

## **LWV Observer Corps Report July 2022**

**\*Denotes things to watch for in the future.**

### **Two Rivers City Council Meeting Observer Summary- Sue Matczynski**

**7-5-2022**

#### Highlights:

- No one spoke at the Public Hearing regarding a Conditional Use Permit for a drive-thru facility at 1210 Washington Street. The Council approved the permit for a possible fast-food chain restaurant at that location (the former M & M Lunch).
- Two citizens addressed the Council. One rambled about FEMA camps, tornado shelters in the Great Plains, meth labs, offshore oil platforms, kill lines and zones, radiation of the Great Lakes and cargo ships with drugs. Another expressed concerns about speeding on Hawthorne Avenue/Highway 310 and bicycles on sidewalks.
- Council members reported communications from citizens regarding the condition of a local motel, support of/opposition to ATVs/UTVs in the city, concern the cost of garbage stickers will increase (they will not), concern the cost for Central Park 365 will increase, and concern that City Council meetings are no longer broadcast on cable television.
- The City Manager:
  - Introduced the City's new Park and Recreation Director, Mike Mathis.
  - Noted the City's website has been streamlined.
  - Announced the Public Hearing on ATV/UTVs will occur on August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM and written comments can be submitted in advance.
  - Noted 17<sup>th</sup> Street will probably close for road construction in late July.
  - Shared the Central Park West 365 Project has reached 75% of its fundraising goal.
- The City Council:
  - Adopted a resolution regarding the Wastewater Treatment Facility Compliance Maintenance Annual Report. The facility received perfect grades except for an "F" for influent into the plant. The City has been in discussions with a local food processing business which is causing the problem.
  - Adopted a proclamation for Bryan Lee Day, July 9, 2022.
  - Adopted an ordinance modifying liability insurance requirements for businesses renting bicycles, E-bikes, electric scooters or electric personal mobility devices.
  - Adopted an ordinance pertaining to liability insurance requirements for commercial uses of golf carts.
  - After discussion, referred a proposed increase in sewer charge back to the Utilities Committee to ensure homeowners and apartment dwellers were being treated equitably.
  - Referred the decision to re-schedule the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks to the Parks and Recreation Department with a preference for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September.

Meeting time: 1 hour and 33 minutes

## Two Rivers City Council Meeting

7-18-2022

### Highlights:

- Council members reported communications from citizens requesting them to speak into their microphones so they can be heard, requesting the City to broadcast Council meetings on cable TV, requesting improvements to the boat docks, and asking Council members to be visible in the community.
- The City Manager:
  - Shared red crosswalks will replace red-stamped crosswalks as the stamping has not held up well with snowplows.
  - The City will again place the pickle-ball court project out for re-bid as the cost has jumped from \$150,000 to \$285,000.
  - The re-surfacing of Zlatnik Drive will not occur until Spring 2023 due to the late start of the 17<sup>th</sup> Street reconstruction project.
  - The Central Park West 365 Project has reached approximately 80% of its funding goal following a \$15,000 donation by NAPA Auto Parts.
  - The cost of the water feature at Central Park West 365 is estimated at \$200 for a hot summer day.
  - Two Rivers Main Street's Second Annual Bryan Lee Day was very successful with many participants coming from out-of-town.
  - The July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks have been re-scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup> at Walsh Field.
- The City Council:
  - Approved the Consent Agenda and authorized a Retailer's License for the July 28-31 Crazy from the Heat 7 Girls Fastpitch Tournament and a Noise Ordinance Waiver for the July 29<sup>th</sup> Relay for Life event.
  - Scheduled an August 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing for a change in zoning at 1726 East Street.
  - After extensive discussion, adopted an ordinance increasing the fixed charge and additional unit charge for sewer service by \$2 each per month.
  - Adopted a resolution authorizing the City Attorney to proceed with court action for the Abatement of Nuisance at 1816 29<sup>th</sup> Street. The home was damaged by fire in February and has been boarded up since, but the property owner has not been able to be contacted by either the insurance company or the City to determine if the home will be repaired or raised.
  - Approved the City Manager's appointment to the Committee on Aging.
  - After considerable discussion regarding whether to upgrade cable equipment to broadcast City Council meetings, requested City staff obtain further information as to whether ARPA funds can be used for the cost quoted by Spectrum and whether the cost includes repair of equipment.
  - After discussing consideration of public input via Facebook, decided it was up to each Council member to decide whether to respond to Facebook posts. Council members

were reminded that several Council members responding to a post may violate open meeting laws.

