CITY OF ANTIGO
COMMON COUNCIL
AUGUST 14, 2024

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
Barb Rebstock	Ward 1	Present	
Bill Brandt	Ward 2	Present	
Tim Kassis	Ward 3	Present	
Vacant	Ward 4	Vacant	
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	
Thomas C. Bauknecht	Mayor	Present	

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; and Elizabeth McCarthy, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator.

Others in attendance were: Michael Winter, City Attorney; Jeanne Jensen, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer; Tommy Horswill, Infrastructure Alternatives, Inc.; Danny Spatchek, Antigo Daily Journal; Sheryl Perkins; Jim Perkins; Nancy Bugni; Mary Hayes; Paul Grinde; Rick Montgomery; Dan Krueger; and for a portion of the meeting, Gary Smith and Camille Smith.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes from July 10, 2024 Council Meeting and July 24, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Alderperson Bugni moved, Alderperson Kassis seconded, to approve the July 10, 2024 Council meeting and July 24, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.

RESULT:	CARRIED - VOICE VOTE

PRESENTATION WITH ACTION

1. Presentations from Candidates for Ward 4 Alderperson - Mary Hayes and Gary Smith

Mayor Bauknecht explained the presentations will be in the order the applications were received.

Mary Hayes, 639 Langlade Road, explained her background and noted her interest in the 4th Ward Alderperson position. She stressed she will be a non-partisan Alderperson which she feels is very important on the Council.

Gary Smith, 1019 Clermont Street, noted he appreciates the opportunity to address Council and explained his interest in the 4th Ward Alderperson position. He explained his background and qualifications for the position.

Alderperson Bugni thanked both candidates for their interest in the position.

2. Selection of a Candidate for Ward 4 Alderperson and Swearing in of the Candidate Chosen

Motion to select Mary Hayes as Ward 4 Alderperson.

RESULT:	CARRIED [5 TO 3]
MOVER:	Glenn Bugni, Ward 7
SECONDER:	Tim Kassis, Ward 3
AYES:	Rebstock, Brandt, Kassis, Bugni, Henricks
NAYS:	Mark Edwards, Joel Wagner, Reinhardt Balcerzak

Kaye Matucheski, Clerk-Treasurer/Finance Director, swore in Mary Hayes as the Ward 4 Alderperson.

CITIZEN COMMENT

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

UPDATE ON CITIZEN'S REFERRALS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL AGENDA

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alderperson Bugni reported on the July 23, 2024 Joint Library Taskforce meeting. He noted the payment for the accounting services was discussed, looking at the best, most economical way to make that payment. Alderperson Bugni noted that the review of the Joint Library Agreement was completed. He noted there were some changes and the agreement will be published. He noted Toni Edge, Interim Library Director, was at the meeting and answered questions about personnel, new library furniture, book sales, and the change in hours. The next meeting will be on August 27 at 3:00 p.m. at the Library. Alderperson Bugni noted that Ada Demlow was invited to the meeting however she will not be attending. The Library budget will be discussed in detail.

Alderperson Kassis noted there will be additional discussion regarding the City residents being taxed twice. He commented that this was a negotiated item previously and he is hoping to negotiate back to the County. He stated he feels the meetings are going good.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	**CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Bill Brandt, Ward 2
SECONDER:	Tim Kassis, Ward 3
AYES:	Rebstock, Brandt, Kassis, Hayes, Edwards, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 72-24: Strand & Associates to Complete a Capacity Study of the Wastewater Treatment Plant at a Cost of $9,700

WHEREAS, the City of Antigo was approached by a manufacturer that would like to discharge additional sewage into the sanitary sewer system so a capacity study needs to be done to make sure this can be accommodated; and,

WHEREAS, proposals were requested from engineering firms to review the capacity of Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP); and,

WHEREAS, Strand & Associates submitted a proposal of $9,700 that met the criteria that was required for the study and they have completed other work at the WWTP.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo that a contract be approved with Strand & Associates for evaluation of the capacity of the WWTP in the amount of $9,700 with the funds to be derived from the sanitary sewer account.

Resolution No. 73-24: Contract with MSA Professional Services for Inspection and Administrative Services for the Springbrook Trail Project at a Maximum Cost of $127,200

WHEREAS, construction has begun for the extension of the Springbrook Trail system along Charlotte Street and Hogan Street; and,

WHEREAS, MSA Professional Services is the engineer for the project so a contract was requested to provide inspection and administrative services for the Springbrook Trail project; and,

WHEREAS, MSA Professional Services provided an maximum estimate of $127,200 to provide these services including services to assure Wisconsin Department of Transportation compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo to enter into a contract for inspection and administrative services with MSA Professional Services for a maximum cost of $127,200 with the funds to come from the Parks Department Trail Expansion Capital Equipment/Improvement Plan.

Resolution No. 74-24: Approving Lime Hauling Bid of $0.035 per Gallon Plus $1,200 per Day for Equipment Usage from Ron Zalewski Farms LLC

WHEREAS, the lime-slurry material created as a by-product of the Water Treatment Plant operations is discharged to a seepage pond adjacent to the plant for eventual removal and placement on to select farm fields each fall; and,

WHEREAS, the City sought bids for the 2024 hauling of the lime-slurry through the use of private contractors in July and received one bid from Ron Zalewski Farms, LLC in the amount of $0.035 per gallon at an estimated 500,000 to 750,000 gallons for a projected cost of $26,250 (final amount will be based on actual total gallons hauled by load counts); and,

WHEREAS, the bid included an additional cost of $1,200 per day for the costs of a pump and tractor by Ron Zalewski Farms, LLC for a projected 5-day period ($6,000) bringing the total estimated costs to $26,250 + $6,000 = $32,250.

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo, that the bid for contract hauling lime-slurry from the City's Water Treatment Plant be awarded to Ron Zalewski Farms, LLC in the amount of $0.035 per gallon plus $1,200 per day for equipment utilization for an estimated total cost of $32,250 for the 2024 season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the funding be derived from the Contractual Services for the Water Treatment Plant for use in hauling the lime-slurry to area farm fields.

Resolution No. 75-24: Severance Transfers in the Amount of $49,854.79 for Retirements in Administration, Street, and Library Departments

WHEREAS, the City budgets for retirement severance payouts to one account each year to avoid the increases and decreases to one department's operating budget for anticipated severance payouts; and,

WHEREAS, when an employee retires, a transfer needs to be completed for the applicable department as there would not be a sufficient balance in the operating budget: and,

WHEREAS, there were retirement payouts in the Administration budget for $26,608.09 and the Street Department for $19,345.20; and,

WHEREAS, there was also a retirement payout in the Library for $7,803.00 which the City pays half of and bills Langlade County for the other half.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo, to approve the Clerk-Treasurer/Finance Director to transfer $26,608.09 to the Administration Severance line Item and $19,345.20 to the Street Department Severance line item.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to also approve a transfer to the Library Severance line item in the amount of $7,803.00 with half of this amount, $3,901.50, billed to Langlade County.

Resolution No. 76-24: Solid Waste Fund Transfer of $4,000 from the Solid Waste Fund (235) to the Deleglise Landfill Fund (238)

WHEREAS, there are two funds established for landfill activities with Fund 235 being the active Solid Waste account for the demolition landfill, the brush and mulch site, and continuing care on the closed landfills except the Deleglise landfill; and,

WHEREAS, the Deleglise landfill (Fund 238) covers the old landfill that now houses the dog park and there are still monitoring costs as required by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and,

WHEREAS, no funds are budgeted in Fund 238 as the fund balance was sufficient to cover the monitoring costs but those funds have now been used so a transfer will need to be done for $4,000 from the Solid Waste Fund (235) as that is where the solid waste revenue is tracked.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo, to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer/Finance Director to transfer $4,000 from the Solid Waste Account (Fund 235) to the Deleglise Landfill Account (Fund 238) to cover monitoring costs.

Resolution No. 77-24: Accept Donations from TSI Power Corporation of a Battery Backup and Shocking Solutions for Labor for the Traffic Light Located at Highway 45/64 Intersection

WHEREAS, on Memorial Day weekend the traffic lights on the north end of the City lost their power source causing traffic issues on a busy weekend; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Antigo has been approached by David Nystrom, TSI Power Corporation, to donate a battery backup to provide approximately 11 hours of backup power for the community; and,

WHEREAS, after speaking with Shocking Solutions regarding installation of the donated battery backup; they agreed to install the battery backups and donate the cost of labor.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo, to accept the donation of a battery backup for the traffic light located at the Highway 45/64 intersection as well as accept the donation of the cost of labor for installation from Shocking Solutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Common Council would like to express the City's appreciation for these donations.

CONSENT AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

Administrator and Department Manager Reports

Mayor Appointments to the Finance, Personnel & Legislative Committee, Public Works Committee, Joint Library Taskforce, Zoning Board of Appeals, Hotel/Motel Tax Commission, and Langlade County Economic Development Committee

CONSENT AGENDA PROCLAMATION

None.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 78-24: Award 2025 Fireworks Display to My Uncle's Fireworks, and Increase the Budget $2,000 Using Funds From The Economic Development Portion of Hotel Motel Tax Funds (Contingent on Approval at Parks, Cemetery and Recreation Commission Meeting on August 12, 2024)

WHEREAS, the City of Antigo is committed to having a Fourth of July fireworks celebration and spent $13,000 on previous displays; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Antigo earmarks 20% of the Hotel/Motel Tax for economic development and the committee believes the fireworks celebration would be a good use of these funds and is requesting an increase of $2,000; and,

WHEREAS, My Uncle's Fireworks is able to provide a show on the Fourth of July, meet the necessary insurance requirements, and they created a dynamic and well received display in 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo, that the City shall utilize $11,500.00 from the economic development portion of Hotel/Motel tax funds for a fireworks display and $3,500.00 from the general operating celebrations fund for a total of $15,000.00 for the contract with My Uncle's Fireworks to conduct the fireworks show for 2025.

