

Common Council Minutes
Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

The Common Council of the City of Neenah, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., September 18, 2024, in the Council Chambers of Neenah City Hall.

Mayor Lang is the chair.

Present: Aldermen Boyette, Hillstrom, Lendrum, Steiner, Pollnow, Weber, Ellis and Council President Borchardt. Alderman Erickson was excused. Staff present Director of Finance Rasmussen, Director of Community Development & Assessment Haese, Director of Public Works Kaiser, City Attorney Rashid, and City Clerk Nagel.

Also Present: Fire Chief Teesch, Police Chief Olson, Assistant Police Chief Bernice, Police Captains Van Sambeek and Wagner, and those noted on the attached Meeting Sign-In Sheets.

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

- I. The City Clerk called a voice roll call as the Mayor/Aldermen recorded their attendance in the RollCall-Pro System followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Borchardt.
- II. Presentation of Life Saving Awards from the Police Department to Katherine Nonweiler, Tammy Burdick and Maxwell Sonnentag.
The Police Department presented Katherine Nonweiler, Tammy Burdick and Maxwell Sonnentag a Life Saving Award for saving the life of a child who drowned in a pool while attending a friend's birthday party.
- II. Introduction and Confirmation of Mayor's Appointment(s)
A. None.
- III. Approval of Council Proceedings
A. Approval of the Council Minutes and Proceedings of September 4, 2024 regular session. **(UC)**
Seeing no objections, the Minutes and Proceedings of September 4, 2024 were ordered approved as written.
- 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.
Mayor Lang opened the public forum at 7:09 PM.

Rich Wangard, 134 Alexander Drive – Mr. Wangard spoke against the proposed sidewalk on Alexander Drive, stating that sidewalks have not been part of Alexander Drive for as long as he has lived at his address. To install them now would ruin costly landscaping and would place the sidewalks within 10-15 feet of picture and bedroom windows. He asked the Council to consider removing the installation of sidewalks on Alexander Drive.

After calls for additional public comments, there were no appearances. Mayor Lang closed the public hearing at 7:16 PM.

V. Mayor/Council consideration of public forum issues

- A. Alderman Pollnow asked Director Kaiser to comment on Alexander Drive.

Director Kaiser advised that Alexander Drive is slated to receive street resurfacing, watermain replacement and sidewalk installation in the 2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). This is based on the sidewalk criteria as well as a packaged deal with other street work being done in the neighborhood.

- B. Mayor Lang advised the final decision regarding the CIP has not been made for 2025. The entire budget process will take place in November.
- C. Alderman Ellis commented that neighborhoods are cyclical in nature. Therefore, when sidewalk issues are up decision making, he looks at not only what the neighborhood is today but what the neighborhood will look like in the future based upon what has been seen in the past.

VI. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Temporary Class "B" Picnic License Application to Bergstrom Mahler Museum of Glass, 165 N Park Drive, for Art After Dark Renaissance Fair, to be held on August September 26, 2024, from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM. **(PSSC)**
- B. Approve removal of the traffic signal equipment at the intersection of First Street and East Forest Avenue and replace the intersection control with 2-way stop control on Forest Avenue. **(PSSC)**

Director Kaiser responded Alderman Boyette's questions. The Uniformed Manual on Traffic Control Devices has standards for accidents and traffic volume for multiple way stops which this intersection falls short of these standards. Should future development occur in this area, a traffic impact study would be completed, at which time the standards would be looked at. If the standards were met for a change in the status, said change would come before council.

- C. **(UC)**
Seeing no objections, the Consent Agenda was ordered approved as presented.

VII. Reports of standing committees

- A. Regular Public Services and Safety Committee meeting of September 10, 2024: (Chairman Lendrum/Vice Chair Hillstrom) (Minutes can be found on the City web site)
1. Committee recommends Council the Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH) Architectural/Engineering proposal and associated fees for the remodel of Fire Station No. 31. **(RollCall-Pro)**
MSCR Lendrum/Boyette to approve as recommended by committee, all voting aye.

