

CITY OF ANTIGO
COMMON COUNCIL
MAY 14, 2025

Common Council of the City of Antigo met in Regular Session on the above date at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Mayor Thomas C. Bauknecht presiding.

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Thomas C. Bauknecht	Mayor	Present	
Mary Hayes	Ward 4	Present	
Roy Dieck	Ward 2	Present	
Barb Rebstock	Ward 1	Present	
Tim Kassis	Ward 3	Present	
Mark Edwards	Ward 5	Present	
Joel Wagner	Ward 6	Present	
Glenn Bugni	Ward 7	Present	
Reinhardt Balcerzak	Ward 8	Present	
Scott Henricks	Ward 9	Present	

2. Additional Attendance

Department Managers in attendance were: Karin Derauf, City Administrator; Kaye Matucheski, Clerk-Treasurer/Finance Director; Daniel Duley, Police Chief; Kirk Packard, Street Commissioner; Corey Smith, Fire Chief; Elizabeth McCarthy, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator; Charley Brinkmeier, Land Surveyor/Project Manager; and Sarah Repp, Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Director.

Others in attendance were: Michael Winter, City Attorney; Jeanne Jensen, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer; Craig Schuh, Ayres Associates; Rhonda K. Christian; Darla Hoerman; Destiny Geiger; Jeff Geiger; Daric Sprague; Benjamin Baumgartner; and for a portion of the meeting, Jacob Waldner, Waldner Properties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve Minutes from the April 9 and April 15, 2025 Meetings

Aldersperson Bugni moved, Aldersperson Kassis seconded, to approve the April 9 and April 15, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes.

RESULT:	CARRIED - VOICE VOTE
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CITIZEN COMMENT

1. Subjects on the Current Agenda
2. Subjects Not on the Current Agenda

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aldersperson Bugni discussed the Library Taskforce Meeting held last night noting there is only one more meeting to go. He reported the Taskforce adopted a new Joint Library Agreement 6-0. The Agreement will come before Council and the County Board for final approval. He commented the exemption for the Library portion of County tax to City taxpayers was dropped. This will be reviewed again after two years. This Taskforce will be dissolved and will be reformed to City/County Joint Taskforce for other issues that affect both municipalities.

Mayor Bauknecht noted that a better deal was negotiated for the payment agreement for the work the City does for the Library such as payroll, accounts payable, etc.

Aldersperson Hayes noted the Library Board County representatives must reside in Langlade County outside the City limits.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Joel Wagner, Ward 6
SECONDER:	Glenn Bugni, Ward 7
AYES:	Bauknecht, Hayes, Dieck, Rebstock, Kassis, Edwards, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 31-25: Review and Approve the Proposal Submitted by Waldner & Sons Construction Inc, for the Housing Development Located at 1936 Charlotte Street, Lots 2 and 3

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2022, the City accepted parcels #201-2863.073, #201-2863.077, and #201-2863.076 from the previous property owner in exchange for any deferred special assessment costs on these three parcels plus parcel #201-2863.069; and,

WHEREAS, 1936 Charlotte Street, (201-2863.073), Lots 2 and 3, consists of two parcels, combining for a total area of 2.03 acres, with a R-3 zoning and the City will retain Lot 1 for a future well site; and,

WHEREAS, R-3 zoning allows one- and two-family dwellings only, multi-family, such as apartment complexes, are not permitted; and,

WHEREAS, City Plan Commission approved moving forward with drafting and advertising a Request for Proposals (RFP) to develop the property into one or two-family dwellings and to follow current zoning regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the City originally requested a purchase price of \$28,000; however, Waldner & Sons Construction LLC is offering to purchase the property for \$20,000 with stipulations; and,

WHEREAS, American Transmission Company (ATC) will retain a 100’ wide utility easement along the northern property line of Lot 2; and,

WHEREAS, Waldner & Sons Construction LLC has agreed to include a 5-year reversionary clause in the purchase agreement so that if construction on the site does not begin within five years from the date of purchase, the City of Antigo will retain the \$20,000 payment and ownership of the property will revert back to the City; and,

WHEREAS, Waldner & Sons Construction LLC will be prohibited from selling the property as vacant land; and,

WHEREAS, Waldner & Sons Construction have an excellent track record of building quality housing and they maintain a great reputation throughout the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo, to approve the proposal submitted by Waldner & Sons Construction LLC, to purchase 1936 Charlotte Street, Lots 2 and 3, for \$20,000 with a reversionary clause of 5 years and to include a stipulation that Waldner Properties LLC cannot resell the property as vacant land.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the proceeds of the sale will be revenue for the Water Utility due to the purchase arrangements with the previous owner.

