

**CITY OF BEAVER DAM, WISCONSIN
SPECIAL CALL OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
INAUGURAL MEETING APRIL 16, 2019**

INAUGURAL MEETING of the Common Council was held on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Abfall, Anderson, Appenfeldt, Burnett, Fischer, Hansen, Henriksen, Loizzo, Morgan, Nelson, Olson, Shelton, Yuds, 13. Absent and Excused: Doyle, 1.

Pledge to Flag / Silent Deliberation

John Somers, City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Alderpersons.

INAUGURAL MESSAGE

April 16, 2019

Welcome again to everyone for being here this evening. Thanks to all of you in the audience for joining us on this special evening to celebrate our elected officials. I would like to give a special thanks to our elected representatives. For those of you that recently went through a contested race and held on and for those of you that were uncontested, we thank you for making the decision to keep forging ahead. And of course for those of you that are in an off-year we thank you for continuing your work.

As I reflected on our common Council meeting last night, I found the after-meeting celebration to be very fitting. I was thankful to celebrate two individuals that gave themselves to public service for a collective 24 years. They spent precious time away from family, agreed to put themselves “out there” in the public eye, which we know is harder than ever today with social media influences, they agreed to take on the extra stress-sometimes faced with making an unpopular decision. When reflecting, I felt a deep sense of gratitude not only to Lisa, Robert and yourselves but to the leaders before us, that faced different challenges than we do, but many challenges nonetheless and who helped bring all of us here today.

I would like to share a couple of those individuals with you this evening starting with Mary Spellman, Beaver Dam’s 32nd Mayor from 1934-1938. Mary was the first female mayor in the State of Wisconsin and one of the very few across the country at that time. Newspapers from coast to coast including the Washington Post, published stories about “Miss Mary’s” election. Mary received telegrams from all over the nation and greetings from people in foreign countries. Mary Spellman’s motto at her inauguration became, “Let us do the things that are good for the city.” The city was in the depths of the Great Depression, with a large amount of unemployment and worker unrest. Mary Spellman encouraged the development of athletic fields in the city to assist the city’s youth in developing healthy bodies. She assisted in the fundraising campaign to finance the building of a 50 room hospital which of course was St. Joseph’s Hospital. She co-founded the Beaver Dam Women’s Club. This club was responsible for introduction of manual training and domestic science courses in public schools. Work projects to ease unemployment and improve the city were accomplished under Spellman’s terms. The public schools were painted. Sidewalks and a band shell were constructed at Swan City Park. A larger, more modern water tank was built and a sanitary storm sewer system was developed. To overcome the loss of a knitting factory that had closed, Mary Spelman was instrumental in having the City purchase the factory funding its renovation and equipment, and leased the building to a shoe factory company (Weyenberg Shoe Company). Mary Spellman not only led Beaver Dam during an extremely difficult time of the Great Depression but she did it as a woman in the face of social and cultural resistance to women in leadership, in 1934, the first female mayor of Wisconsin. Mary led so that Lisa Davidson could be a part of our city leadership for 10 years, so that I might lead, and Mary, Kara, Jane, Therese and Jaclyn could lead and we in turn might open opportunities for future young women.

Our next leader in government that I wanted to share with you tonight followed immediately after Mayor Spellman. Our 33rd mayor of Beaver Dam was Clarence J. Keller from 1938 to 1948. Beaver Dam was still in the Depression when Mayor Keller began his first term in office. One of the first things he did was travel to Minneapolis, to borrow money, as the city school district could not make the teacher’s payroll and Minneapolis offered a better interest rate on the loan. The same year, Keller presided over the formal dedication of St. Joseph’s Hospital. Several important projects were accomplished during Mayor Keller’s terms in office. The Dodge County Historical Society was founded and a museum was created in the Concert Hall on Front Street. Between 1930 and 1940, a new water supply system was constructed, with a well and pumping station on North Center St. and on the lakefront. In 1939, a new downtown lighting system was installed with underground wiring. In 1942, the American Legion paid the \$2,500 balance owed on Minne-Wonka Beach which was established by the Kiwanis Club in 1930; the title was then transferred to the City, who has owned and operated it ever since. The city took over the task of hauling garbage after no one was willing to contract for the job when the former contractor passed away in 1945. In the same year, the City Council approved the purchase of 11.3 acres of property for \$2,850 that is now Lakeview Park. A new bus station was built at 202 S. Center St. Toward the end of Mayor Keller’s term, MetalFab began operation on First Street. The Hillcrest School property closed and the last class of 12 girls graduated in 1947.

Clarence’s Uncle Conrad owned a large tract of land on the east side of Beaver Dam. This is now Keller Boulevard to Oakwood Cemetery; 20 years later Clarence developed the land that now consists of residential property and streets bearing the Keller family name, and commercial property that now is the site of ShopKo in the Park Village Shopping Mall. I’d like to share with you a flyer marketing ShopKo in Beaver Dam in 1970. You can tell from the flyer the differences in retail marketing at the time and how things have changed over the years. While the future of the Shopko property is now in question, it’s helpful to reflect and consider all the

changes that have happened throughout the years and how change can bring great opportunity. In speaking with the Keller's that is exactly how they see this change-- as potential for opportunity.

We know we'll always have challenges, we know it won't be easy but Mayor Spellman and Mayor Keller and other leaders before us have left us with a blueprint to create a legacy for Beaver Dam. We're training and developing leadership, sharing potential and opportunities in Beaver Dam and seeking out partners that share the vision and want to create the legacy with us. I thank you and celebrate you and I look forward to your thoughts and ideas on how we collaborate to make it happen. Thank you.

Motion by **Nelson**, second by **Burnett**, to nominate Cris Olson for Council President. Motion by **Fischer**, second by **Yuds**, to nominate Mary Morgan for Council President. There were no further nominations. Motion by **Olson**, second by **Hanson**, to take a vote by secret ballot was approved by the following roll call vote: **Ayes: Abfall, Appenfeldt, Burnett, Hansen, Henriksen, Loizzo, Morgan, Nelson, Olson, Shelton, Yuds, 11. Noes: Anderson, Fischer, 2. The** vote was: Cris Olson 8 votes, Mary Morgan 5 votes.

Alderson Olson is the Council President for the next one (1) year term.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Glewen stated that pursuant to Section 2-46 of the Municipal Code of the City of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin "the Standing Committees of the Council shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council for a one year term."

Mayor Glewen made the following appointments:

STANDING COMMITTEES

Administrative Committee

Alderson Kara Nelson, Chairperson
Alderson Kay Appenfeldt
Alderson Kevin Burnett
Alderson David Hansen
Alderson Ken Anderson
Alderson Mick Fischer
Alderson Jaelyn Shelton

Operations Committee

Alderson Therese Henriksen, Chairperson
Alderson Jon Abfall
Alderson Dan Doyle
Alderson Jane Loizzo
Alderson Mary Morgan
Alderson Cris Olson
Alderson Jack Yuds

BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Plan Commission

Mayor Glewen, Chairperson
Ritchie Piltz, Secretary
Alderson Mary Morgan
Alderson Jane Loizzo
Bill Schwartz (Citizen)
Mark Heuer (Citizen)
Bev Beal-Loeck (Citizen)
John Moosreiner (Non-voting member)
Atty. Maryann Schacht (Non-voting member)

Community Development Committee

Alderson David Hansen, Chairperson
Alderson Kay Appenfeldt
Mary Vogl Rauscher (Citizen)
Pam Korth (Citizen)
Linda Chipman (Citizen)
Rich Ziemann (Citizen)
Philip Fritsche (Chamber of Commerce)
Ric Fiegel (Citizen)

Police & Fire Commission

Jeffrey Kohman, Chairperson
John Oathout
Nancy Conley
Casey Carney
Gary Spielman

John Kuzniewicz (Non-voting member)

Community Library Board

James Flynn, President
Aldersperson Jane Loizzo
Beth Jewell
John Haider
Steve Hannan
Mary Vogl-Rauscher
Tina Pawicz
Samantha Stamm

Sandra David (BDUSD representative)

Board of Review

Becky Glewen, Mayor
Jeff Wiswell, Sr., Secretary
Glen Link
Sionag Black
Dan Hilbert
(Alternate-vacant)

Atty. Maryann Schacht (Non-voting member)

Board of Appeals

Mike Wissell, Chairperson
Heidi Freeby
Lowell Peck
Vacant

Kay Appenfeldt (Alternate)

Bruce Gall (Alternate)

Jeff Wiswell, Sr. (Secretary)

Mayor Becky Glewen (Non-voting member)

John Moosreiner (Non-voting member)

Landmark Commission

Michael Firchow, Chairperson
Ruth Metz (Citizen)
Jessalyn Braun (Citizen)
Kate Schneider (Citizen)
Dean Mueller (Citizen)

Mark Murphy (Citizen-alternate)

Glen Link (Citizen-alternate)

Ritchie Piltz (Secretary)

Mayor Becky Glewen (Non-voting member)

John Moosreiner (Non-voting member)

Maryann Schacht (City Attorney)

Housing Authority

Aldersperson Mick Fischer

Aldersperson Vacant

Terry Zimmerlee (Citizen)

Mark Heuer (Citizen)

Mike Wissell (Citizen)

Visitor & Hospitality Committee

Aldersperson Kara Nelson

Senior Center Steering Committee

Aldersperson Dan Doyle

City Attorney

Maryann Schacht

Weed Commissioner

John Neumann

Mayor **Glewen** requested confirmation on the above appointments. Motion by **Olson**, second by **Nelson**, to confirm all of the above appointments as presented carried by the following roll call vote: **Ayes: Appenfeldt, Burnett, Hansen, Henriksen, Loizzo, Nelson, Olson, Shelton, Abfall, 9. Noes: Anderson, Fischer, Morgan, Yuds, 4.**

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Motion by **Nelson**, seconded by **Hansen**, to name the **Daily Citizen** as the Official Newspaper for the publication of the Council proceedings and the City's legal notices for the ensuing year and to fix the price at not to exceed the legal rate for like work [Sec. 985.06 (2)] for the City of Beaver Dam, carried by acclamation.

Mayor **Glewen** had City Department Heads in attendance stand and introduce themselves.

Motion by **Hansen**, second by **Loizzo**, to adjourn was carried by acclamation.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

John Somers, City Clerk
City of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin