

**Village of Eau Claire
Monday, October 18, 2021
Unapproved Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

Regular Council meeting called to order 5:30 PM by Virginia Gonzalez, Pro Tem.

Members Present: Jeff Rice, Brittany Tanke, Clerk Shawn Foster, Lisa Borkowski Treasurer, PW Supervisor Mike Keesler

Absent: John Glassman, Tom Baker, Chief Charles Sherene

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Rice with the addition under section K, Finance, #5 Budget Meeting needs to be held in November, Second by Tanke, All Ayes Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Jerimiah Jones Code Enforcer and Derek Hall State Auditor for the Village.

Visitor Discussion: Jones gave a report on how Code Enforcement in the Village is going. Derek Hall was here to go over the Audit.

Approval of the Board Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2021, Motion by Rice, Second by Tanke, All Ayes, Motion carried.

Board Minutes: Fireboard Minutes for August 18, 2021 & Incident Summary of August 2021 available in the Clerk's office.

Library Board Minutes: Meeting minutes of October 11, 2021 available in the Clerk's office.

Building: no new business

Finance/Treasurer's Report: Departmental Balance Report 09/01/2021 – 09/30/2021

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| All Funds | 1,257,397.82 | | | | |
| Fund | Restricted | Unrestricted | Fund | Restricted | Unrestricted |
| General | | 403,663.44 | Sanitation | | 1,503.80 |
| Major Streets | | 312,034.21 | Sewer | 68,600.00 | 49,911.54 |
| Local Streets | | 24,340.92 | Water | 144,300.00 | 39,248.09 |
| Municipal Streets | | 213,795.82 | | | |

Motion to accept the Departmental Balance Report for September 2021 by Rice, second by Tanke, all ayes, motion carried.

Payment of the Bills: Motion by Rice, second by Tanke to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$25,581.53 All ayes; motion carried.

Employee Wage Report: Total Gross Wages from July 1 – 31, 2021 were \$19,898.31 net and a total of 10,083.45 hours worked for all regular Village Employees and Council Members.

Utilities Report: is still not 100% accurate.

Budget Meeting: To be held on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 5 pm.

Police Department: Not available

Administrative: Audit Review: The General Fund took a hit of \$100,000 due to the Park Grant. This money had been set aside for years for parks. The Local & Major Street Funds are doing well. The Village had large negatives in both Water & Sewer this is due to meter installation, not raising the rates for so long and the fact that the Village did not charge any late fees during the worst part of the Pandemic. The auditor also said when the ARPA money comes we can basically use it for sewer updates. The MERS Pension Plan is only 35% funded. The Village should look into paying more on the extra payments the village is making to try to have the plan at least 80% funded.

Annexation: The hearing with the Berrien County Board of Commissioners is postponed until further notice.

Parks/Community Development: Mike Cox has been contacted and he gave a quote for pouring the cement slabs that the Veterans Benches will be bolted down on in the Parks. Motion by Rice to have Mike Cox build the forms and pour cement for a quote of \$1,100.00, Second by Tanke, All Ayes and Motion carried.

Water/sewer/solid waste: Just a few meters left to reprogram, most have been done.

Streets: No new business

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission met on October 13, 2021 for a discussion on whether or not The Village should allow a Marihuana Extraction Lab on the site of the Marihuana Grow; the Village Ordinance does allow for this type of business. The Planning Commission tabled it until more information is brought to

them such as specs, safety measures and they would like to see what it looks like. The Planning Commission is in need of one more member.

Equipment: still looking for a sweeper attachment for the Brutus to sweep the streets.

Sanitation: Be on the look out for gasoline surcharges due to the rising prices.

Motion to adjourn: 6:55 PM by Rice, Second by Tanke.

Unapproved Meeting minutes by: Shawn Foster, Clerk