is that we agree, because we are being put in the same situation. You can update the software but that is not the only part, we need the time to be able to handle everything. She explained every time people cut staff, they think they are saving, but what happens is everyone is overworked and eventually we go out to professional services more and more. Farming out the work leads to lots of questions and does not end up saving costs.

Alderperson Olson asked if the special audit is finished. Comptroller/Treasurer Runde told her it is not. That we just started with them. Alderperson Olson asked for the cost. Comptroller/Treasurer Runde told her we don't have that yet, we have just started with a few issues so far.

Alderperson Olson asked if the payroll issues have been fixed, regarding W2s. Asked if the software fixes that. Comptroller/Treasurer Runde explained the issue with the bad social security number was remedied. Alderperson Olson asked about the issues with incorrect deductions. Comptroller/Treasurer Runde stated she had fixed those issues.

Alderperson Bob Smith made comments regarding his expectations with hiring Comptroller/Treasurer Runde, as well as comments about her job performance. Comptroller/Treasurer Runde inquired if Alderperson Bob Smith had a question. He stated he did not, it was just a comment.

Alderperson Roger Smith stated he believes we all recognize we have a problem. That they knew the issue was real and they have been told there has been a software problem. He believes it is the time to work together to get beyond where we are at right now. Stated they need to provide the appropriate level of support to get the software running. That instead of casting stones, it is time to work together to get this all done. He continued that if they can everything and start with someone new, it's not going to remedy the situation.

Alderperson Olson stated it is a huge waste of time, money, and resources to point fingers. Alderperson Roger Smith inquired to what she was referring. Alderperson Olson went on to discuss a rescinded agenda item regarding City loans to public officials. Asked the Mayor, Comptroller/Treasurer, and City Clerk which of the three were pursuing her personal loan through the City. Explained the situation surrounding the event that led to the need for a loan. Called looking into it a waste of time, money, and resources. Stated she knows the Mayor had put it on the agenda at one time and wanted to discuss. Mayor Guinn deferred to Attorney Franti. Attorney Franti explained, as the matter is not in conjunction with the Treasurer's Report nor on this agenda, it would not be appropriate to discuss. No further discussion on the matter occurred.

## COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

## Water/Wastewater Commission

Report given by Alderperson Bob Smith. Meeting was March 7, 2023 at 4PM. Citizen Jeff Lerch asked about reimbursement to lateral repairs prior to 2023. It was explained to him he would not be eligible retroactively. They discussed bids received for Well #4. Greg with Town & Country presented bids. CD Smith was awarded the bid. There is also grant funding. The contractor believes we will still be able to get more. There was also a presentation by MSA regarding the wastewater treatment plant. Alderperson Bob Smith states he would describe their plan as a "Cadillac." The Commission sent MSA back to get something less than what it came in at. There was also discussion on water main breaks, phosphorus testing through the DNR, and lift station pumps wearing out.

## Alderperson's Update on the Water/Wastewater Commission Meeting

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 4:00 PM

## Library Board <u>Monthly Library Report</u>

Jennifer with the Library reported. She stated the new library is still scheduled to open doors in October. The summer reading is planned out, the theme is "Catch the Reading Bug." The new circulation manager/cataloger started, his name is Lucas Almas. He is learning the ropes at record pace.

The storytime page is up and running on the website. On the Library Facebook page, the programs and events page now has clickable events. Letters were mailed for participation in summer reading and city-wide scavenger hunt. April 23-29 is National Library Week and they will be having events all week long.

A RFDI tagging project is underway. It could take up to a year. They received a grant from the Monarch Library System for this.

Alderperson Bob Smith stated he would invite people to go meet the new librarian, that he has heard great things about Mr. Almas.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM

## **Community Development Authority**

#### Alderperson's Update on the Community Development Authority Committee Meeting

Report from Alderperson Kim Olson. Meeting was on March 8, 2023. They discussed CDA fund balances. At this time, they were not sure of the balances. She stated she went back in three years of paperwork she has at her home and she has an idea of where it is at and would like to see if it matches. Residential loans are set to expire, Marx and Old Fashioned Cheese are still outstanding. Park Square opening was discussed. Request is from June through Audubon Days. They talked about parking regarding opening Park Square. That from information gathered last year, they found there to be 187 parking spaces around Main Street, but people don't want to walk further than they need to. They discussed the holiday lights. That the City does not know where fund balances stand, so no action was taken on holiday lights. Dawn Guindt with Main Street Mayville is working on it, if people want to donate. Hometown Appliance and Hometown