Alderperson Kassis stated the Parks, Cemetery and Recreation Commission approved this request at the last meeting.

RESULT:	**CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Tim Kassis, Ward 3
SECONDER:	Joel Wagner, Ward 6
AYES:	Rebstock, Brandt, Kassis, Hayes, Edwards, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks

Resolution No. 79-24: Approval to Eliminate Ground Planters on Sixth Avenue for an Approximate Cost Savings of $11,600 (Contingent on Approval at Parks, Cemetery and Recreation Commission Meeting on August 12, 2024)

WHEREAS, the City of Antigo currently contracts the growing and maintenance of:
- 110 Hanging Baskets (Downtown, Schroeders, and Field & Sixth Avenue)
- 80 inground Pots along 6th Avenue (20 boulevard areas)
- 20 Concrete Container Pots along Fifth Avenue
- City Hall, Lake Park and the Campground Containers; and,

WHEREAS, the recommendation is to remove the 80 inground pots along Sixth Avenue and restoring the boulevards to grass for 2025, and subsequent years; and,

WHEREAS, this will result in a savings of approximately $11,600, and create a more aesthetically pleasing corridor; and,

WHEREAS, residents and business owners that have adjacent properties to the ground planters will be notified of the change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo to approve the removal of ground planters on Sixth Avenue and restore the boulevards to grass or concrete for an approximate cost savings of $11,600.

Mayor Bauknecht noted disappointment in the flower program this year. Kirk Packard, Street Commissioner, talked about the planters on Sixth Avenue and asked about keeping the trees. Alderperson Kassis noted the trees were not discussed at the Parks, Cemetery, and Recreation Commission meeting.

Alderperson Wagner commented on the possibility of looking at all the planters including on Fifth Avenue. Discussion of possible removal of planters and replace with trees on Fifth Avenue as recommended on Sixth Avenue was referred to the Parks, Cemetery, and Recreation Commission by Alderperson Wagner.

When roll call was displayed for the vote on Resolution No. 79-24, Alderperson Brandt noted he had voted yes but it showed as no on the display board. Council later made a motion to accept Alderperson Brandt's vote as a yes vote.

RESULT:	**CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Bill Brandt, Ward 2
SECONDER:	Reinhardt Balcerzak, Ward 8
AYES:	Rebstock, Brandt, Kassis, Hayes, Edwards, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks

LICENSES

Secondhand Article Dealer and Secondhand Jewelry Dealer Licenses for Jon L. Barber dba Midwest Gold Buyer

Alderperson Bugni moved, Alderperson Henricks seconded, to approve the Secondhand Article Dealer and Secondhand Jewelry Dealer Licenses for Jon L. Barber dba Midwest Gold Buyer.

RESULT:	**CARRIED - VOICE VOTE**

Class "B" Beer/Fermented Malt Beverage License for T & P Restaurant LLC, Alexander Aguilar Martinez, Agent, located at 514 Superior Street (Contingent Upon Completion of Inspections)

Alderperson Kassis moved, Alderperson Wagner seconded, to approve the Class "B" Beer/Fermented Malt Beverage License for T & P Restaurant LLC, Alexander Aguilar Martinez, Agent, at 514 Superior Street, contingent upon completion of inspections.

RESULT:	**CARRIED - VOICE VOTE**

Secondhand Article Dealer License for Rhonda K. Drexler-Christian dba Christian's Upscale Resale, LLC at 815 Fifth Avenue

Alderperson Brandt moved, Alderperson Balcerzak seconded, to approve the Secondhand Article Dealer License for Rhonda K. Drexler-Christian dba Christian's Upscale Resale, LLC at 815 Fifth Avenue.

RESULT:	**CARRIED - VOICE VOTE**

Amusement Device License for Harper's Mercantile LLC / Rick Montgomery at 824 Fifth Avenue (Contingent Upon Completion of Inspections)

Alderperson Wagner moved, Alderperson Henricks seconded, to approve the Amusement Device License for Harper's Mercantile LLC / Rick Montgomery at 824 Fifth Avenue, contingent upon completion of inspections.

Upon inquiry by Alderperson Hayes, Mr. Montgomery noted they are arcade games.

RESULT:	**CARRIED - VOICE VOTE**

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1368B: Ordinance Amending Section 2-43(a) Regarding Quorum Addressing Remote Attendance and Voting

Alderpersons Balcerzak and Edwards stated comments against approval of this ordinance.

Alderperson Bugni commented he strongly disagrees with Alderpersons Balcerzak and Edwards and explained why.

Alderperson Kassis stated he was told by people in the community that there will probably be more interest in the alderperson positions now that this will be an option to them.

When roll call was displayed for the vote on Ordinance 1368B, Alderperson Brandt noted he had voted yes but it showed as no on the display board again. A test vote was done and he showed Council he was voting yes but it displayed as no.

Motion to count Alderperson Brandt's two votes that reflected no on the display as yes votes as it is apparent there is an equipment malfunction.

RESULT:	**CARRIED [5 TO 3]**
MOVER:	Tim Kassis, Ward 3
SECONDER:	Glenn Bugni, Ward 7
AYES:	Rebstock, Brandt, Kassis, Hayes, Bugni, Henricks
NAYS:	Mark Edwards, Joel Wagner, Reinhardt Balcerzak

Corrected Roll Call results for approval of Ordinance No. 1368B:

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [5 TO 3]**
MOVER:	Tim Kassis, Ward 3
SECONDER:	Glenn Bugni, Ward 7
AYES:	Rebstock, Brandt, Kassis, Hayes, Bugni, Henricks
NAYS:	Mark Edwards, Joel Wagner, Reinhardt Balcerzak

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESULT:	**CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Glenn Bugni, Ward 7
SECONDER:	Barb Rebstock, Ward 1
AYES:	Rebstock, Brandt, Kassis, Hayes, Edwards, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks

1. BMO Bank Accounts Payable Check Nos. 82166-82383
2. Direct Deposit for July 5 and July 19, 2024 Payrolls
3. Block Grant Revolving Loan Check Nos. 3765-3768
4. Self-Funding Health Insurance Check Nos. 2145-2147

COMMITTEE REFERRALS

Alderperson Wagner referred discussion of possible removal of planters and replace with trees on Fifth Avenue as recommended on Sixth Avenue to the Parks, Cemetery, and Recreation Commission.

Alderperson Wagner moved, Alderperson Balcerzak seconded, to allow Rick Montgomery to comment. Carried.

Mr. Montgomery asked that the downtown businesses be included in the discussion.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session: Pursuant to Section 19.85, Wisconsin Statutes, and Upon Proper Motion, Council will Convene into Closed Session for the following: Sec. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved regarding the building located at 717/719 Fifth Avenue and the building at 701 Fifth Avenue. Sec. 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility to provide an update on Labor Union Negotiations. Sec. 19.85 (1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session to discuss the edf Renewables Hogan Street Solar Farm. Sec. 19.85(1)(b) Considering dismissal, demotion, licensing or discipline of any public employee, to discuss the termination of an employee. Upon Completion of Discussion in Closed Session, Council will Reconvene into Open Session to Act on Matters Discussed, If Necessary, and Proceed with the Regular Order of Business.

Alderperson Kassis moved, Alderperson Bugni seconded, that the Common Council convene into closed session in accordance with Sections 19.85 (1)(g), 19.85 (1)(c), 19.85 (1)(e), and 19.85 (1)(b), to discuss matters as listed.

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

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

2. Action from Closed Session Section 19.85(1)(g)

Alderperson Brandt moved, Alderperson Bugni seconded, to allow the Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator to hire a structural engineer for inspection of 717/719 Fifth Avenue.

RESULT:	**CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Bill Brandt, Ward 2
SECONDER:	Glenn Bugni, Ward 7
AYES:	Rebstock, Brandt, Kassis, Hayes, Edwards, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks

3. Action from Closed Session Section 19.85(1)(g)

Alderperson Brandt moved, Alderperson Balcerzak seconded, to deny the claim from Apostolic Adventures, LLC/Scott Weigert Regarding 701 Fifth Avenue

RESULT:	**CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Bill Brandt, Ward 2
SECONDER:	Reinhardt Balcerzak, Ward 8
AYES:	Rebstock, Brandt, Kassis, Hayes, Edwards, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks

4. Action from Closed Session Section 19.85(1)(b)

Alderperson Edwards moved, Alderperson Kassis seconded, to terminate Anthony (AJ) Jansen, Information and Technology Director, effective immediately.

Council approved Alderperson Hayes request to abstain from voting on this motion as she just took office tonight.

RESULT:	**CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Mark Edwards, Ward 5
SECONDER:	Tim Kassis, Ward 3
AYES:	Rebstock, Brandt, Kassis, Edwards, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks
ABSTAIN:	Hayes

ADJOURNMENT

Alderperson Brandt moved, Alderperson Henricks seconded, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Carried.

Approved:

Thomas C Bauknecht

Thomas C. Bauknecht, Mayor

Attest:

Kay M Matuchesk

Clerk - Treasurer