

DELAVAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 2024

The Delavan City Council met in regular session on October 15, 2024, at 6:30 pm. Mayor Elizabeth Skinner presided. The following aldermen were present: Jeff Johnson, Wade Fornoff, Ben Ross, Brent Nafziger, Douglas Bury and Josh Lusher. Others in attendance were Deputy Clerk Tammy Hintz, Police Chief Mike Evans Debbie Tomm-Woiwode, Nicole Green, Rebecca Lowery, George Mitchell, and Adam White. Attorney William Connor was present via zoom.

The meeting notice and agenda were posted at least forty-eight hours in advance of the meeting on the door of the City Council Room and on the window in City Hall. A copy of the meeting notice and agenda is attached to and made a part of the minutes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.
The invocation was given by Mayor Skinner.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were presented to vote under the Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of minutes October 1dt, 2024, Regular Meeting
- B. Resolution to approve payment of bills (Res. #2024-21)

A motion was made by Alderman Bury to Approve the Minutes October 1st, 2024, Regular Meeting and Resolution to Approve Payments of Bills (Res #2024-21). This motion was seconded by Alderman Johnson. The vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Johnson, Nafziger, Lusher, Ross, Bury, and Fornoff; Nays: none; Abstain: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Skinner did not have anything to report.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney, William Connor, did not have anything to report:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Comments\Questions from Public Concerning Variance Applications filed by Pat and Debbie Woiwode of 114 Heritage Lane. There were no public comments or questions.

- B. Discussion and Action on an Ordinance Approving a Variance for a Property Zoned R-1, 114 Heritage Lane. Filed by Pat and Debbie Woiwode (Ord #2024-24). There were no questions or discussion amongst the council. Alderman Fornoff made a motion to approve and this was seconded by Alderman Ross. The vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Johnson, Nafziger, Fornoff, Lusher, Ross, and Bury; Nays: none; Abstain: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.
- C. Comments\Questions from Public Concerning Variance Applications filed by Mark and Angie Vannaken of 405 E 8th Street. There were no public comments or questions.
- D. Discussion and Action on an Ordinance Approving a Variance for Property Zoned R-2, 405 E 8th, Filed by Mark and Angie Vannaken (Ord#2024-25). Alderman Fornoff asked what the height of the sidewalls would be. Mark Vannaken indicated they would be 14'. Alderman Nafziger made a motion to approve and this was seconded by Alderman Ross. The vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Johnson, Nafziger, Fornoff, Lusher, Ross, and Bury; Nays: none; Abstain: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation from the Delavan Park District. Rebecca Lowery, President of the Park District addressed the council asking if the City would be interested in combining the gift from the Culbertson estate with the gift the park district received from the Culbertson Estate to help fund a project the park district has been working on for the past several years. The Park District would like to build a 34' splash pad with a 5' sidewalk around it for a total cost of \$314,000. The Park District is asking the city to donate \$180,000 to help fund the project. Alderman Johnson asked if the project could be completed in phases or if it had to be done all at the same time. Rebecca said it was possible to do it in phases. The Mayor thanked Rebecca and asked for some time to look at it and would get back to the Park District.

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:42 pm. Alderman Johnson made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of 5ILCS 120/2c5. This was seconded by Alderman Fornoff. The vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Johnson, Nafziger, Fornoff, Lusher, Ross, and Bury; Nays: none; Abstain: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

The council returned to regular session at 7:21 pm and roll call was taken.

- B. Discussion and Action on A Less Lethal Device Grant Agreement with ILEAS and Axon Enterprises Inc. Regarding Tasers. Police Chief Evans addressed the council and indicated he had applied for a grant to cover the cost of some of the tasers. He successfully secured funding to cover the cost of five Tasers out of the nine requested, with a total award of \$12,717.00. To purchase the tasers is a 5 year deal. Year 1 is covered by funding from the grant, years 2 thru 5 would be a cost of \$3,372.00 per year.

The existing tasers could be traded in for a credit toward the purchase of an additional taser. The grant covers the cost of the Taser 7 handle, holster, battery and first year cartridges. The city would be responsible for the extended warranty, charging dock, and training cartridges for the five tasers from years two to five. Alderman Bury asked how many times the current tasers have been deployed. Police Chief Evans indicated in 20 years, they had been deployed three times. Alderman Johnson made a motion to approve and this was seconded by Alderman Lusher. The vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Johnson, Nafziger, Lusher, Ross, Bury, and Fornoff; Nays: none; Abstain: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

C. Discussion and Action on an Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory Owned by Sauder Village LLC to the City of Delavan (Ord #2024-26) The Mayor received a call from Greg Sauder a few weeks ago to put a solar farm on property he owned in the area of 8th Street and Springfield Road. He indicated it would be landscaped so it would not be an eyesore. The Mayor asked Mr. Sauder if he would consider annexing the property into the city so it could be put into a TIF district. He indicated he would be in favor of this. This is a very lucrative business. Alderman Naffziger asked how many acres this indicated. It is approximately 90 acres. Alderman Fornoff made a motion to approve and this was seconded by Alderman Johnson. The vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Johnson, Nafziger, Lusher, Ross, Bury, and Fornoff; Nays: none; Abstain: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERTATION

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. by Mayor Skinner.

Approved the 5th day of November, 2024.


Mayor Elizabeth A. Skinner

Attest:


City Clerk, Laurie Magan