Resolution No. 32-25: Sale by Auction of 2021 Out-of-Service Squad Car

WHEREAS, the Antigo Police Department has a 2021 Ford Interceptor squad car that has been taken out of service and replaced with a new squad; and,

WHEREAS, none of the other city departments have expressed an interest in the squad so it can be sold; and,

WHEREAS, the Antigo Police Department would use North Central Sales Auctions LLC to sell the 2021 Ford Interceptor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo, to sell the 2021 Ford Interceptor using North Central Sales Auctions LLC.

Resolution No. 33-25: Accept the Vanguard Foundation Donation of \$5,000 to be Used to Purchase a Radar Traffic Data Collector

WHEREAS, the City of Antigo Public Works Department was approached by a resident

representing the Vanguard Foundation to provide funds for the purchase of a Radar Traffic Data Collector; and,

WHEREAS, the Radar Traffic Data Collector would provide valuable traffic data to enable the Public Works Department to enhance street repair planning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo, to accept a donation from the Vanguard Foundation for a total of \$5,000.00 to purchase a Radar Traffic Data Collector.

CONSENT AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

Department Manager Reports

Mayor Appointments to the Housing Authority Board and Police and Fire Commission

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 34-25: Approve the Tenth Avenue Watermain Project to Pember Companies, Inc. for the Amount of \$995,757.26 (Contingent Upon Approval from the Public Works Committee)

WHEREAS, the City of Antigo has been awarded a STP Urban Grant from Wisconsin Department of Transportation for reconstructing Tenth Avenue in 2026; and,

WHEREAS, the watermain needs to be installed and moved prior to 2026 construction; and,

WHEREAS, bids were received and opened on May 1, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Pember Companies Inc. were the low bid at \$994,757.26; and,

WHEREAS, the funding for this project will be from the Water & Sanitary Utilities with an application to the Safe Drinking Water Loan program to follow construction.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo, to accept the bid from Pember Companies, Inc. for the amount of \$995,757.26.

Mayor Bauknecht noted this was approved by the Public Works Committee.

Kaye Matucheski, Clerk-Treasurer/Finance Director, noted after checking on the bonding rates and costs the City will be better off borrowing from ourselves from the undesignated fund balance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Joel Wagner, Ward 6
SECONDER:	Scott Henricks, Ward 9
AYES:	Bauknecht, Hayes, Dieck, Rebstock, Kassis, Edwards, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks

Resolution No. 35-25: Approve Contract with Randy Moss & Associates for Temporary Limited Easement Acquisition (Contingent Upon Approval from the Public Works Committee)

WHEREAS, the City of Antigo has been awarded an STP Urban Grant for reconstruction of Tenth Avenue from Western Avenue to USH 45; and,

WHEREAS, during the engineering design it was determined that temporary limited easements are needed to do construction of the handicap ramps; and,

WHEREAS, Randy Moss & Associates has completed temporary limited easements for the City on Seventh Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, the City would like to contract with Randy Moss & Associates to obtain temporary limited easement on the STP Urban Tenth Avenue reconstruction project for the amount of \$30,750.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo enter into a contract for obtaining Temporary Limited Easements with Randy Moss & Associates in the amount of \$30,750.00 with funds derived from project funds.

Mayor Bauknecht noted the Public Works Committee did approve this.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Joel Wagner, Ward 6
SECONDER:	Reinhardt Balcerzak, Ward 8
AYES:	Bauknecht, Hayes, Dieck, Rebstock, Kassis, Edwards, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks

PERMITS

- 1. Street Closure Request from All Saints Catholic School for Aurora Street between City Park East and West for May 28, 2025

Aldersperson Balcerzak moved, Aldersperson Hayes seconded, to approve the Aurora Street street closure request from All Saints Catholic School for May 28, 2025.

RESULT:	CARRIED - VOICE VOTE
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- 2. Street Closure Request - North Avenue - Lion's Races; June 5-8, 2025 Pending Signature Sheets

Sarah Repp, Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Director, noted the signature sheets have been received.

Aldersperson Bugni moved, Aldersperson Wagner seconded, to approve the North Avenue street closure request for the Lion's Races from June 5-8, 2025.

RESULT:	CARRIED - VOICE VOTE
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- 3. Street Closure Request Fifth Avenue - Lion's Race Parade; Thursday, June 5, 2025, Pending Signature Sheets

Ms. Repp noted the Lion's Club is not sure if they are going to have the parade and are waiting for additional information before deciding.

Aldersperson Wagner moved, Aldersperson Henricks seconded, to approve the Fifth Avenue street closure request for the Lion's Race Parade on June 5, 2025 pending receipt of the necessary signature sheets if they proceed with the event.