- Approved motions to install yield signs and post parking signs on specific streets.

Meeting time: 2 hours and 15 minutes

## **Two Rivers School District Meeting Observer Summary- Mary Wallace**

**7-7-2022**

### Highlights:

- A teacher and two students reported on their summer marine biology class and field trip to Florida.
- There is a lot of planning for the November \$38,000,000 referendum, including developing a PowerPoint presentation to take to community groups, articles in the new Raider Reporter which is mailed to all TR households, postcards explained the impact on taxpayers etc.
- Board members have picked a school they want to be involved in and they will meet with principals and be given calendars of events they can attend if they wish.
- The superintendent is pleased with the open enrollment for the coming school year. There are at least 74 students coming in and only 11 leaving. Many of the students will be involved with the Lighthouse Academy. The district has also contracted with the Wisconsin Virtual School.
- The pool is being reopened with strict new protocols.
- A catalog of all the high school class syllabuses is being developed which will include how each class meets State Academic Standards

## **Two Rivers School District Meeting 7-25-2022**

### Highlights:

- Jenny Schneider, the district social worker, reported on her programs. She is responsible for teaching staff about Kids at Hope. She works with homeless students which she said is as many as 54 students from 25 to 30 families in the last school year. She works with kids individually and in groups regarding mental health concerns, truancy etc.

- An Angel Fund has been started to accept donations to help kids in need .
- The Board approved resolutions to authorize the \$38,000,000 referendum for school building improvements.
- The Middle School Principal described how much work staff do during the summer such as attending training on the new math and ELA curriculums. There is also work being done on behavioral management interventions, which were described as preventive and restorative.

## **Manitowoc Public School District Meeting Observer Summary- Linda Gratz**

**7-12-2022**

### Highlights:

- Public Input:
  - A former teacher voiced a concern regarding discussions on teaching controversial issues in the schools and who is to decide what's controversial? She stated good teachers teach children how to think not what to think.
  - One person spoke in favor of board members having fobs to get into the schools and suggested they might want to put cameras in the classrooms also. But another citizen wanted the board to follow DOJ guidelines for safety reasons and not to allow for fobs.
  - There was concern from one citizen that the meetings haven't been transparent and some meetings haven't been streamed due to technical problems.
  - The role of board members was questioned and it was stated that it should be non-partisan and not involved in the day-to-day operations.
  - There was a concern voiced over gender and pronouns and how they are trying to influence their children's beliefs.
  - One individual showed support for the new board members and was worried about test scores and getting children ready for the workforce.
- Other Items Discussed :
  - The city transferring ownership of municipal field over to the district is still being discussed and legal advice is being sought.
  - The Personnel Report was given and a board member asked if they can meet the new Franklin principal.
  - The vote allowing board members to have fobs passed 5 to 2 with Kerry Trask and Kathy Willis voting no. Existing policies will need to be updated before this goes into effect.
  - Bullying, Disorderly Conduct, and Parent/Student Rights policies were all approved for the second read.

- Brett Norell's company was chosen to help the Board develop a long-range strategic plan. Trask voted no because he thought WASB (Wisconsin Association of School Boards) had more experience and were cheaper. Others felt that with Norell being local he would be more sensitive to the needs of the community and he answered people's questions better than WASB did.
- Some discussion regarding a possible option for health care insurance that would be a higher deductible, but lower cost.

