A. CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order by Mayor Merkes at 6:01 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Moment of Silence was observed for Gary Carew, Menasha resident who passed away.

C. ROLL CALL
PRESENT: Aldermen Steve Krueger, Tom Grade, Ted Grade, Randy Ropella, Rebecca Nichols, James Taylor, Stan Sevenich, Mark Langdon.
ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Merkes, CA Captain, Lt. Sahr, AFC Peglow, ASD Jacobs, CDD Schroeder, DPW Radomski, PHD McKenney, PRD Tungate, Clerk Galeazzi.

D. PUBLIC HEARING
1. Garages, Accessory Buildings, and Uses within the R-1 Single Family Residence District and R-2 Two-Family Residence District (Chicken Coops)
CDD Schroeder explained the proposed amendment would allow chicken coops in R-1 and R-2 districts as a permitted accessory use. He stated the amendment will be required if the ordinance to allow chickens in the City is recommended. This will be discussed in the Administration Committee.

Mayor opened the public hearing.

Carol Sturm, 1203 Greenwood Court, Menasha. She stated allowing chicken coops shows City is open minded and inviting. Chicken coops have evolved into attractive structures with ease of cleaning and great environment for chickens.

Sandra Dabill Taylor, 545 Broad Street, Menasha. Notice published did not mention chicken coop. Issue with City being vague on items being discussed. She was upset with process to amend the City Code.

John Davel, 1207 Greenwood Court, Menasha. He supports zoning change to allow chicken coops. If City will be allowing chickens they need coops.

Richard Eisenach, 1200 Greenwood Court, Menasha. He supports zoning change allowing chicken coops.

Mayor Merkes closed the public hearing.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE CITY
(five (5) minute time limit for each person)
Linda Stoll, 1525 Rue Reynard Road, Menasha, Chairman of Sustainability Board. She spoke on the ordinance to allow chickens in the City. In the past, the Sustainability Board had researched allowing chickens in the City and felt they did not have all the facts to recommend allowing them at that time. Recently the Board was asked again to research chickens. They checked with other communities and agencies to get facts on allowing chickens. The Board feels the ordinance presented is a solid one and would be enforceable.

Sarah Mlodik, 357 Winnebago Avenue, Menasha. She supports allowing chickens in City. She stated benefits to raising backyard chickens. She encourages the Council to allow chickens in the City. Noise made by chickens is not as loud as dogs barking.
Tess Gregoire, 373 Nassau Street, Menasha. She supports allowing chickens in the City. She stated benefits of raising chickens.

Dick Sturm, 1203 Greenwood Court, Menasha. He spoke on the ordinance to be discussed by Administration Committee to allow chickens in the City. He explained meeting with staff and attending the different committees’ open meetings and the transparency of the process. He thanked staff and members of the committees for their work on putting together a fair and reasonable ordinance. Other communities and agencies were consulted when the ordinance was created.

John & Cathy Davel, 1207 Greenwood Court, Menasha. They have experienced living next to people who had chickens and the chickens have not been a nuisance or detrimental to the neighborhood.

Deran Johnson, 2891 Birling Court, Menasha. She stated benefits to raising chickens. Neighboring communities allow chickens and it does not seem to be an issue.

Carol Sturm, 1203 Greenwood Court, Menasha. She spoke on the proposed ordinance to allow chickens in the City. She stated the benefits of raising chickens. The popularity of having backyard chickens has increased recently since people want to know where their food supply is coming from. Other communities have similar ordinances and she has not heard of any issues.

Sandra Dabill Taylor, 545 Broad Street, Menasha. She commented on the committees that discussed allowing chickens in the City. She is opposed to allowing chickens in the City, especially in the older neighborhoods. She stated chicken coops are similar to sheds. She stated her concerns about the Strong Neighborhoods Menasha housing program. TIF funds should go back to taxpayers. She commented on the bids for Broad Street reconstruction and angle parking restrictions.

Dan & Kathy Paulik, 604 15th Street, Menasha. They support chickens in City. They have had chickens in the past, before they were aware the City did not allow them. They have not experienced a noise issue with chickens.

F. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF/CONSULTANTS
1. Introduction & swearing in of new firefighter, Josh Boelk.
   AFC Peglow introduced new firefighter Josh Boelk. Clerk Galeazzi swore in Firefighter Boelk and his family was present to pin him with his badge.

2. Clerk Galeazzi—the following minutes and communications have been received and placed on file:
   Minutes to receive:
   a. Administration Committee, 3/4/2019
   c. Board of Public Works, 3/4/2019
   d. Committee on Aging, 1/11/2019
   e. Housing Authority, 3/11/2019
   f. Library Board, 2/27/2019
   g. Plan Commission, 3/5/2019
   h. Personnel Committee, 3/4/2019
   i. Redevelopment Authority, 3/5/2019
   j. Sustainability Committee, 2/21/2019

Communications:
   k. Elected Officials Seminar Memorandum, 3/14/2019, Clerk Galeazzi

Moved by Ald. Sevenich seconded by Ald. Krueger to receive Minutes & Communication 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:
   Administration Committee, 3/4/2019, Recommends the Approval of:
2. Strong Neighborhoods Menasha—A Housing Renovation Initiative Program
   Board of Public Works, 3/4/2019, Recommends the Approval of:
3. Recommendation to Award—Contract Unit No. 2019-01; New Street Construction; Province Terrace, Jennie Street, Province Link, and Midway Crossing (Various Locations); Sommers Construction Co., Inc.; $697,062.40
4. Recommendation to Award—Contract Unit No. 2019-03; Street Reconstruction; Various locations—Broad Street, Melissa Street, Grove Street, Lawndale Drive/Court, Greenwood Drive, Frederick Street, and Library Parking Lot; Northeast Asphalt, Inc.; $393,347.33
5. Rear Yard Drainage Program
   Personnel Committee, 3/4/2019, Recommends the Approval of:

Ald. Sevenich requested to remove items 2, 3, 4 and Ald. Nichols requested to remove item 5 from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Ald. Sevenich seconded by Ald. Krueger to approve Consent Agenda items 1 & 6. Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

   General discussion ensued on the intent of the program being for renovating neighborhoods, concerns on offering forgivable loans, revolving loan fund, similar programs in other communities, how to track those that participate in the program, and program not being funded with taxpayer dollars.

