

**COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL ROOM
APRIL 16, 2024
4:00 P.M.**

The Common Council meeting in annual session was called to order by Mayor Poeschel. On roll call: Council Member Counsell absent, all other members present.

The City Clerk swore in Duane G. Poeschel, Barbara A. Petkovsek and Clarissa M. Rochester for their terms in their respective offices.

The Council welcomed Duane G. Poeschel (Mayor), Barbara A. Petkovsek (Third Ward Council Member) and Clarissa M. Rochester (Fourth Ward Council Member) as newly elected and re-elected members.

Mayor Poeschel announced that the purpose of this meeting is to reorganize the Council and make appointments of the various officials, boards, committees and commissions. Mayor Poeschel presented nominees for Council consideration.

Health Officer: Motion Neville, second Clough, that Doris Bakker (2026) be re-appointed as Health Officer. All Aye.

Weed Commissioner: Motion Neville, second Rochester, that the Director of Public Works (2025) be re-appointed as Weed Commissioner. All Aye.

Building Inspector: Motion Clough, second Rochester, that the Director of Public Works (2025) be re-appointed as Building Inspector. All Aye.

Zoning Administrator: Motion Petkovsek, second Rochester, that the Director of Public Works (2025) be re-appointed as Zoning Administrator. All Aye.

Emergency Government Director: Motion Rochester, second Clough, that the Chief of Police (2025) be re-appointed as Emergency Government Director. All Aye.

City Forester: Motion Neville, second Clough, that the Cemetery Sexton/Parks Director (2025) be re-appointed as City Forester. All Aye.

Official Newspaper: Motion Clough, second Rochester, that the Clark County Press (2025) be re-appointed as the City's official newspaper. All Aye.

City Hall Custodian: Motion Petkovsek, second Rochester, that the City Clerk-Treasurer (2025) be re-appointed as City Hall Custodian. All Aye.

Representative to the Municipal Ambulance Board: Motion Neville, second Clough, that Council Member Counsell (2025) be re-appointed as the City's Representative to the Municipal Ambulance Board. All Aye.

Representative to the Community Fire Hall Board: Motion Neville, second Petkovsek, that Council Member Rochester (2025) be appointed as the City's Representative to the Community Fire Hall Board. All Aye.

Historic Preservation Commission: Motion Petkovsek, second Clough, that Council Member Clough, Natalie Erpenbach, Brigitte Witte, Nicole Keller, Barb Miller, Jeff Kluckhohn and Eileen Hediger be appointed as members of the Historic Preservation Commission (2025), with Natalie Erpenbach as Chair. All Aye.

Illegal Tax Committee: Motion Clough, second Petkovsek, that Council Members Counsell, Neville and Rochester be appointed as members of the Illegal Tax Committee (2025), with Council Member Counsell as Chair. All Aye.

Solid Waste and Recycling Committee: Motion Petkovsek, second Clough, that Council Members Counsell, Neville and Rochester and the Director of Public Works be appointed as members of the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee (2025), with Council Member Counsell as Chair. All Aye.

Committee on Finance: Motion Neville, second Clough, that the Mayor and entire Council shall constitute the Committee on Finance (2025), with Mayor Poeschel as Chair. All Aye.

Board of Review: Motion Clough, second Rochester, that the Mayor and entire Council, with the City Clerk-Treasurer as Secretary, shall constitute the Board of Review (2025), with Mayor Poeschel as Chair. All Aye.

Library Board: Motion Rochester, second Petkovsek, that Council Member Neville (2025), John Gaier-School District Superintendent (2027), Margaret Gelhaus (2027) and Graeme Williams (2027) be re-appointed as members of the Library Board. All Aye. Other members are: Mary Sladich (2025), Peggy Buchda (2026), Logan Grap (2026). The Library Board elects its own Chair.

Board of Health: Motion Neville, second Clough, that the Mayor and entire Council shall constitute the Board of Health (2025), with Mayor Poeschel as Chair. All Aye.

Commission on Public Works/Utilities: Motion Petkovsek, second Rochester, that the Mayor and entire Council shall constitute the Commission on Public Works/Utilities (2025). All Aye. The Commission on Public Works/Utilities elects its own Chair.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Motion Neville, second Rochester, that Council Member Clough (2025) be re-appointed as member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, with Julie Counsell as Chair. All Aye. Other members are: Julie Counsell (2025) and Mandy Krejci (2025), Duane Poeschel (2026) and Lynn Schoengarth (2026).

Planning Commission: Motion Clough, second Rochester, that Mayor Poeschel (2025), Council Member Rochester (2025), Parks and Recreation Board Chair (2025), Natalie Erpenbach (2027) and Allan Hoesly (2027) be appointed as members of the Planning Commission, with Mayor Poeschel as Chair. All Aye. Other members are: Greg Glisczinski (2025) and Amber Vine (2026).

Parks and Recreation Board: Motion Petkovsek, second Rochester, that Council Member Neville (2025), Julie Simek (2027), and Ryan Tews (2027) be appointed as members of the Parks and Recreation Board, with Council Member Neville as Chair. All Aye. Other members are: Robin Harder (2025), Sue Voigt-Representative of the School District (2025), Mandy Krejci (2026) and Jacob Ormond (2026).

Police and Fire Commission: Motion Neville, second Clough, that Tim A. Voigt (2029) be re-appointed as member of the Police and Fire Commission, with Margaret Gelhaus as Chair. All Aye. Other members are: Margaret Gelhaus (2025), Robert Johnson (2028), Allan Hoesly (2026) and Brad Lindner (2027).

Airport Commission: Motion Clough, second Neville, that Council Member Rochester (2025), Director of Public Works (2025) be appointed as members of the Airport Commission, with Council Member Rochester as Chair. Council Member Petkovsek-abstained. All other members-Aye. Motion carried. Other members are: DeWayne Seelow (2027), Bob Petkovsek (2028) and Mark Olson (2029).

Board of Cemetery Commissioners: Motion Rochester, second Neville, that Council Members Clough and Counsell, City Clerk-Treasurer, Mandy Krejci and Lori Pekol be re-appointed as members of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners (2025), with Council Member Clough as Chair. All Aye.

Commission on Economic Development: Motion Petkovsek, second Rochester, that Mayor Poeschel (2025), Daniel Clough (2027) and Carrie Morrell (2027) be re-appointed as members of the Commission on Economic Development, with Mayor Poeschel as Chair. All Aye. Other members are: William Neville (2025), Julie Simek (2025), John Gaier (2026) and Justin Poeschel (2026).

Grants Committee: Motion Neville, second Clough, that Council Member Petkovsek (2025), Natalie Erpenbach (2027), Deanna Heiman (2027) be re-appointed as members of the Grants Committee, with Natalie Erpenbach as Chair. All Aye. Other members are: Brent Shoup (2025) and Jody Conner (2026).

Tourism Committee: Motion Clough, second Rochester, that Council Member Neville, James Voss, Margaret Grap, Amber Vine and Susan Voigt be re-appointed as members of the Tourism Commission (2025) with Council Member Neville as Chair. All Aye.

Personnel Committee: Motion Rochester, second Clough, that Mayor Poeschel, Council Members Counsell, Neville and Petkovsek be re-appointed as members of the Personnel Committee (2025), with Council Member Petkovsek as Chair. All Aye.

Property Committee: Motion Neville, second Petkovsek, that Council Members Clough, Counsell and Rochester, Mandy Krejci and Kory Poeschel be appointed as members of the Property Committee (2025), with Council Member Clough as Chair. All Aye.

Heritage Days Committee: Motion Clough, second Neville, that Council Member Rochester, Dale Erickson, Michelle Friemoth, Logan Grap, Barb Miller, Jose Neville, Katie Mohr, Tom Opelt, Jerry Pfeiffer, Justin Poeschel and Michael Winder be re-appointed as members of the Heritage Days Committee (2025), with Jose Neville as Chair. All Aye.

Beautification Committee: Motion Neville, second Rochester, that Council Member Petkovsek, Doris Bakker, Kathy Brugger, Margaret Gelhaus, Linda Hemp, Barb Miller, Janice Miller and Lori Pekol be re-appointed as members of the Beautification Committee (2025), with Council Member Petkovsek as Chair. All Aye.

Transit Committee: Motion Rochester, second Petkovsek, that Council Member Neville, Daniel Clough, Kory Poeschel and Amber Vine be re-appointed as members of the Transit Committee (2025), with Council Member Neville as Chair. All Aye.

President of the Council: Mayor Poeschel called for nominations. Council Member Clough nominated Council Member Neville as President of the Council. Mayor Poeschel called three times for further nominations. There being none. Motion Petkovsek, second Rochester, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Council Member Neville as President of the Council (2025). All Aye.

City Clerk Roehl reported that the Open Book will be Tuesday, April 30, 2024 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and Board of Review will be Monday, May 20, 2024 from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

Motion Neville, second Clough, to adjourn. All Aye.

Duane G. Poeschel, Mayor

Rex R. Roehl, Clerk

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**BOARD OF HEALTH
COUNCIL ROOM
APRIL 16, 2024
4:30 P.M.**

The Board of Health met in annual session, Mayor Poeschel presiding. On roll call: Council Member Counsell absent, all other members present. Also present: City Health Officer Doris Bakker, Director of Public Works Luke Friemoth and City Clerk-Treasurer Rex R. Roehl.

The minutes of the previous meeting were declared approved.

Health Officer Bakker presented the City's annual health report and activities for 2023-2024 regarding: liquor, beer and wine license inspections; feral cats being a major problem with people feeding them; COVID 19 was mainly handled at the Clark County level with very little involvement by the City; cockroaches; living conditions and hygiene issues with lack

of cooperation from landlords; garbage being set out days ahead of collection; and unoccupied buildings.

Discussion followed on property owners lack of pride in maintaining their properties-brush, tires and vehicle accumulations. The City can abate these items, how much do we want to spend, ultimately it will end up on the tax roll for collection.

Discussion followed on feral cats, dog bites and reporting, the old Hotel property, spring clean up letters and possible Beautification Committee involvement.

Discussion followed on the annual inspection tour. The City ordinance does not require a tour. Discussion followed on a joint Board of Health tour versus individual tours by Council Members.

Motion Petkovsek, second Neville, that each Council Member do an individual tour with the Director of Public Works by June 1, 2024 and a report of properties be made. All Aye.

Motion Rochester, second Clough, to adjourn. All Aye.

Duane G. Poeschel, Mayor

Rex R. Roehl, Clerk

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