Interiors are new businesses in town. She encouraged people to welcome the new businesses. She reported they also talked about loan applications. At the time there were none, but she has talked to two businesses in the meantime who may be interested. There was also discussion on possible murals on Main Street and the need to look into if there are any driver distraction laws. Alderperson Olson also reported that she brought up vacant buildings on Main Street that are an eyesore and has contacted the building inspector about her concerns. She stated that it is not known if they will still be using Vierbicher. She found paperwork and gave it to Comptroller Runde. She stated it appeared to be an open-ended contract, in her opinion.

# Discuss, with Possible Action, the Recommendation to Reopen Park Square from June 1, 2023 Through

Alderperson Abbott stated he has not heard of any problems in the past. That there were good bands and a nice turnout for all of them. Brought people from out of town even, which is a good thing. Alderperson Olson reiterated these sentiments. Alderperson Riese asked for opinions from the Chief of Police and EMS. Chief Toellner stated it went well last year, no problems. Christine Churchill, EMS Director, stated it was not an issue for them, that it isn't a main thoroughfare they use. Alderperson Bob Olson inquired if there have been any changes with open containers between businesses. Chief Toellner stated people are allowed to walk from the business to the park with closed containers.

Motion to approve for the dates listed, June 1, 2023 through the end of Audubon Days (September 17, 2023), made by Alderperson Abbott, second by Alderperson Riese. No discussion. 5-0, unanimous.

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jack Abbott, Alderperson	
SECONDER:	Joseph Riese, Alderperson	
AYES:	Smith, Riese, Olson, Abbott, Smith	

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 6:00 PM

## **Public Safety Committee**

# Discuss/Approve Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License for Rock 'N Boom, Event July 3, 2023

Dawn Guindt of Main Street Mayville states these are the same events as last year. Chief Toellner explains the police department has not reviewed these applications. City Clerk Gonstead apologized for the oversight, that she is still getting familiar with the process.

Motion to approve, contingent on any issues found by the Police Department, made by Alderperson Olson. Second by Alderperson Bob Smith. No discussion. 5-0, unanimous.

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kim Olson, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Bob Smith, Alderperson
AYES:	Smith, Riese, Olson, Abbott, Smith

## Discuss/Approve Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License for Concerts in the Square,

## <u>Event</u>

Numbers 2-7 were discussed, en mass.

Motion to approve, contingent on any issues found by the Police Department, made by Alderperson Olson. Second by Alderperson Jack Abbott. No discussion. 5-0, unanimous.

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED AS AMENDED [4 TO 0]
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kim Olson, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Jack Abbott, Alderperson
AYES:	Smith, Olson, Abbott, Smith
<b>RECUSED:</b>	Riese

#### <u>Discuss/Approve Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License for Concerts in the Square,</u> <u>Event</u>

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Motion to approve, contingent on any issues found by the Police Department, made by Alderperson Olson. Second by Alderperson Jack Abbott. No discussion. 5-0, unanimous.

APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
Kim Olson, Alderperson
Jack Abbott, Alderperson
Smith, Riese, Olson, Abbott, Smith

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Motion to approve, contingent on any issues found by the Police Department, made by Alderperson Olson. Second by Alderperson Jack Abbott. No discussion. 5-0, unanimous.

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kim Olson, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Jack Abbott, Alderperson
AYES:	Smith, Riese, Olson, Abbott, Smith

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Motion to approve, contingent on any issues found by the Police Department, made by Alderperson Olson. Second by Alderperson Jack Abbott. No discussion. 5-0, unanimous.

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]	
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kim Olson, Alderperson	
SECONDER:	Jack Abbott, Alderperson	
AYES:	Smith, Riese, Olson, Abbott, Smith	

# Discuss/Approve Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License for Chamber Music in the

## <u>Square,</u>

Numbers 2-7 were discussed, en mass.

Motion to approve, contingent on any issues found by the Police Department, made by Alderperson Olson. Second by Alderperson Jack Abbott. No discussion. 5-0, unanimous.

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kim Olson, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Jack Abbott, Alderperson
AYES:	Smith, Riese, Olson, Abbott, Smith

## Discuss/Approve Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License for Concerts in the Square

Numbers 2-7 were discussed, en mass.

Motion to approve, contingent on any issues found by the Police Department, made by Alderperson Olson. Second by Alderperson Jack Abbott. No discussion. 5-0, unanimous.

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kim Olson, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Jack Abbott, Alderperson
AYES:	Smith, Riese, Olson, Abbott, Smith

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday, April 24, 2023, immediately following Personnel Committee

#### **Public Works Committee**

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday, April 24, 2023 at 6:00 PM

#### **Personnel Committee**

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday, April 24, 2023, immediately following Public Works Committee

#### **Finance Committee**

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday, April 24, 2023, immediately following Public Safety Committee

#### <u>Discuss, with Possible Action, the Recommendation to Approve Rock 'N Boom Funds to be</u> Handed Over, to be Managed by The

Alderperson Riese explains there was an email from Mike Schuett, of the Rock 'n Boom Committee, regarding this matter. That there was confusion regarding Rotary Club taking this on. That multiple organizations work together to put on Rock 'n Boom. That we have the option of keeping everything the same or to do something different, but unsure what that different is. Can it go under an umbrella with Audubon Days? That we should make this expedient and make it easier for them.

Alderperson Olson stated she spoke with the former City Clerk and former Deputy Clker and both stated it always went through the City.

Mike Schuett of Rock 'n Boom spoke. He explained for the last 50 years the event has been handled by the Fire Department or multiple organizations. That you will not find one organization to take this on. That the collaborative efforts have work.

Alderperson Olson stated she wanted to make a motion. Alderperson Bob Smith told her that's not answering the agenda item. Alderperson Riese stated they have the option to drop it and everything stays as it is. City Clerk Gonstead stated, if it helps, it is her understanding that Rock

'n Boom was down to a fine art and did not require much additional manpower from City Hall staff to facilitate.

No action was taken.

#### **RESULT:** WITHDRAWN

#### <u>Discuss, with Possible Action, the Recommendation to Approve Audubon Days Funds to be</u> <u>Handed Over, to be Managed by</u>

Attorney Franti did indicate that he sees there is a non-stock set up, Kristin Schaefer set it up. Alderperson Riese stated that this is part of the discussion, that was the next step.

Motion by Aldperson Riese to approve Audubon Days funds to be handed over, to be managed by the Audubon Days non-profit group, contingent upon attorney approval and drawing up of any contracts needed to make said transition possible. Second by Alderperson Olson.

Discussion:

Attorney Franti had a question. Since this is contingent upon attorney review and contracts, what terms does the Council want? Are there provisions in the bylaws that are being drawn up with this non-profit? He would like to talk to Kristin Schaefer and/or her attorney before drawing up any contracts. Alderperson Olson agreed he should talk to Ms. Schaefer and her attorney. Alderperson Abbott asked if they should hold money back. Alderperson Riese stated no, but that if they dissolve that the money should come back to the City. Attorney Franti asked if they want conditions on how the money is to be spent? Alderperson Roger Smith stated it would make sense to review their charter, to see what they are spending money on. Mayor Guinn suggested perhaps referring this back to committee level. Alderperson Riese stated they could table it.

Alderperson Riese rescinds previous motion. Motion to take matter to the next Common Council meeting made by Alderperson Riese, second by Alderperson Abbott. No further discussion. 5-0, unanimous.

<b>RESULT:</b>	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 5/8/2023 6:00 PM
<b>MOVER:</b>	Joseph Riese, Alderperson	
SECONDER:	Jack Abbott, Alderperson	
AYES:	Smith, Riese, Olson, Abbott, Smith	

#### Parks/Rec/TAG Center Commission

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 6:00 PM

#### Planning Commission

#### Alderperson's Update on the Planning Commission Meeting

Report by Alderperson Bob Smith. They met that day, April 10, 2023. They talked about a certified survey map with Leitkowicz. It was approved subject to some work with the City Engineer on drainage agreements. A presentation was done by developers with Integris, presentation made by Kory Kreiser and Tom Badde. It was regarding property on Clark Street. They saw their ideas and gave some input. They also provided ideas of what they would like to do on Leona Court.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday, May 8, 2023 at 5:00 PM

## Communication Committee Alderperson's Update on Communications Committee Meeting

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday, April 17, 2023 at 4:00 PM

## ADJOURNMENT

Anastasia Gonstead, City Clerk