

**CITY OF ANTIGO
COMMON COUNCIL
MAY 15, 2024**

Common Council of the City of Antigo met in Special Meeting on the above date at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Mayor Terence V. Brand presiding.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Barb Rebstock	Ward 1	Present	
Vacant	Ward 2	Vacant	
Tim Kassis	Ward 3	Present	
Tom Bauknecht	Ward 4	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	
Terence V. Brand	Mayor	Present	

Department Managers in attendance were: Karin Derauf, City Administrator; Kaye Matucheski, Clerk-Treasurer/Finance Director; and Kirk Packard, Street Commissioner.

Others in attendance were: Carol Bardo; Dave Bardo; Jeff Demlow; and Danny Pyeatt.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silent Meditation

Appointments

1. Mayor Brand Appointments to the Library Board of Catherine Listle as a City Representative and Glenda Oginski, School Representative

Aldersperson Edwards moved, Aldersperson Wagner seconded, to approve the Mayor's appointments of Catherine Listle as City Representative, and Glenda Oginski, Antigo School Representative, to the Library Board.

Aldersperson Bugni moved, Aldersperson Kassis seconded, to postpone indefinitely the Library Board appointments until after the June meeting as a City/County task force is being formed.

Aldersperson Bugni said he is not voting against the appointments, just postponing until after the City/County task force has a chance to meet.

Upon inquiry by Aldersperson Kassis, Mayor Brand noted the City members to the task force are Alderspersons Bugni, Kassis, and Bauknecht.

Dr. Bardo of the Antigo School Board questioned why they are not voting tonight to put the leader of the school district on the Library Board.

Mayor Brand noted the Library is holding a reorganizational meeting on May 28th and the City would not be represented if these appointments are not approved.

Aldersperson Rebstock also felt these appointments should be postponed.

Discussion was held regarding the importance of having all representatives in place. Mayor Brand stated they were again playing games with the Library Board.

Mayor Brand questioned what the fear is with appointing Library Board members. The City is not represented fully if these appointments are not made.

Aldersperson Bugni noted that with the task force everything is on the table. Aldersperson Kassis noted there could be changes made so why not wait until the task force meets.

Danny Pyeatt, School Board, questioned what it says to the community that the Superintendent is not qualified to serve on the Library Board. Aldersperson Kassis questioned why not have the school librarian on the Board, to which Mr. Pyeatt noted it is the Superintendent's prerogative.

Jeff Demlow questioned why the same procedures are not being followed as last time which was a list going to the Library Board.

Mayor Brand reiterated that it is important for the City to have representatives appointed during this reorganization.

Aldersperson Bugni withdrew his motion to postpone indefinitely and Aldersperson Kassis withdrew his second.

Vote on original motion to approve the Mayor's Library appointments of Catherine Lisle as City representative, and Glenda Oginski as the Antigo School representative.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark Edwards, Ward 5
SECONDER:	Joel Wagner, Ward 6
AYES:	Rebstock, Kassis, Bauknecht, Edwards, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks

2. Mayor Brand Appointment of Andrew Hessedal to Police and Fire Commission

Motion to reappoint Andrew Hessedal to the Police and Fire Commission.

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

Discussion and Possible Action

1. Discussion with Antigo First Regarding Hanging Planters, How Money is Being Received, and Other Issues (added to agenda 5-14-24)

Mayor Brand noted Antigo First had met with him and requested any discussion on the payments for flowers and memorial signs be postponed until Mark Desotell retired from the City. They were making donations to help with the flower baskets downtown and they had invoices. Karin Derauf, City Administrator, and he met with Antigo First and agreed that they would pay \$10,000 and forward a list of all the people that made contributions. They would calculate what has been paid in advance and give the City the money. Mayor Brand noted the City would then administer the program.

Mayor Brand noted that Antigo First was going to be done with the program but they have not followed through with getting the list of people or the check. The City has no idea what the income was and what has been paid for by donors. Mayor Brand said the flowers cost much more than when the program started. He mentioned they wanted to come before a non-biased group.

Aldersperson Kassis said he was approached and Antigo First wants to present the funds but they were not included on the agenda and the Mayor told them to come to the Finance, Personnel, and Legislative Committee. He was told they want to take a year off and come back in a year. Apparently the two groups do not get along and Antigo First wants to see what the other group does. Aldersperson Bauknecht agreed that is what was said and they did not present the check because they were not on the agenda.

