

**REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
“NEW COUNCIL”
Minutes**

April 18, 2023

Brillion City Center

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mike Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by those present.

The Oath of Office was administered by Clerk/Treasurer Schreiber for Alderperson at Large Tim Hanson, Alderperson at Large Daniel Farrell, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Heather Gilbertson.

ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Mike Smith, Alderpersons Joe Behnke, Kory Davis, Dan Farrell, Tim Hanson, Shelly Lau, TJ Moehr

Not present: Ruben Piepenburg

Also present were Park & Recreation Director Ann Marx, Clerk/Treasurer Patricia Schreiber, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Heather Gilbertson

GUESTS: David Nordby-Brillion News; Wendy Behnke, Mary Jo Krueger (via zoom)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Smith updated the agenda to remove Ralph Haberland and Abigail Hantke.

Motion – Hanson moved to approve the agenda as printed and circulated with the updates from the Mayor. Seconded by Lau. Call vote taken. 6 votes in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS WILL FOLLOW CHAPTER 1 & 2 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE. MEETINGS WILL RUN UNDER THE “ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER”

Mayor Smith stated the Brillion City Council meetings will follow Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 of the Brillion Municipal Code and the meetings will run under the “Robert’s Rules of Order”.

ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT (NOMINATIONS FROM COUNCIL FLOOR)

Mayor Smith opened the City Council floor for nominations for City Council President.

Hanson nominated Behnke as City Council President. Mayor Smith asked for any other nominations. None given.

Motion – Hanson moved to closed nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Behnke as the City Council President. Seconded by Lau. Call vote taken. 5 votes in favor. Behnke abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Behnke was elected as City Council President. Oath of Office was administered by Schreiber.

SEATING OF THE COUNCIL

Smith asked Behnke to sit to his right.

Smith asked that everyone remain in these seats for the 2023-2024 Council Meetings.

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS

City Attorney –Menn Law Firm

Motion – Hanson moved to approve the appointment of Menn Law Firm Ltd as the City Attorney for the City of Brillion for a 90 day term. Seconded by Lau. Roll call vote taken. 6 votes in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Boards & Commissions

Plan Commission – 3-year term – Andy Geiger, TJ Bastian

Park & Recreation Commission – 4 yr. term – Wendy Behnke;

Judy Christianson, Al Ebert - 2 yr. term; Joel Thorpe – 3 yr. term

Police & Fire Commission – Ted Petrie

Board of Appeals – 3-year term – Sue Cohen; Roger Schwahn 1 year term; Alternate: Joe Levash

Water & Sewer Utility Commission – 5-year term: Dave Schwahn, Leonard Kopidlansky,

2-year term: Joseph Levash

Brillion Housing Authority – 5-year terms: Dana Irish; 3-year term: Kay Brandt

Cemetery Commission – 4-year term – Ron Eickert

Redevelopment Authority Commission – 5-year term –

Committee of the Whole – Council members

Adhoc Tourism Committee – 1 Year Terms -Angela Jellum, Chandresh Patel, Lindsey Johnson,

Aaron Kabat, Jennifer “Louie” Lecker

Finance and Purchasing Committee – 3 years: Amy O’Connell, Joan Schmitt;

1 year: Mary Jo Krueger

Protections of Persons and Property – 3 year terms - Tom Kees, Jason Pielhop, Dan Farrell

Library Board – 3 Year Terms – Brittany Smith, Tammy Fischer

Motion – Hanson moved to collectively confirm Mayor Smith’s appointment of the Boards and Commission as presented with the exception of Ralph Haberland and Abigail Hantke and number 12 being a 3 year term. Seconded by Davis. Call taken. 6 votes in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Board of Review – Joe Behnke, Tim Hanson, Dan Farrell (3 Alderpersons Appointed by the Mayor Annually)

Cemetery Commission -Ruben Piepenburg

Library Board -TJ Moehr

Plan Commission -Dan Farrell

Park & Recreation Commission -Tim Hanson

Redevelopment Authority -Kory Davis

Adhoc Tourism Committee -Shelly Lau

Water & Sewer Utility Commission -Dan Farrell

Housing Authority – TJ Moehr

Finance and Purchasing Committee – Council President

Protections of Persons and Property – Joe Behnke

Motion – Lau moved to approve the appointment of Council Representatives on Boards & Commission as listed collectively. Seconded by Davis. Call taken. 6 votes in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH OFFICER – CALUMET COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Motion – Behnke moved to confirm Mayor Smith’s appointment of the Calumet County Health Department as the City’s Health Officer. Seconded by Lau. Call vote. 6 votes in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

WEED COMMISSIONER

Motion – Lau moved to confirm Mayor Smith’s appointment of Troy Mohr as the City’s Weed Commissioner. Seconded by Farrel. Call vote taken. 6 votes in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICAL NEWSPAPER (BRILLION NEWS)

Motion – Lau moved to confirm Mayor Smith’s appointment of the Brillion News as the City’s official newspaper. Seconded by Hanson. Call vote taken. 6 votes in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES

State Bank of Chilton

Verve – A Credit Union

Collins State Bank

Motion – Lau moved to collectively confirm Mayor Smith’s appointment of State Bank of Chilton, Verve – A Credit Union, and Collins State Bank as Public Depositories for the City of Brillion. Seconded by Hanson. Call vote taken. 6 votes in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL TO UPDATE COMMISSIONS AND BOARD MEMBERS, COUNCIL MEMBERS & MAYOR ON CITY WEBSITE AND APPROVAL TO PUBLISH

New council member handouts were given tonight. Council members were asked to notify the City when address or phone numbers change.

Motion – Moehr moved to update the Commissions and Board Members, City Council Members and Mayor on City Website and approve to publish. Seconded by Farrell. Call vote taken. 6 votes in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS - none

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS AND FUTURE GOALS – MAYOR SMITH:

The mayor is excited about what has been accomplished in the past year and is looking forward to more exciting things to come. Excited for Behnke to be Council President.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

PRESS TIME: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:17PM.

Heather Gilbertson
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer