



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 6:00 PM

Fire Station, 2031 Wisconsin Ave, 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, and Eric Mayer. Also, present were City Administrator Cassandra Langenfeld, Deputy City Clerk Lori Beck, Public Works Director Jason Meyer, Police Chief Eric Fisher, Police Captain Chuck Schroeder, Fire Chief Denis Mayer, Recreation Director April Lisch. Others present were Attorney Steven Sorenson.

GUESTS: John Rader, CPA, MBA, Director, Baker Tilly US, LLP (virtual), Al Depies, Lions Club

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

Discussion occurred on the mayor's resignation. Attorney Sorenson provided a memorandum handout to provide answers to what the City's options are for filling the position.

Discussion occurred and information was provided on Municipal Financing.

FINANCE AND PURCHASING: None

PROTECTIONS OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

- A. 1. Chief Fisher provided an update: 181 calls for service this month; working to fill open positions; Jessica Pickart is doing great in her training and Sharon Hartman has been providing training to her.
- B. 1. Mayer provided a monthly report: 12 calls for the year, 4 calls this month; setting up driver operator training class at the station for the new staff; paying off the training tower.
- C. 1. None
- D. 1. Judge Sippel provided a written report.

CITY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

- a. Director of Public Works, Jason Meyer provided an update: removed 23 ash trees from the nursery, pruned nursery trees for transplant; snow removal; replaced 46 sections of grate on the shop floor that rotten away from salt from the trucks, replaced them with poly.

RECREATION DIRECTORS: None

PERSONNEL: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Al Depies from the New Holstein Lions Club provided information on the electronic sign located near the fire station. Depies explained that it is becoming more difficult to find replacement parts. Depies thanked the city for the \$4,000 grant they received from the city through the ARPA program. The Lions Club would like to replace the sign. The estimate for the new sign is \$23,000. Depies requested to have the city pay for the sign-up front as has been done in the past and the Lions Club will repay the city over the next couple of years. The Club has more projects coming up that they plan to add play equipment at the Lions Park area. Depies indicated that the Club could pay up to \$4,000 to \$5,000 up front for the sign and then pay off the balance. During the discussion, Langenfeld suggested that the City could consider using ARPA funds to assist with the cost of the sign. A motion was made by Mosier, seconded by Snelson, to send to Council to allocate some ARPA funds to pay for the sign, during discussion Woelfel commented that the City can commit to borrowing the Lions the money but that the City can't commit to the ARPA funds as there are other people and places and departments that could use the money, Mosier moved to take to council to loan the money to Lions to get the sign, seconded by Snelson, upon a call of the motion the motion passed.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Cassandra Langenfeld

City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer