

March 5, 2025

**Call to Order:** President pro tem Brad Jorgenson called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. in Council Chambers

**Members Present:** Huepfel, Jorgenson, Koch, Lukes (remote), O’Connell

**Members Absent:** Erickson

**Staff:** Administrator Luann Emerson, Chief of Police Dulcie Lilly

**Pledge of Allegiance was recited**

**Public Hearing** Conditional Use Permit request by Kirstin Schilling for the building at S320 Sabin Ave to be temporarily zoned Residential Administrator verified parcel owners within 100’ were notified by mail, it was in the Spring Valley Sun as a Class II notice. No comments for or against were received. Schilling was not present for the Public Hearing. No other people were present to support or oppose the Conditional Use Permit. Public Hearing closed.

**Approval of Minutes: Motion (Huepfel/O’Connell)** to approve February 5, 2025 minutes. Carried.

**Approval of Agenda: Motion (O’Connell/Huepfel)** to approve agenda as presented. Carried.

**Appearances:** None

**Library Monthly Report:** No report. Meeting cancelled due to bad weather. General discussion about the author visit.

**Action items:**

- 1) **Eilidh Pederson** from Western Wisconsin Health gave a clinic update: they have been open for four months, During the period of end of October – end of December they have seen over 700 patients. They have added another FT Family Medicine provider so at this juncture they are averaging 500 visits per month. They currently offer family health, mental health, and women’s health services. Community has responded very well. Marketing of the facility includes social media and mailers. They still see many walk-ins and they continue to be able to provide for them and will then schedule an appointment for their next visit.
- 2) **John Groh** from Spring Valley School District presented referendum information that will be on the April 1<sup>st</sup> ballot. The school district has been working with a company for 14 months to survey the area communities, plan, and write two referendums. Their purpose is to find a solution the community will support and without that they don’t get paid. The first question is \$9.8M includes updating fire alarm systems and sprinkler systems, renovation special ed classrooms, welding and wood shop, tech ed, sound insulation, converting group showers to individual showers, modernizing, flooring, HVAC, water heaters, LED lighting, bus garage upgrade, sidewalks, pavement, storm water drainage. Question two \$3.35M, improving batting cage, bleachers, press box, goalposts, 40+ year old pool infrastructure which is heating, ventilation, plumbing, electrical and roofing, upgrading middle/high school gymnasium scoreboards and backboard control system. Larson Valley Construction stated they would donate 100% of the roof labor and materials. It would also include a competition track: we’re the only school of our size in the state of WI that doesn’t have a track, they set up cones in the parking lot, we don’t have a shot-put pit, long jump pit, they drive to Durand or Glenwood City to practice these events.
- 3) Jeff Butler, SV Chamber of Commerce President, presented the plan for this year’s Easter egg hunt which includes several lots in the downtown area, a switch from the previous SV Golf Course location. Maps for street closure were presented as Plan A and Plan B. Both plans included a portion of McKay Ave and So. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Plan A included a longer portion of So. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and a portion of Sabin Ave going north toward the Catholic Church. PW Supervisor Steven Kirby stated that closing two of the only three N/S streets was logistically dangerous for emergency vehicles as well as traffic congestion and that’s not allowed even for Dam Days. Plan B would keep Sabin open as well as the east side of So. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Butler talked about the safety of having small children crossing Sabin to get to Emmaus lawn area but stated they would make Plan B work and have crossing guards at the intersection of Sabin and So. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to protect the kids. Officer Lilly also stated that there should be parental supervision for kids and they shouldn’t be allowed to run in and out of the streets without adults present. Kirby stated that tenants at the Zimmerman building use So. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street for parking and it should be the Chambers responsibility to notify tenants. Signage was discussed as to whose responsibility for putting up “Street Closed” signs. Two picnic tables were requested from Handy Andy Park, Kirby agreed as long as no one had it rented for that day. **Motion (Koch/O’Connell)** to approve Street Use Permit for Easter Egg Hunt by SV Chamber of Commerce for Saturday April 12, 2025 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Plan B without Sabin and east side of So. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, picnic tables if available, volunteers at all road blocks, and signage. Carried.
- 4) Jeff Butler, SV Chamber of Commerce President, presented the plan for Mooney’s Rusty Horse Car Show. There wasn’t enough room for all the cars last year so they are asking for all for So. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street along with two block section of McKay Ave. for this year while leaving the alley-ways open for access. Cars would enter from the north, back-in angle parking facing south, then all cars would exit to the south when the event is over. Crystal will have instructions on the entry forms of how participants are to enter the event. They will also have attendants on hand to more efficiently park vehicles this year. Officer Lilly notes that this request came from the Chamber and it states on the application “only one street use permit allowed per licensing year.” Butler stated that was for businesses and didn’t pertain to the Chamber. Koch stated that since the Chamber has 40 business members, they could potentially have 40 Street Use Permits in a year. O’Connell suggested the ordinance be revised again. Lilly questioned what would

happen with all the work put into the Sidewalk Café Ordinance. **Motion (Huepfel/Koch)** to approve Street Use Permit for the car show. Carried.

- 5) **Todd Dolan** from All-Croix Inspections was on hand to review the building inspector contract renewal. Increases over the years have been held to 1.1% increase for new homes over the last 10 years, .78% for decks over the last 10 years, commercial went up about 3%, they try to hold all increases to between 1&3%. Plan review went from \$50 to \$55 on permits between \$65 - \$300, from \$75 - \$105 on permits costing between \$300 - \$1000, which means plan review went down on permits from \$600-\$1000. Other minor increases were discussed. **Motion (Huepfel/O'Connell)** to approve new contract with All-Croix Inspections. Vote: Ayes: Huepfel, Jorgenson, Koch, Lukes, O'Connell. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Erickson. Carried.
- 6) **Motion (O'Connell/Koch)** to approve Conditional Use Permit for Schilling to zone S320 Sabin Ave from Commercial to Residential. Vote: Ayes: O'Connell, Lukes, Koch, Jorgenson, Huepfel. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Erickson. Carried.
- 7) QC deed to sell Well #2 property to Schilling is not yet available. Schilling's attorney will not do the QC deed, Emerson has sent information to our attorney to prepare. Schilling questioned why Emerson can't simply copy paste the legal description and update the signature names and it was not hers to deed away. Emerson stated she would not be responsible for the contents of the legal document and although Village had to sign the deed, Loberg could still prepare the document. As it stands now with Village attorney doing this, the Village will have costs involved. Tabled.
- 8) Public Works has a workable agreement for this item, remove from agenda
- 9) **Motion (O'Connell/Huepfel)** to approve Marsha Brunkhorst of SVHCS Inc to sign on behalf of the Village for skilled nursing facility for contracts with HDG. All contracts are in the INC name and no Village Board member or staff are authorized to sign for SVHCS Inc. This would only be done with the approval of the nursing home sub-committee Village members. Carried.
- 10) **Motion (O'Connell/Huepfel)** to approve Andrea Wallin as Poll Worker for the remainder of 2024-2025 election term. Carried.
- 11) TID 2 will be extended by one year but that needs to be done after April and with the guidance of Ehlers. Nothing to be done with Bremer Bank yet. Grant money came from LRIP for Van Buren, tax payments and settlements have all been done. Ellingson from HDG, Jorgenson, and Emerson have all signed bank papers to get a cash flow account set up for the nursing home. Cash accounts and checks were reviewed. Approved as presented.
- 12) Next meeting April 2, 2025

**Police monthly report** – 31 calls for service. Lilly attended some trainings. No part time officer yet.

**PCED** – O'Connell and Lukes attended the Pierce Cty Economic Dev meeting which coincides with what Planning Commission is trying to do. Tourism was touched on in the meeting within Pierce County.

**PW updates** – Jared is working out very well, he has attended Waste Water Treatment training via Zoom to prepare for his first of seven DNR tests. Plow slid off Glade Ave in the last snow storm.

**Nursing home sub-committee** updates: everyone got a packet, HDG will only be coming out quarterly or semi-annually. There is an improvement in the Balance Sheet numbers coming out of the negative. Still waiting on the boiler replacement bill as well as the frozen pipe repair bill. Dish machine needs repairs or rental, HDG will get numbers together for the next meeting. Occupancy was 37.5 in February, we'd like to see 38 as that's where the budget was set. New Director will start mid-March, Wisconsin tests were completed. CNA agency hours are down to 97 which is fantastic.

**Clerk's report** One building permit for a renovate was issued. One Operator's license was issued. Ballots are being printed and absentees have to be out by next week Tuesday. All-Croix is currently in an audit which is done randomly by the state. Marie Barry has asked if the Village would host a Rural Community Forum which centers on Health Care, she sent a list of what would be involved in hosting this event and it's quite extensive.

**President pro tem** None

**Motion (O'Connell/Koch) to adjourn 7:30 p.m. Carried**

Respectfully submitted

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Brad Jorgenson, President pro tem

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Luann Emerson, Administrator