- B. Regular Finance and Personnel Committee meeting of September 9, 2024:
(Chairman Erickson/Vice Chair Boyette) (Minutes can be found on the City web site)
 - 1. Meeting cancelled, no report. **(RollCall-Pro)**
- VIII. Reports of special committees and liaisons and various special projects committees
 - A. Regular Plan Commission meeting of September 10, 2024: (Council Rep Steiner)
(Minutes can be found on the City web site)
 - 1. Meeting cancelled, no report.
 - B. Board of Public Works meeting of September 12, 2024: (Vice Chair Hillstrom)
(Minutes can be found on the City web site)
 - 1. Information Only Items:
 - a) The Board approved Pay Request No.6, Contract 1-24, Sanitary & Storm Sewer, Water Main, and Street Construction, on Belmont Avenue, Belmont Court, Cedar Street, and Stevens Street, to David Tenor Corporation, in the amount of \$200,870.32.
 - b) The Board approved Pay Request No.5, Contract 2-24, Sanitary & Storm Sewer, Water Main, and Street Construction, on E. Doty Avenue, to Kruczek Construction, in the amount of \$392,587.50.
 - c) The Board approved Pay Request No.6, Contract 3-24, Sanitary & Storm Sewer, Water Main, and Street Construction, on Bayview Road, Quarry Lane, and Reed Street, to Donald Hietpas & Sons, in the amount of \$136,189.91.
 - d) The Board approved Pay Request No. 1, Contract 1-24W Removal and Replacement of Carbon Dioxide Tank and Related Appurtenances, to Rhode Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$14,250.00.
 - C. Reports on neighborhood groups.
 - 1. Business Improvement District Board (BID Board) Meeting of September 17, 2024 – Alderman Ellis
 - a) No report
 - D. Library Board
 - 1. Report from the Library Board Meeting of September 18, 2024 – Alderman Erickson
 - a) Will forward to next meeting due to Alderman Erickson being excused.
 - E. Neenah Arts Council
 - 1. Report from the Neenah Arts Council Meeting of September 11, 2024– Alderman Erickson
 - a) Will forward to next meeting due to Alderman Erickson being excused.
 - F. Landmarks Commission
 - 1. Report from the September 11, 2024 Landmarks Commission Meeting– Alderman Weber
 - a) Final planning of the Voyager Canoe Trip in conjunction with the Powwow to be held September 14, 2024. There were about 130 rides at this event which was successful again this year.

- b) Discussed the Wisconsin Historical Society Conference, which will be held locally this year, on October 16-18, 2024. The Neenah-Menasha Historical Societies combined won an award for Community Exhibit Greater than \$5,000 for the Sesquicentennial exhibits.
- c) The Commission voted to submit a letter of intent to the Wisconsin Historical Society to explore a grant. Discussion will be had at the next meeting to possibly apply for a grant to get another building or property on the register.

IX. Presentation of petitions

- A. Any other petition received by the City Clerk's Office after distribution of the agenda.
 - 1. Petition for Direct Annexation of Town of Neenah Property to the City of Neenah to combine the land with two lots on Baytree Lane. Council action to take place on October 16, 2024.

X. Council Directives

- A. None.

XI. Unfinished Business

- A. None.

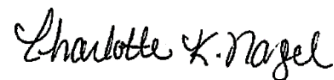
XII. New Business

- A. Arrowhead Park Development Status Report. (Alderman Hillstrom)
There has been a couple work committee meetings discussing the needs of Parks Department for the new building.
- B. Any announcements/questions that may legally come before the Council.
 - 1. Clerk Nagel, starting tomorrow, absentee ballot begin to be mailed for the upcoming November 5th General Election. In-person absentee voting begins October 22nd at City Hall.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by Pollnow/Borchardt to adjourn. Motion carried in a voice vote 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Nagel, City Clerk

CITY OF NEENAH – COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024
ATTENDANCE SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS
1. Rich Wengard	134 Alexander DR. Neenah
2. Maxwell Sonntag	9113 Clayton Ave #12
3. Kelly Romsdalen	70 Sunset Ave, Algoma
4. Mandy Sonntag	
5. Tom Romsdalen	70 Sunset Ave Algoma WI 54201
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NAME	ADDRESS
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2. Tom & Mandy Souventay	APPLETON, WI
3. BOB & DEBBIE LUSKA	
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