



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 6:00 PM
City Hall, 2110 Washington St, New Holstein, WI 53061

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Konkle.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken by Langenfeld. Present were Scott Konkle, Fran Schmitz, Brad Hess, Becca Mosier, Ranee Raether, Richard Snelson, Eric Mayer, and Mayor Jeff Hebl. Also, present were City Administrator Cassandra Langenfeld, Public Works Director Jason Meyer, Police Chief Eric Fisher, Police Captain Chuck Schroeder, Fire Chief Denis Mayer.

GUESTS: none

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by Snelson, seconded by Schmitz, and carried to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mayer, seconded by Raether, and carried to approve the minutes as presented.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

FINANCE AND PURCHASING: None

PROTECTIONS OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

- A. 1. Chief Fisher provided an update: Hired a new secretary and her start date is February 14th.
2. Chief Fisher provided information on hiring and training part-time and full-time officers. There isn't a pool of part-time officers available. Fisher provided information on the cost to hire and train a new officer and the history of part-time officers completing our training process and leaving for full-time positions at other agencies. Langenfeld provided information on budget actual costs for a full-time officer, the cost to hire a new full-time officer and the ability for the city to move the part-time wage and benefit budget to the full-time officer budget to allow the city to hire a 7th Police Officer. Fisher provided sample schedules to show the amount of overtime that is created by having the Liaison officer on a 5/2 rotation instead of a 6/3 rotation similar to the other officers and by not having a 7th officer to fill shifts. Fisher explained that when he was hired the Council wanted him to reduce overtime. Fisher provided information on how changing the Liaison to a 6/3 rotation and hiring a 7th full-time officer will allow him to schedule the officers to reduce the amount of overtime while providing 24/7 coverage. Discussion occurred. A motion was made by Mosier, seconded by Snelson, and carried to recommend to the Common Council to change the Liaison officer for next year to a 6/3 rotation and to add a 7th full-time officer.
- B. 1. Mayer provided a monthly report: 6 calls last month; working on getting the new engine working. The March Committee of the Whole will be held at the Fire Station to see the new truck.
- C. 1. None

CITY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

- a. Director of Public Works, Jason Meyer provided an update: January little snow removal; installed a fence at the Tecumseh property; started on DNR Ash tree program 51 trees taken down; stump grinder was in and filled areas with topsoil to be ready to plant grass; will be pruning trees at the nursery to be able to transplant them.

RECREATION DIRECTORS:

Recreation Director Lisch provided her plan for the 2022 Aquatic Center; she provided information on not offering swim lessons with the summer school program; the kids who participate in this program don't get a lot of time in the water because by the time the walk to the pool and get in the water they have to get back out, change and walk back to the school, having spent 10 minutes in the pool. This change would eliminate the extra staff that is paid to walk the kids back and forth to the school and pool. Change lessons to have four sessions instead of three, Monday through Thursday, eliminates staffing in the mornings on Friday; break between lessons so that there won't be lessons the week of the 4th of July; saving on staffing costs and provides her with more options; allows the pool to be open an additional week in August; proposed to increase the season pass rates as they haven't been raised since 2013; raise by \$5, daily \$6 noon to five; \$3 from six to eight; block pass to \$50 for 10 visits; aquatic center rental to \$300 for two hours raising this by \$25. Discussion occurred. A motion was made by Mosier, seconded by Hess, and carried to recommend to the Common Council to change the aquatic center hours, programs, and rates for 2022.

PERSONNEL: None

OLD BUSINESS: Langenfeld provided an update on the request from WPS to purchase land on the North side of the city. WPS has informed the city that they will not pay for a Phase I study and would like \$5,000 for the parcel of land. A motion was made by Mosier, seconded by Schmitz, and carried to say no thank you on the WPS offer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Aldersperson Mosier provided a presentation on No Mow May. Discussion occurred. A motion was made by Mosier to recommend to the Common Council to suspend our noxious weed law for the month of May 2022 to participate in No Mow May, Snelson made motion to amend only for private homeowners, amended motion was seconded by Mayer, upon a call of the vote the motion passed with Mosier, Hess, Mayer, Hebl, Konkle, Snelson, and Raether voting aye and Schmitz voting no.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Cassandra Langenfeld

City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer