A. CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order by Mayor Merkes at 6:15 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
A Moment of Silence was observed for former Menasha business owner Bob Biechler, who passed away on January 1, 2019.

C. ROLL CALL
PRESENT: Aldermen Randy Ropella, Rebecca Nichols, James Taylor, Stan Sevenich, Mark Langdon, Steve Krueger, Tom Grade, Ted Grade.
ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Merkes, CA Captain, ASD Jacobs, CDD Schroeder, DPW Radomski, DDMO Alix, FM Sassman, Clerk Galeazzi.

D. PUBLIC HEARING
None

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE CITY
(five (5) minute time limit for each person)
Jim Baggot, 848 Nicolet Blvd, Menasha. He stated the residents of Willow Lane have concerns on sidewalks and other issues associated with the street reconstruction project. There is a significant drainage problem which is causing excessive road erosion, ponding, and slipping hazards. He stated the drainage issues should be addressed before installing sidewalks. Willow Lane residents are willing to work with the City to address the drainage issues. He recommended prioritizing installing and replacing sidewalks in more highly traveled areas of the City. Mr. Baggot presented City maps which he highlighted the areas that he believes need sidewalks installed or replaced. He also presented photos from the sidewalks on Racine Street Bridge that should be replaced.

Jeanette Baggot, 848 Nicolet Blvd, Menasha. She is opposed to sidewalks as they will be too close to their sunroom. She stated it will be a waste of money. City should address drainage issues first.

Bill Shepard, 398 Willow Lane, Menasha. He is opposed to sidewalks and they are unnecessary. The drainage issue on Willow Lane is more important and should be addressed.

Diane Ferraro, 355 Willow Lane, Menasha. She is opposed to sidewalks. Funds should be used to fix drainage problem on the street and in the backyards. Recommends burying utilities lines when street is reconstructed.

Shannon Kennedy, 398 Willow Lane, Menasha. She is opposed to sidewalks. She is also speaking for her mother who is moving to 360 Willow Lane. Ms. Kennedy encouraged Council to vote against installing sidewalks.

Thomas Mace, 411 Lake Road, Menasha. He is opposed to sidewalks. He supports his neighbors on reasons for not having sidewalks.
Jack Fry, 318 Willow Lane, Menasha. He supports burying utility lines when Willow Lane is reconstructed. He suggested waiting on installing sidewalks at this time and reevaluate the situation.

Patrick Laux, 340 Willow Lane, Menasha. He is concerned with drainage and sump pump issues. He asked the City to look into ways to make storm sewer system better.

Larry Reddin, 393 Willow Lane, Menasha. He encouraged council to vote against sidewalks. Willow Lane does not meet criteria for sidewalks. Council should consider doing something about drainage and storm sewer system when street is reconstructed.

Joe Ferrow, 355 Willow Lane, Menasha. He commented on the neighborhood of Willow Lane and sidewalks not being needed. He has concerns with the drainage issues. He encouraged Council to vote no on sidewalks.

Daniel Kaufman, 347 Willow Lane, Menasha. He commented that Willow Lane has bigger issues than sidewalks. Willow Lane does not meet criteria for sidewalks. Children are allowed to ride bikes on street since it’s such a safe street. He encouraged Council to vote no on sidewalks.

Chad Opitz, 351 Willow Lane, Menasha. He commented on the standing water on Willow Lane from the drainage problems. He is concerned the sidewalks will come close to his house and he will lose part of his front yard. He stated half of the people on Doty Island walk on the street instead of the sidewalks. He feels sidewalks are unnecessary. He suggested installing signage indicating people walk on the road.

Dan Zelinski, 647 Paris Street, Menasha. He is concerned about special fees for extra garbage bins. He speaks for the neighbors on Paris Street, they support switching Broad Street to a two-way.

Alex Zelinski, 894 Second Street, Menasha. He supports switching Broad Street to a two-way. It will better connect downtown to the park and create better traffic flow. It is also better for recreation since more runners use the road than the sidewalks.

Jeff Harvey, 514 Broad Street, Menasha. He recommends keeping Broad Street as a one-way especially since there is more congestion with the opening of Jimmy Johns. Making Broad Street a two-way will be more dangerous for traffic on Broad Street and at the intersection of Broad and Racine Streets. Residents were always told to keep Broad Street one-way because of the many accidents at the intersection of Broad and Racine Streets. Council should consider what is best for all residents.

Sandra Dabill Taylor, 545 Broad Street, Menasha. She commented on the Public Works Facility design. At one time she had supported switching Broad Street to a two-way, but now more of her neighbors want to keep it a one-way. She suggested doing a traffic study on Broad Street before making any recommendations. She suggested putting in underground utilities when replacing any street.

There was no objection to Mayor Merkes’ recommendation to take up Items J-1 & K-1 at this time.
J. HELD OVER BUSINESS
   1. Board of Public Works, 12/3/2018, Recommends the Approval of: the sidewalk on the west side of Willow Lane extending to Nicolet Blvd (postponed from 12/19/2018)

   DPW Radomski explained as per the City’s sidewalk policy when a street is installed or reconstructed sidewalks should also be installed or replaced if it meets the criteria. He stated it would be up to Menasha Utilities regarding the burying of utility lines. He is willing to work with residents on Willow Lane on the drainage issues. The new street will improve the draining but will not cure the problems because the street is so close to the lake. He also stated the storm sewer will not be able to be extended because of the lake levels.

   General discussion ensued on:
   - drainage issues on Willow Lane;
   - burying of utility lines;
   - property owners not being assessed for new sidewalks;
   - the City’s sidewalk policy;
   - property owners have spoken out against sidewalks;
   - being consistent on sidewalks throughout the City

   Moved by Ald. Krueger seconded by Ald. Sevenich to remove sidewalks from Willow Lane reconstruction project.
   Motion carried on roll call 7-1. Ald. Taylor voted no.

K. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
   1. O-23-18 An Ordinance Repealing and Recreating Title 10, Chapter 1, Article B, Section 10-1-13 of the Code of Ordinances (One-Way Streets); Introduced by Alderman Krueger; Recommended by Board of Public Works (postponed from 12/17/2018)

   Moved by Ald. Krueger seconded by Ald. Langdon to approve O-23-18 An Ordinance Repealing and Recreating Title 10, Chapter 1, Article B, Section 10-1-13 of the Code of Ordinances (One-Way Streets)

   General discussion ensued on history of Broad Street being a one-way street and restricting certain turns at intersection of Racine and Broad Street.
   Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

   Council took a three minute recess.
   Council returned and took up rest of agenda items.

F. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF/CONSULTANTS
   1. Clerk Galeazzi - the following minutes and communications have been received and placed on file:

   Minutes to receive:
   b. Board of Public Works, 12/17/2018
   c. Library Board, 12/19/2018
   e. Police Commission, 10/30/2018

   Communications:
   f. Engineering and Technical Services Division Great Lakes Hydraulics and Hydrology Office Letter, 12/20/2018
   g. Sidewalk Petition for Willow Lane, Menasha, Wisconsin
   h. Letter from Jim and Jeanette Baggot to Ald. Nichols and Mayor Merkes regarding Willow Lane Sidewalks
i. Common Council Workshop Notice of January 7, 2019 at 5:30pm: Public Works Facility Proposed Design Workshop
j. Property Survey Summary Memorandum, CDD Sam Schroeder, 1/7/2019
k. Update on Creation of Tax Increment Financing District #14, CDD Sam Schroeder, 1/7/2019

Moved by Ald. Sevenich seconded by Ald. Tom Grade to receive Minutes and Communications a-k.
Motion carried on voice vote.

G. CONSENT AGENDA
(Prior to voting on the Consent Agenda, items on the Consent Agenda may be removed at the request of any Alderman and placed immediately following action on the Consent Agenda. The procedures to follow for the Consent Agenda are: (a) removal of items from Consent Agenda; and (b) motion to approve the items from Consent Agenda.)

Minutes to approve:
1. Common Council, 12/17/2018
   Board of Public Works, 12/17/2018, Recommends the Approval of:
   2. Request of owners of 853 Fountain Way for reimbursement of $576.00

Moved by Ald. Sevenich seconded by Ald. Ted Grade to approve Consent Agenda items 1 & 2.
Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA
None

I. ACTION ITEMS
1. Accounts payable and payroll for the term of 12/20/2018—1/3/2019 in the amount of $1,341,041.51
   Moved by Ald. Nichols seconded by Ald. Ted Grade to approve accounts payable and payroll.
   Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

   Moved by Ald. Nichols seconded by Ald. Krueger to approve beverage operator’s license applications for the 2017-2019 licensing period as listed in memo dated 1/2/19.
   Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

   CA Captain stated Neenah and Menasha City Attorneys are recommending accepting the offer from Wisconsin Security Insurance Fund’s Guaranty Association of Wisconsin in the amount of $223,125.00 and include future distributions from Home Insurance Company estate. This amount is less than was previously recommended after it was discovered an issue with the current litigation with the insurance company.
   Moved by Ald. Krueger seconded by Ald. Tom Grade to accept the offer of $223,125.00 from the Wisconsin Security Insurance Fund’s Guaranty Association of Wisconsin and including assignment to rights of Neenah-Menasha Sewerage Commission to further distributions from the Home Insurance Company estate, to resolve the Neenah-Menasha Sewerage Commission claim filed with WSIF.
   Motion carried on roll call 7-1. Ald. Taylor voted no.
4. Approval of Purchase Order for Video equipment
Moved by Ald. Sevenich seconded by Ald. Krueger to approve the purchase order for video equipment in the amount of $24,647.  
General discussion ensued on life of current and new video equipment, borrowing for equipment now versus setting funds aside in future budgets, and condition of current equipment.  
Motion carried on roll call 6-2.  
Ald. Taylor, Sevenich, Langdon, Krueger, Tom Grade, Ted Grade voted yes.  
Ald. Nichols, Ropella voted no.

5. Substitute Amendment #1 to R-14-18 A Resolution Adopting Rules of the Common Council and Mayor (Recommended by the Ad-Hoc Protocol Committee; requires 2/3 vote)  
Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

L. APPOINTMENTS
1. Accept resignation of Rob DeLain from the Parks and Recreation Board  
2. Mayoral Appointment of Timothy Hale to the Parks and Recreation Board for the term of 1/7/2019—10/1/2019  
Moved by Ald. Sevenich seconded by Ald. Krueger to accept resignation of Rob DeLain and approve appointment of Timothy Hale to the Parks and Recreation Board. 
General discussion ensued on Mayor’s appointment process and resume/letter of interest submitted by appointees.  
Motion carried on voice vote.

M. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY

N. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA  
(five (5) minute time limit for each person)  
Sandra Dabill Taylor, 545 Broad Street, Menasha. She commented on how Council reacted to Willow Lane residents compared to Broad Street residents. She asked how to get something in Council packet. She feels Broad Street issues have not been addressed and residents’ concerns have not been heard. She asked what will happen to Racine and Broad Street intersection when roundabout is installed.

O. ADJOURNMENT
Moved by Ald. Taylor seconded by Ald. Tom Grade to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.  
Motion carried on voice vote.

Deborah A. Galeazzi, WCMC  
City Clerk