1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Bradford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Chuck Bradford

Councilmembers:

Henry Blair

Lyle Hoaglund

Jeffrey Ingalls

Lynnette Nash

Others Present: City Clerk-Treasurer Gretchen Lohrbach

Public Works Lead Joe Adams

Public Works Wade Schroeder

Tim Hruska - WHKS

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Changes to the Agenda**

Council approved adding a lot purchase of a portion of 16 5th Street West to New Business.

1. **Consent Agenda**

Councilmember Blair requested to pull out item 4E – Dodge County Sheriff’s Contract for 2025.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ingalls and seconded by Councilmember Blair to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items:

* 1. County Commissioners Regular Minutes 7.23.24
  2. Mantorville Fire Department General Meeting Minutes August 2024
  3. Accounts Payable-Warrant List 8.26.24
  4. Council regular Meeting Minutes for 7.22.24
  5. **Tabled until next meeting**
  6. Resolution 2024-18 Accepting Donation from KMTEL for National Night Out

Motion carried: 5 ayes / 0 nays

Discussion about some of the language in the contract was discussed. Scott Rose will be invited to the next meeting to address Council’s questions.

Councilmember Nash moved and Councilmember Hoaglund seconded to table the Sheriff’s Contract for 2025 until the next meeting.

Motion carried: 5 ayes / 0 nays

1. **Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions *– No Items***
2. **Public Concerns – *No Items***
3. **Public Safety Update**

Traffic has been good since HWY 57 re-opened and the bump-outs have been working to slow down traffic.

1. **Public Hearings *– No Items***
2. **Old Business/New Business**

Tim Hruska – WHKS addressed the Council about the resident at 508 Clay Street wanting to purchase 20 feet of the lot adjoining them, 16 5th Street West. A certificate of survey was provided to Council. Hruska and attorneys have been working together to put this agreement together for the homeowners involved. Councilmember Hoaglund asked if lot will be too small, or still conforming. Hruska said it would still conform.

Councilmember Hoaglund moved and Councilmember Nash seconded to approve the lot purchase of a portion of 16 5th Street East by the resident at 508 Clay Street.

Motion Carried: 5 ayes / 0 nays

* 1. Dodge Center Ambulance had a meeting regarding creating a Special Taxing District involving Dodge Center, Mantorville, Kasson, and Claremont on August 28th. It would be a joint venture agreement with 4 voting members. There is a concern about how to break a tie vote. The next meeting is coming up on September 19th. Mayor Bradford and Councilmember Nash will try and be present at this meeting. Dodge Center Ambulance will also present to Council again at a later date.

Councilmember Ingalls moved and Councilmember Hoaglund seconded to table this discussion until the next meeting.

Motion carried: 5 ayes / 0 nays

* 1. The rebranding of Casey’s calls for new signage. Mantorville Restoration Association does not approve of the new design. Because of trademark laws, Council will need to approve the Casey’s new signage. Councilmember Nash also mentioned that when consulting with the attorney, it was decided that a new sign permit is not needed because the sign fronts are the only part changing. She feels this may be something we need to revisit in our ordinances in the future and what fonts may need to be defined, as Councilmember Blair brought to Council’s attention that there are many different font styles in out Historic District. Councilmember Ingalls also mentioned that some historic Districts enforce small signs so companies can still use their trademark, only smaller. Mayor Bradford agreed that we wouldn’t be able to regulate what goes on the sign, but that we could regulate size and height.

Councilmember Blair moved and Councilmember Nash seconded to approve the change in Casey’s signage, but request that something could be done with the chicken, reduced in size or removed, if possible.

Motion Carried: 5 ayes / 0 nays

* 1. City Clerk Lohrbach included a rough preliminary budget for 2025 in the Council packet for reviewal. The firemen need new radios in 2025 and a new drain in their truck bay. The street budget may change after Public Works Lead Adams’s assessment of street health. He will also speak to the firemen about the drain. City Clerk Lohrbach said there were water main breaks that weren’t budgeted for this last year that we should budget for their possibility next year. Councilmember Ingalls asked for a list of the dates for the preliminary levy date and the final levy, truth in taxation, date. City Clerk Lohrbach will get this information to Council.

Councilmember Ingalls moved and Councilmember Nash seconded to table the 2025 Preliminary Budget.

Motion carried: 5 ayes / 0 nays

1. **Tabled Items – *No Items***
2. **Reports**
3. Public Works Report

* S.L. Contracting can do street sweeping again this year before Marigold Days with a cost of $615.00.

Councilmember Hoaglund moved and Councilmember Blair seconded to approve the street sweeping by S.L. Contracting.

Motion Carried: 5 ayes / 0 nays

* Durst can do striping downtown before Marigold Days at a cost of $1,632.18.

Councilmember Ingalls moved and Councilmember Hoaglund seconded to approve the street striping By Durst.

Motion Carried: 5 ayes / 0 nays

* The bump-cuts need protection and could perhaps be painted next year.
* Public Works Lead Adams will reach out to Scott Huneke – WHKS about handicapped parking or an unloading zone in front of Councilmember Nash’s Chocolate Shop.
* Councilmember Ingalls would like us to revisit the idea of having No Jake-Braking signs put up when entering town.

1. City Clerk Report – No Report
2. Consultant Report – No Report
3. Committee Reports
   1. Chamber – Applying for grants similar to the one received this year for promotion of Mantorville.
   2. Economic Development Authority
   3. Finance/Budget
   4. Fire Department
   5. Infrastructure
   6. Kasson Mantorville Joint Powers
   7. Mantorville Restoration Association
   8. Park Board – Meets tomorrow.
   9. Personnel
   10. Fire Relief
   11. Township
   12. Decorations Committee – Meets again Thursday at 10:00am Councilmember Nash is working on a spreadsheet and ideas. Star and snowflake lights are being discussed for the light posts.
4. Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Ingalls has received many positive comments from people about the HWY 57 construction in town and how nice it looks now.

1. Mayor’s Report

Mayor Bradford said that MNDOT believed the “Construction and Coffee” talks during the week for updates was very successful and may do this in other communities. He said that Carla Nelson and Duane Quam confirmed they will be in attendance. Amy Klobuchar may attend, but if not, a representative of hers may be in attendance on her behalf.

1. **Executive Session – *No Items***
2. **Adjourn**

Motion made by Councilmember Ingalls and seconded by Councilmember Hoaglund at 7:50pm. 5 ayes / 0 nays. Meeting Adjourned.