Mayor Brand noted the big issue is the City needs the list of the donors that have contributed for flowers and plaques. Aldersperson Kassis said they do not want to give up the list and take the year off.

Karin Derauf, City Administrator, noted the Clerk invoiced them for a total of \$14,000. City officials tried several times to set up a meeting. They finally met and Ms. Derauf took notes from the meeting and agreed they were going to present a check and give the City the customer list. This list is imperative as the City has no idea who has paid for what and for how long to honor these requests. Antigo First was going to be done at the end of 2024 and the City would take over. Antigo First taking a break for a year was never part of the conversation.

Aldersperson Kassis is not sure why he was brought in on this as he was not aware of what was happening. He was told they would give the City the \$10,000 check at a Council meeting but they were not going to give up the list.

Discussion was held as to what the issues are and why the problems. Mayor Brand noted the two groups do not get along and Antigo First wanted to take a step back and see how Thrive on Five does. Staff will continue working with Antigo First for the customer list.

RESULT:	NO ACTION
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Closed Session

1. Closed Session: Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c), Wisconsin Statutes, and upon Proper Motion, the Council will Convene into Closed Session for Considering Financial, Medical, Social, or Personal Histories or Disciplinary Data of Specific Persons, Preliminary Consideration of Specific Personnel Problems, or the Investigation of Charges Against Specific Persons Except where Par. (b) Applies which, if Discussed in Public, would be Likely to have a Substantial Adverse Effect upon the Reputation of Person(s) Referred to in such Histories or Data, or Involved in such Problems or Investigation to discuss Union Negotiations. Upon Completion of Discussion in Closed Session, the Council will Reconvene into Open Session to Act on Matters Discussed, if Necessary and Proceed with the Regular Order of Business.

Aldersperson Bugni moved, Aldersperson Kassis seconded, that the Common Council convene into closed session in accordance with Section 19.85(1)(c), Wisconsin Statutes, for considering financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems, or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where Par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of person(s) referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigation to discuss union negotiations.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Glenn Bugni, Ward 7
SECONDER:	Tim Kassis, Ward 3
AYES:	Rebstock, Kassis, Bauknecht, Edwards, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks

2. Any Action on Items Discussed in Closed Session

Upon completion of discussion in closed session, a motion was made and carried to reconvene into open session to act on matters discussed, if necessary, and to proceed with the regular order of business.

No action was taken on the closed session discussion.

Closed Session 2

1. Closed Session: Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(f), Wisconsin Statutes, and upon Proper Motion, the Council will Convene into Closed Session for Considering Financial, Medical, Social, or Personal Histories or Disciplinary Data of Specific Persons, Preliminary Consideration of Specific Personnel Problems, or the Investigation of Charges Against Specific Persons Except where Par. (b) Applies which, if Discussed in Public, would be Likely to have a Substantial Adverse Effect upon the Reputation of Person(s) Referred to in such Histories or Data, or Involved in such Problems or Investigation to discuss Personnel Issues. Upon Completion of Discussion in Closed Session, the Council will Reconvene into Open Session to Act on Matters Discussed, if Necessary and Proceed with the Regular Order of Business.

Aldersperson Kassis moved, Aldersperson Rebstock seconded, that the Common Council convene into the second closed session in accordance with Section 19.85(1)(f), Wisconsin Statutes, for considering financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems, or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where Par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of person(s) referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigation to discuss personnel issues.

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

2. Any Action as Discussed in Closed Session

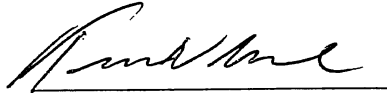
Upon completion of discussion in closed session, a motion was made and carried to reconvene into open session to act on matters discussed, if necessary, and to proceed with the regular order of business.

No action was taken on the second closed session discussion.

Adjournment

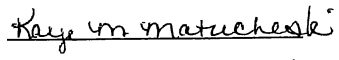
Aldersperson Wagner moved, Aldersperson Bugni seconded, to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Carried.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Terence V. Brand", written over a horizontal line.

Terence V. Brand, Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kaye M. Matuchek", written over a horizontal line.

Clerk - Treasurer