RESULT:	CARRIED - VOICE VOTE
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MOTIONS

- 1. Extend Noise Ordinance to 11 p.m. for the Lion's Races Thursday, June 5 - Sunday, June 8, 2025

Aldersperson Rebstock moved, Aldersperson Kassis seconded, to approve extending the Noise Ordinance to 11:00 p.m. for the Lion's Races June 5 - 8, 2025.

RESULT:	CARRIED - VOICE VOTE
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- 2. Weather Warning Sirens and Ad Hoc Committee Discussion Information

Karin Derauf, City Administrator, noted she included copies of all the information she could find going back from 2002 to current.

Aldersperson Bugni noted going back to 2002 the City had sirens but did not have full coverage and they were getting old. He stated when Everbridge was introduced by the County the Council voted not to replace the sirens. Aldersperson Bugni stated there are only about 1,500 people signed up for Everbridge. He stated if the residents of the City want sirens they need to let the Council know. Aldersperson Bugni stated if the power goes out residents lose multiple ways of being alerted to weather issues and feels there should be more options to alert. He feels the Weather Warning System Ad Hoc Committee should be reinstated. There are not many grants out there for weather sirens. Funding would have to be found because the City does not have funding available. Aldersperson Wagner questioned what the total cost would have been. Aldersperson Bugni stated \$240,000 - \$300,000 was the cost based on the last information received.

Aldersperson Bugni moved, Aldersperson Wagner seconded, to reinstate the Weather Warning System Ad Hoc Committee.

Aldersperson Kassis noted it was looked at continually already and he does not think there are grants available for this.

Ms. Derauf noted that every year Everbridge membership has been increasing for the

emergency communications. Ms. Derauf questioned marketing for Everbridge to grow memberships.

Aldersonperson Kassis noted he feels Everbridge is a better option than going with weather sirens.

Mayor Bauknecht noted he feels it would not hurt to reinstate the committee but sirens will have to be privately funded.

Aldersonperson Kassis noted a number of other issues that have to be addressed like maintenance and who will push the button, etc.

Ms. Derauf noted there is a new updated brochure regarding Everbridge.

Aldersonperson Balcerzak stated he agrees with getting questions answered but did note that his phone alerted him to recent weather issues.

Upon inquiry by Aldersonperson Hayes, it was noted there have not been any catastrophes in the City due to weather with not having weather sirens.

Aldersonperson Edwards noted he feels the Ad Hoc Committee will need to be responsible for any fundraising efforts and not City staff.

RESULT:	CARRIED [7 TO 3]
MOVER:	Glenn Bugni, Ward 7
SECONDER:	Joel Wagner, Ward 6
AYES:	Bauknecht, Hayes, Dieck, Edwards, Wagner, Bugni, Henricks
NAYS:	Barb Rebstock, Tim Kassis, Reinhardt Balcerzak

3. Discussion and Possible Action on Reinstating the Weather Warning AdHoc Committee (requested by Aldersonperson Bugni)

Item 3 was combined with Item 2 discussion and action under the Motions section of the agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Kassis, Ward 3
SECONDER:	Barb Rebstock, Ward 1
AYES:	Bauknecht, Hayes, Dieck, Rebstock, Kassis, Edwards, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks

- 1. Direct Deposits for April 11 and April 25, 2025 Payrolls
- 2. BMO Bank Accounts Payable Check Nos. 83849-84055
- 3. Self-Funding Health Insurance Check Nos. 2166-2168
- 4. Block Grant Revolving Loan Check Nos. 3789-3791

COMMITTEE REFERRALS

Mayor Bauknecht recognized Chief Duley for organizing the ceremony at the cemetery for fallen officers.

Aldersonperson Edwards referred to the Finance, Personnel, and Legislative Committee to look at funding a Wastewater Treatment Plant study to get grants or other sources.

Aldersonperson Edwards referred to the Public Works Committee to discuss needs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to take care of it and how to move forward.

Upon inquiry by Aldersonperson Edwards, Kirk Packard, Street Commissioner, noted his department has not had time to empty or change the garbage cans on Fifth Avenue yet but are planning to get that done as soon as time allows.

Aldersonperson Kassis referred to the Economic Development Committee and the Finance, Personnel, and Legislative Committee to discuss the possibility of a City incubator building.

Aldersonperson Rebstock noted she received a call from a citizen requesting the Pitbull Ordinance be reviewed. Ms. Matucheski noted this is going to the Finance, Personnel, and Legislative Committee next Wednesday.

ADJOURNMENT

Aldersperson Bugni moved, Aldersperson Kassis seconded, to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. Carried.

Approved:

Thomas Bauknecht, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk - Treasurer