   CDD Schroeder explained the program will be effective on 1/1/2020 so there can be some changes and additional restrictions to the program. The intent was to make an easy way to implement and monitor the program. The program is to encourage people to move into the City of Menasha and to improve the neighborhoods in the City.

   Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

2. Moved by Ald. Krueger seconded by Ald. Langdon to approve Consent Agenda item 3, Recommendation to Award—Contract Unit No. 2019-01; New Street Construction; Province Terrace, Jennie Street, Province Link, and Midway Crossing (Various Locations); Sommers Construction Co., Inc.; $697,062.40.

   Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

3. Moved by Ald. Krueger seconded by Ald. Langdon to approve Consent Agenda 4, Recommendation to Award—Contract Unit No. 2019-03; Street Reconstruction; Various locations—Broad Street, Melissa Street, Grove Street, Lawndale Drive/Court, Greenwood Drive, Frederick Street, and Library Parking Lot; Northeast Asphalt, Inc.; $393,347.33

   Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

General discussion ensued on the non-refundable fee and additional time staff is dedicating to this program.

DPW Radomski explained the non-refundable fee and the timeline of events to process an application for rear yard drainage. The changes are to promote the property owner’s involvement in the process, instead of having City staff do the work and then the property owner backing out.

Motion carried on roll call 7-1. Ald. Nichols voted no.

There was no objection to Mayor Merkes request to move to item K-2.

I. ACTION ITEMS
      Moved by Ald. Nichols seconded by Ald. Ted Grade to approve accounts payable and payroll. General discussion ensued on expenditures. Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

      Moved by Ald. Nichols seconded by Ald. Krueger to approve beverage operator’s license application for the 2017-2019 licensing period as listed in memo dated 3/4/19. Motion carried on voice vote.

J. HELD OVER BUSINESS
   1. Recommendation for denial of Beverage Operators License for Michelle Long
      Lt. Sahr reported nothing was received from Ms. Long that would allow her to enter an establishment that served alcohol as per her probation.

      Moved by Ald. Nichols seconded by Ald. Krueger to deny the beverage operator’s license for Michelle Long. Motion carried on voice vote.

K. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
   1. R-7-19—A Resolution to Approve the Cancellation of Outstanding Checks; and the Write Off of General Uncollectible Accounts Receivables and Delinquent Personal Property Tax Receivables (Introduced by Mayor Merkes)
      Moved by Ald. Nichols seconded by Ald. Krueger to approve R-7-19 A Resolution to Approve the Cancellation of Outstanding Checks; and the Write Off of General Uncollectible Accounts Receivables and Delinquent Personal Property Tax Receivables (Introduced by Mayor Merkes). Motion carried on roll call 8-0.

   2. R-8-19—A Resolution Approving the Project Plan and Establishing the Boundaries for and the Creation of Tax Incremental District No. 14, City of Menasha, Wisconsin (Introduced by Mayor Merkes)
      Peter Jungbacker from Alexander and Bishop Real Estate Capital Markets explained the current situation with Shopko and the proposed development.

      General discussion ensued on function of Tax Increment Financing and creating as a “Pay as You Go TIF”.

      Jonathan Schatz from Ehlers explained a pay as you go TIF, the developer is only paid increment as development happens.
General discussion ensued on anticipated increase in property values after development, other development Mr. Jungbacker has been involved in, attracting other businesses to the area, timeline of the start of development, and the Project Plan for TIF 14.

Moved by Ald. Sevenich seconded by Ald. Ted Grade to approve R-8-19 A Resolution Approving the Project Plan and Establishing the Boundaries for and the Creation of Tax Incremental District No. 14, City of Menasha, Wisconsin (Introduced by Mayor Merkes)
Motion carried on roll call 5-3; Ald. Nichols, Sevenich, Tom Grade, Ted Grade, Ropella voted yes. Ald. Taylor, Langdon, Krueger voted no.

3. R-9-19—Support for Letter of Intent to Apply for University of Wisconsin Partnership Program Community Impact Grant Program: Lead Safe Menasha; Introduced by Mayor Merkes
PHD McKenney explained the resolution authorizes the Health Department to submit a letter of intent to apply for a Community Impact Grant to advance Lead Safe Menasha, a childhood lead poisoning prevention program.

Moved by Ald. Nichols seconded by Ald. Krueger to approve R-9-19 Support for Letter of Intent to Apply for University of Wisconsin Partnership Program Community Impact Grant Program: Lead Safe Menasha; Introduced by Mayor Merkes
Motion carried on voice vote.

L. APPOINTMENTS
Moved by Ald. Sevenich seconded by Ald. Ted Grade to approve reappointment of Arnie Collier to Landmarks Commission.

Ald. Langdon announced he will be abstaining.

Ald. Taylor voiced his concern that Mr. Collier was not a good candidate for this committee.

Motion carried on voice vote. Ald. Taylor voiced nay; Ald. Langdon abstained.

M. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY
None

N. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA
(five (5) minute time limit for each person)
No one spoke.

O. ADJOURNMENT
Moved by Ald. Taylor seconded by Ald. Krueger to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.
Motion carried on voice vote.

Deborah A. Galeazzi, WCMC
City Clerk