

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor John Guinn with the following roll call:

Alderspersons Jack Abbott, Kim Olson, Michael Schmidt, and Roger Smith were all present. Also present was Mayor John Guinn, Attorney Nolan Franti, and City Clerk Anastasia Gonstead.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mark Fox, 913 Green Bay Drive, part of the second aldermanic district. He stated he is not happy as he is not currently being represented. Mr. Fox expressed there are many important issues coming up for the City to make decisions on and he wants a representative on Council now, someone who can take action on his behalf now. He discussed special election vs. appointment of the vacant positions. Mr. Fox explained special elections can take several months, he asked how much that is going to cost the city and when it will happen. He pointed out if it is in the middle of summer, nobody is around to vote. Mr. Fox stated that we currently have alderman who started off being appointed. He stated he believes the Council should appoint for the vacancies, let them fill the remainder of the terms, then have the election when it's time. He feels there is enough common sense between the people on Council to make the decisions. He added that he wants someone who can make decisions now. Mr. Fox further added he wished Comptroller/Treasurer Runde was present, stated the City needs her back and wishes we could retain her. He told Council they need to be making these decisions, that too much is happening right now for citizens to be unrepresented. He asked those on Council who want a special election to please reconsider their positions, as there is too much in limbo.

James Barron, 702 Golfview Drive, part of the second aldermanic district. Mr. Barron states he has been here seventeen years, the Council currently has an opportunity to make a good choice. He is an elder with a local church, and he prays the Council will make good decisions. He asked they take the list of candidates and make their best choice, and if they can't come to a choice, to send it to the people. That with God's wisdom, they will make a choice. He asked the Council not to be rash.

**ITEMS OF DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

**Resolution 5864-2023: Award Bid Contract to Kruczek Construction Inc. for the 2023 Street and Utility Reconstruction Project - Alley Street Sanitary and Water, Metalcraft Site Watermain**

Aforementioned resolution read in. Motion to approve by Alderperson Smith, second by Alderperson Schmidt. No discussion. Roll vote, 4-0, motion carries.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Roger Smith, Alderperson
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Schmidt, Alderperson
<b>AYES:</b>	Abbott, Olson, Schmidt, Smith

**Open Interviews of Interested Parties for Ward 2 Alderperson Vacancy**

Keith Lodahl and Joseph Tillmann both submitted paperwork as interested in filling the Ward 2 alderperson vacancy. Mr. Lodahl was interviewed first.

Mr. Lodahl was asked why he wants to serve on the City Council. He explained he served on the Council nearly 40 years ago. He also did not want to run against Bob Smith. He stated that he

honestly did not want to run at all, but with the current situation the City is in, with his experience with the City, and experience in his private/professional life, he left he could be of assistance. Alderperson Olson asked what field he had worked in. Mr. Lodahl said medical and work with manufacturers all over the state. He also stated he was an electrical engineer.

Mr. Lodahl was asked what experiences, talents, or skill he would bring to the Council. Mr. Lodahl explained he has interest in water quality. He explained he completed the training available through Moraine Park, he learned about water and how meetings are to be run.

Mr. Lodahl was asked what areas are of particular interest or are of expertise to him. Mr. Lodahl was asked if he wants to serve on Council for a particular local issue or is his interest more broad. Mr. Lodahl explained his main interest is making sure everything with the financial issues comes out correctly. He used to work for a company that went through financial issue and was able to work on the subsequent internal controls. He also indicated there needs to be transparency to make sure issues do not happen again, he wants to help with the communication end of things.

Mr. Lodahl was asked why he should be chosen. Mr. Lodahl explained if the Council decides not to pick him, his life goes on. He enjoys being retired. He does believe he has qualities to offer that can make what the City is currently going through come out a little less painful.

Mr. Tillmann was interviewed next. Mr. Tillmann was asked to give some information on his background and about himself. Mr. Tillmann explained he moved to Mayville in 2020 and has been wanting to do something positive for the community since he moved here. He volunteered with the coffee shop in town. He explained he has been in the public sector for approximately 12 years, building inspector in Milwaukee, Franklin, Sussex, Slinger, and Richfield. Mr. Tillmann was asked how many citizens that services. He stated approximately 30,000.

Mr. Tillmann was asked what interested him to this position. Mr. Tillmann explained nothing specifically, his motivation is to get in and try to help out.

Mr. Tillmann was asked why he should be chosen. Mr. Tillmann explained he has hoped to get involved for quite a while and he would plan to run again in the spring. He explained he is familiar with State statute and code, has a background in zoning, and has even written some ordinance.

Alderperson Olson inquired if at work, Mr. Tillmann has anyone that reports to him, is he a supervisor? Mr. Tillmann explained no, it's a small operation, his position self manages. He stated their administrator is great, allows them to do their job. Alderperson Olson asked with their staff, how many people do they serve? Mr. Tillmann stated approximately 12,000.

Alderperson Abbott asked if it will be a conflict making it to meetings. Mr. Tillmann explained it should not be an issue, he does not often have to work beyond 5PM.

### **Open Interviews of Interested Parties for Ward 5 Alderperson Vacancy**

Cassandra May and Kenneth Neumann both submitted paperwork as interested in filling the Ward 5 alderperson vacancy. Ms. May was interviewed first.

Ms. May was asked why she wants to serve on Council. She explained it is something she has wanted to do for a while, but her previous work schedule would not allow for it. She wants to make a difference in the community and thinks this is a great way to do it.

Ms. May was asked what experiences, talents, or skill she would bring to the Council. Ms. May explained she did not have any alderman-type experience. She works in quality control, so doing a good job is very important, making good decisions, and doing right by her company. Everything she does at work reflects her company. Alderperson Abbott asked if she had any experiences outside of work. Ms. May said not necessarily.

Ms. May was asked what areas are of particular interest or are of expertise to her. Ms. May states she feels she can get along with people. She believes there is a disconnect between the citizens and the Council and feels she can bridge that gap to make a difference.

Alderperson Olson stated she likes the fact Ms. May is in quality control, asked if it is was in manufacturing. Ms. May confirmed it is. Alderperson Olson inquired how long Ms. May lived in Mayville. Ms. May stated a couple of years, prior to that she lived in Horicon

Mr. Neumann was interviewed next. He was asked why he wants to serve on Council. Mr. Neumann explained he has the experience of previously being an alderperson and he enjoyed it. He has a background in police science and administration. Mr. Neumann explained he has done a lot for the City over the years, and with the recent vacancies on Council, he felt representation was needed now. He wants to make good decisions for the City of Mayville.

Mr. Neumann was asked if there are any particular areas that are of interest or expertise for him. Mr. Neumann stated nothing in particular, but down the road he would be interested in the new sewage plant as it is a huge decision that will impact the City. He also spoke highly of the City's first responders and how safe he feels in this community because of them.

**Discuss, with Possible Action, Options for Filling Aldermanic Vacancies in Wards 2 and 5**

Alderperson Olson stated she is frugal and does not want to see more money being spent on a special election. She is hoping that they can appoint, as they have qualified candidates. However, if they cannot agree on who to have fill the seats, then they may need a special election. She expressed her hopes they can all come to an agreement that evening or soon. Alderperson Schmidt agreed. Alderperson Abbott noted the prior meeting he expressed the view that the position should be elected, however, with two vacancies and budget coming up he agrees the positions need to be filled quickly but not hastily. He believes they have good candidates and expressed a wish to vote blind or do a sealed vote. Mayor Guinn inquired if there were any opposing views, in favor of a special election. All expressed they did not like the money or time involved in a special election.

Alderperson Abbott makes a motion to make appointments to Ward 2 and Ward 5 by using sealed votes. Second by Alderperson Schmidt. Attorney Franti inquired if the appointments have ever been done by secret vote before. City Clerk Gonstead indicated they have happened during closed session in the past. Attorney Franti referenced ordinance and State statute that does not allow this to happen via secret ballot, he stated it cannot be done by secret ballot. Alderperson Smith asked if the voting can be done in open session. Mayor Guinn confirmed it can. Mr. Lodahl asked to speak, stated all the candidates are adults and can take the open vote. Attorney Franti asked how they here planning to do it, he stated he was looking at the handbook for municipal officials and the statute, the that ballot needs the name of the person voting and who they are voting for. Alderperson Smith stated he would be comfortable with that. Mayor Guinn stated it would then be in the possession of the City Clerk. City Clerk Gonstead informed the body the ballots would then be subject to open records requests. Alderperson Schmidt stated they might as well do a voice

vote. City Clerk Gonstead inquired of Attorney Franti if she needs to read who voted or maintain record of who voted. Attorney Franti explained it did not say in the handbook or statute, Attorney Franti indicated if there is a record that is kept, is in possession of the City Clerk, and is subject to open record, it should be in compliance with statute. City Clerk Gonstead clarified for Council that they could put their name and who they are voting for, that she does not need to read their name in conjunction with the vote, but would maintain record of it. Alderperson Olson said she'll do it any way, so long as it's the right way to do it.

Alderperson Abbott amends his motion to indicate the ballot will have the name of the voter and who they are voting for, per Wisconsin statute. Alderperson Schmidt stated they should just have a roll vote. Alderperson Smith stated it is subject to open records inquires anyway. Attorney Franti stated, to err on the side of caution they should do a voice vote or write it and read it into record. Alderperson Schmidt stated he is not seconding the amended motion, he believes they should do a voice vote. Second by Alderperson Olson. Discussion: Alderperson Smith stated he is inclined to do the open vote, to be completely transparent in this. Alderperson Olson stated she did not care either way, she just wants to get this done. Roll vote taken:

Alderperson Abbott - Aye/Yes  
Alderperson Olson - Aye/Yes  
Alderperson Schmidt - Aye/Yes  
Alderperson Smith - Nay/No

3-1, motion carries.

Votes were tallied and read in by City Clerk Gonstead. Ward 2: Three (3) votes for Joseph Tillmann, one (1) vote for Keith Lodahl. Ward 5: Zero (0) votes for Cassandra May, four (4) votes for Keith Neumann. Note - At the end of the meeting Attorney Franti reviewed and confirmed the accuracy of the tallied votes.

Mayor Guinn stated, from a planning standpoint, they want to get moving as soon as possible. That he will call a special Common Council meeting just before the committee meetings on May 22, 2023, that the meeting will start at 6PM. During that meeting, the new members will be sworn, the Council will vote for a Council president and appointment to Planning Commission, and the Mayor will make appointments to the vacancies on standing committees.

#### **Mayoral Appointment to Public Safety Committee**

Mayor Guinn appoints Michael Schmidt to the Public Safety Committee.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 6:52 PM by Alderperson Smith, second by Alderperson Olson. 4-0, motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Anastasia Gonstead, City Clerk