

**JUNE 8, 2020 SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF EDGERTON**

Mayor Christopher Lund called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Sarah Braun (remotely), Casey Langan, Candy Davis, Robert Reynolds, Anne Radtke (remotely) and Jim Burdick.

Others Present: City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, City Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Hegglund, Utility Director Randy Oren (remotely), Municipal Services Director Howard Moser (remotely), Police Chief Bob Kowalski, Aquatics Director Anne Gohlke, Library Director Kirsten Almo, City Attorney Bill Morgan, The Edgerton Reporter and a few citizens.

Hegglund confirmed the meeting agendas were properly posted on Friday, June 5, 2020 at the Post Office, City Hall, Edgerton Library door and City's website.

RE-OPENING CITY SWIMMING POOL: Jim Burdick asked Aquatics Director Anne Gohlke if she would be able to effectively manage the pool under the current and future Rock County Guidelines. Anne Gohlke stated she has attended numerous virtual seminars and has spoken to surrounding communities. Using all the knowledge she has gained she developed a plan for the opening and operation of the pool following all of the Rock County Guidelines.

Ramona Flanigan reported the Rock County Health Department had anticipated making a determination about moving on to the next COVID 19 phase last Thursday. Rock County postponed that determination until Wednesday or Thursday of this week. She also stated the Governor has allocated funds to municipalities to cover expenses related to COVID. Some of the extra staffing and additional supplies may be eligible for reimbursement using those funds.

Candy Davis voiced her concern regarding staff being comfortable turning patrons away if the pool reaches capacity. Anne Gohlke stated she will prepare her staff and give additional training.

Casey Langan asked about setting an age limit for young patrons to come in without an adult. Anne Gohlke stated currently the age limit is 8 years of age. Casey Langan felt having a parent there with the younger patrons would help with the social distancing enforcement.

The Council discussed the pros and cons of changing the age limits. They also discussed how the change would be implemented and managed.

Candy Davis inquired about how the pool would be managed if the Guidelines are going back and forth between phases.

The Council discussed breaking the day up into shifts to give more patrons an opportunity to use the facility. Anne Gohlke stated she is in favor of the idea of shifts but would have to come up with a schedule so staff can clean between each shift.

Casey Langan asked about swim lessons and asked if lessons were going to be offered. Anne Gohlke stated the Red Cross suggests requiring a parent/guardian to be in the pool for lessons with swim levels 1-3 and the instructor be on the deck demonstrating with a doll. For levels 4-6, the kids can be in the water and the instructor on the deck. Anne Radtke stated she would like the City to follow the Red Cross recommendations.

Candy Davis asked about temperature checks. Anne Gohlke stated she would like to do that for the staff but is unaware of the legalities of doing it on patrons. Attorney Morgan stated he did not think it would be a violation to require temperature checks.

Robert Reynolds stated he feels that if there were too many restrictions and rules, the patrons would choose to not use the pool. He suggested to enact the basic restrictions and not make too many rules. Candy Davis stated she disagreed. She felt it was the responsibility of the elected officials to make sure there were rules and guidelines in place if the pool was going to open to keep the community and the employees safe. Jim Burdick stated all the regulations would be posted in many different areas and if the patrons did not agree they could choose to not use the pool.

It was requested the pool be open in shifts to give more patrons the opportunity to utilize the pool. Anne Gohlke recommended times for the swim shifts with time for cleaning in between. Mayor Lund recommended they re-evaluate at the second Council meeting in July if this is working and how many people are being turned away. Mayor Lund also suggested offering passes for entrance to the next shift available if a patron is turned away at one shift.

Casey Langan suggested only offering admittance to Edgerton School District residents. Anne Gohlke questioned how this can be monitored. Some of the patrons will not have any identification. Ramona Flanigan stated this could possibly impact the revenues. The pool could possibly be under capacity and if we turn away any non-resident patrons would cause revenue loss. Anne Gohlke felt this would be difficult to monitor because of the different dynamics of the families that use the pool.

Alec Hanson, 1150 Fieldcrest Dr, spoke as a former employee of the pool and a long-time patron. He stated he currently works at Home Depot and he was hired to specifically count patrons coming in and out. He suggested having someone tally the number. Maybe then the city could allow people to come in if the pool goes under capacity during any shift.

Annette Verichek, 902 Dickinson Ave, spoke in favor of opening the pool. She feels the pool can be opened with some restrictions. She also felt that if the pool doesn't open it could cause overcrowding at other swimming facilities like beaches that may not be a safe environment.

Casey Langan/Candy Davis moved to require any patron 12 years old or younger to be accompanied by an adult to enter the pool. The motion failed on a 2/4 roll call vote. Candy Davis, Robert Reynolds, Anne Radtke, and Jim Burdick voted against the motion.

Candy Davis/Casey Langan moved to require any patron 11 years old or younger to be accompanied by a responsible person while at the pool. The motion passed on 4/2 roll call vote. Robert Reynolds and Anne Radtke voted against the motion.

Robert Reynolds moved to open the pool effective July 1st. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Robert Reynolds/Jim Burdick moved to open the pool effective July 1 subject to conditions attached.

A Jim Burdick/Candy Davis moved to amend the main motion and add 2 shifts; 3 ½ hours each to be determined by the Pool Director The motion passed on a 4/2 roll call vote. Sarah Braun and Anne Radtke voted against the motion.

Candy Davis/Sarah Braun moved to amend the main motion to add following the Rock County Guidelines Phases regarding pool regulations. The motion tied on a 3/3 roll call vote. Sarah Braun, Robert Reynolds, and Anne Radtke voted against the motion. Mayor Lund broke the tie with a yes vote. The motion passed.

Casey Langan suggested that we require at least one person in a group be in the Edgerton School District. He felt the taxpayers were the ones paying for the pool and wants to include the surrounding area within reason. Area residents should not be turned away when a big group from out of town shows up. Anne Gohlke was concerned about how this would be monitored. She felt it would be very difficult to verify school district residency.

Casey Langan/Anne Radtke moved to amend the main motion to add a requirement that at least 1 attendee of the group to be a resident of the Edgerton School District. The motion failed on a 2/4 roll call vote. Candy Davis, Robert Reynolds, Anne Radtke and Jim Burdick voted against the motion.

Jim Burdick/Candy Davis moved to amend the main motion to add only offering day passes, at the current rate of \$4 per person and follow past practice on discounts for shortened time periods. The motion passed on a 4/2 roll call vote. Robert Reynolds and Anne Radtke voted against the motion.

Robert Reynolds/Jim Burdick moved to amend the main motion to add allowing the Pool Director to control lessons, swim team, lap swims, aerobics and concession stand as she sees fit. The motion passed on a 5/1 roll call vote. Anne Radtke voted against the motion.

The original motion to open the pool effective July 1 subject to conditions attached passed on a 4/2 roll call vote. Casey Langan and Anne Radtke voted against the motion.

Mayor Lund requested a report at upcoming meetings regarding attendance and expenses so the Council can monitor how the pool is going.

Being no other business before the Council, a Candy Davis/Robert Reynolds motion to adjourn passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

Cindy Hegglund/wl
City Clerk-Treasurer

Adopted June 15, 2020