## **Manitowoc Public School District Meeting**

**7-26-22**

### Highlights:

- The Board followed the newly established practice of presenting a consent agenda. No one asked that anything be taken out and discussed so the items passed without discussion.
  - The Personnel Report and Addendum passed without discussion.
- Unfinished business:
  - The board passed the Personal Communications Devices Policy. Collin Braunel said people have been asking to see the policies that are being considered at meetings and he stated that the policies are posted after the second approval, but can always be revisited if the board thinks it's necessary.
- New Business:
  - The Board approved two books one for math applications and one for accounting. They had been posted them on the website for more than 30 days so the public could review them. They are going to try to allow for digital access in the future.
  - The Academic Standards were approved by the Board and included more rigorous music standards.
  - The Board President will be meeting with Brett Norell soon to plan the strategic planning meeting.
  - They have been hearing from the public that board meeting times need to be consistent, so they will plan to have all future meetings at 6:00.

Meeting was over in 17 minutes.

## **Manitowoc County Board Meeting Observer Summary- JoEllen Gramling**

**6-21-2022**

Highlights:

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

APPOINTMENTS BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Chairperson Martell presented County Executive Ziegelbauer's appointments of Theresa Becker to the Joint Dispatch Board for a two-year term expiring August 2024. The appointment was approved unanimously.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Planning & Park Commission: Supervisor Falkowski moved to amend the Zoning Map for Philip and Mary Franz, A. Daniel Klemme, Chad Koeppel, and Brian and Kelly Wimmer. All the motions were approved unanimously.
- Aging and Disability Board: Supervisor Wagner reported: Public health emergency extended to 10/16/22; ° Always need for more volunteer drivers; ° Info on meal sites and nutrition classes, fall prevention classes.
- Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: No report.
- Board of Health: Supervisor Metzger reported covid cases have risen slightly, covid hospitalizations have risen more sharply, covid deaths slowing down. Manitowoc County has elevated to a Medium Covid Community level. Covid remains the number one reported infectious disease in the County. Some are doing tests at home and that information is not reported.
- Expo-Ice Center Board: Supervisor Sitkiewitz gave a brief report.
- Finance Committee: Supervisor Brey moved to adopt a resolution designating Manitowoc County as the Public Safety Answering Point. Motion carried unanimously.
- Human Service Board: Supervisor Brey gave a report which included information on Wisconsin's Targeted Safety Support program which facilitates keeping children safely in their home with their families.
- Personnel Committee: Supervisor Maresh gave a brief report. • Public Safety Commission: Supervisor Falkowski reported that the new Circuit Court Br. 4 is on schedule. The construction involves a chain of office remodels and moves which are underway. There will be increased staff needs in the Clerk of Courts' office as well as for the Sheriff's office. There will be new public safety and security concerns. Regarding Drug Court: There have been successes, a light of hope in what are desperate situations. This treatment court is intense and functions very differently

than criminal court. An additional treatment court of some type is simply not possible until after the fourth judge is ready to take part.

• Public Works Committee: Supervisor Gerroll reported that camping fees for the fairgrounds have been raised from \$20 to \$40 in an attempt to prevent some of the law enforcement problems which have arisen there. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm

\*\* The County Board Meeting is available for viewing at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFzrVsHyu-8>

## **Manitowoc Common Council Meeting Observer Summary- Christine Aguilar**

### **Manitowoc Common Council**

**6-20-2022**

Highlights:

**Call to order** by Mayor Justin Nickels at 6:30 PM, all present.

#### **Presentations:**

City Clerk administers Oath of Office and Badge Pinning for the following Manitowoc Fire Rescue Department Employees: Assistant Fire Chief Jason Russ, Lieutenant Jason Sweney, Lieutenant Daniel Laque, Motor Pump Operator Rodger Whiteside, Fire Fighter Tyler Fischer.

#### **Public Hearing:**

- Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing any and all interested parties in the matter of a proposed Conditional Use Permit for an Adaptive Reuse located at 1127 & 1133 S. 16th Street. This is for 80 senior affordable housing units. No public input.
- Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing any and all interested parties in the matter of a proposed change in zone from R-6 Multiple Family to I-2 Heavy Industrial for property located at the Southwest Corner of S. 16th and Clark Streets. No public input.
- Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing any and all interested parties in the matter of a proposed Conditional Use Permit located at 5005 Vista Road for the establishment of a 20-bed Community Based Residential Facility. Karen purchased the triangle lot next to the address and asked if the facility would be expanded or if the existing facility would be used as is. She wants to build on the lot and is concerned about the residents of this facility and safety. Adam said Police and Fire departments have said there have been no neighbor complaints since Core Treatment Facilities opened.

**Public Input:** Karen wanted to know if the building at 5005 Vista Road would be voted on this date.

#### **Appointments:**

Mayor makes the following appointment: Crime Prevention Committee - Anissa Fencil (term: 6/21/2022 - 6/1/2023). Appointment was approved.

**Consent Agenda:** Consent agenda was approved.

**Committee of the Whole:**

- **Adopted** Resolution to approve the Organizational Structure of the City Clerk and Finance Departments.
- **Approved** Report of Special Event Committee recommending approval for the following events subject to Council Action: Manitowoc Salmon Derby on 7/1-7/4/2022 (Waiver of noise ordinance until 11:30 pm on Fri. & Sat, extension of fermented beverage sales on City property until 11:30 pm); July 3rd Celebration on 7/3/2022 (Closure of Quay St from 6th to 8th, waiver of noise ordinance until 11:30 pm); Fourth on the Shore/Subfest on 7/4/2022 (Street closures for parade: S 8th St from Madison to Maritime Dr. and Maritime Dr. from N 8th St to Huron with closure of parking lanes. Fourth on the Shore/Fireworks Closures: Parking lane on E side of Maritime Dr., southbound traffic from Memorial/Waldo roundabout onto Maritime Dr. to be detoured up Cleveland Ave; closure of S pier); Parish Picnic on 8/12-8/14/2022 (Road closure on N 14th St between

**Finance Committee:**

- **Approved** Pelion Plan Agreement and Resolution update as required by IRS.
- **Approved** Report of the Industrial Development Corporation of protective covenants for the I-43 Hecker-Viebahn Industrial Park.

**Personnel Committee:**

- **Approved as presented** Request to Purchase Unbudgeted ACA Module in UKG for 2022.
- **Adopted** Resolution to approve a Professional Service Agreement with Carlson Dettmann Consulting for Market Measurement and Pay Plan Management Services.

**Public Infrastructure Committee:**

- **Approved** Donation Tube Request for Alpaca Materials.
- **Approved** Agreement with Bodart Electric Service, Inc to complete the traffic signal upgrade on the connecting highway intersection at South 8th and Franklin St.
- **Approved** Stormwater Management Facility Maintenance Agreement with Setzer Properties ZGBY, LLC located at the NE quadrant of Viebahn St and S 42nd St.

**Public Safety Committee:** None

**Plan Commission:**

- **Approved** Cream Community Development, LLC: Request for a Conditional Use Permit for an Adaptive Reuse pursuant to 15.370(29) located at 1127 & 1133 S. 16th Street.
- **Approved** Core Treatment: Request for a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to 15.150(3)f located at 5005 Vista Road for the establishment of a 20-bed Community Based Residential Facility.



- **Adopted** Ordinance to rezone property located at the SW Corner of S 16th and Clark Streets.
- **Approved** Resolution to adopt the Public Participation Plan for the update of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Manitowoc.
- **Approved** Resolution to adopt the Public Participation Plan for the update of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Manitowoc. A public forum will be held Tuesday June 28, 2022, at Manitowoc Yacht Club from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. This will be a two-hour interactive session. It will not be streamed online.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURN:** At 7:07 pm.

**July 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting was cancelled.**

For further information click on <https://manitowoc.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> to see the Common Council Meeting Details, Agenda, Video, and the Minutes when completed

### **Manitowoc County Human Services Board Monthly Meeting Observer Summary- Suzanne Zipperer**

**The Human Services Committee does not meet in July.**

**\*The Public Hearing for the 2023 budget** will be held on Thursday, August 25th, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. This is a time for ensuring programs are adequately funded. The comments are then taken into consideration as the budget process moves forward. Meetings take place at 801 Jay Street, Manitowoc, WI. When you enter, you walk directly into the meeting room.

### **Manitowoc County CJCC (Criminal Justice Coordinating Council) Executive Committee Meeting Observer Summary- Nancy Slattery**

**7--2022**

Highlights: **No Report**

### **Manitowoc County CJCC (Criminal Justice Coordinating Council) Meeting Observer Summary- Nancy Slattery**

**Next meeting September 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Highlights:

