



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 6:00 PM

New Holstein Community Center, New Holstein, WI 53061

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Council President Woelfel.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken by Peltier. Present were Gene Woelfel, Fran Schmitz (via phone), Becca Mosier, Brad Hess, Steve Abrams, Richard Snelson (via phone), Robert Schermetzler, and Norman Propson. Also present, City Administrator Cullen Peltier, Police Chief Eric Fisher, Police Captain Chuck Schroeder, Director of Public Works Jason Meyer, Fire Chief Denis Mayer, Emergency Management Director Russ Thiel, and Judge Kelly Sippel.

GUESTS: Mark Sherry, LuAnn Buechel, Scott Busse, Jeremy Wildenberg, Joe McShaw, Greg Behr, Ann Behr, and Robert Benzschawel.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by Propson, seconded by Hess, and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Abrams, seconded by Mosier, and carried to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENT: LuAnn Buechel spoke on yards in the City that are in disrepair and motorized vehicles in City parks. Scott Busse spoke in opposition to an additional trail in Reineck woods and thanked the New Holstein PD, Fire Department, and First Responder for their roles in a response to a motor vehicle accident that his son was involved in. Jeremy Wildenberg expressed his thanks for how welcoming the community has been since he moved here. Jeremy also spoke in opposition to a trail in Reineck woods asked if there could be additional communication when the City is spraying for weed control in the parks. Joe McShaw asked what the plan was for weed abatement in TID #4 and asked that in the future there be better communication from the city when there are multiple road closures. Greg and Ann Behr asked for clarification on how the utilities used their water during construction and asked a question regarding their assessment. They also suggested the City look into creating a City dump site.

FINANCE AND PURCHASING:

a. Peltier provided an update on the 2024 budget.

PROTECTIONS OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

- a. 1. Chief Fisher provided an update: they had 203 incidents this past month. On September 11th, they responded to a residence on Hickory Lane for 2 people that had overdosed on narcotics. Upon arrival, 2 subjects were pronounced deceased. On September 15th, they responded to a weapons call at the school where a juvenile had threatened to stab another student. Charges have been referred and the subject was expelled from school. On September 16th, they responded to a violent domestic disturbance on Wisconsin Avenue. On September 23rd, they were dispatched for an animal bite on Taft. This is an on-going issue. The dog has attacked another dog and 2 children. The City Attorney and the Chief have filed in Circuit Court for the animal to be euthanized because of the danger it poses. They believe the dog has been removed from the City, but they are still trying to confirm because the owner is uncooperative.

- b. 1. Chief Mayer provided a monthly report: 56 calls for the year. This month they had a false alarm, two structure fires, a medical assist, two motor vehicle accidents and a gas leak in Kiel they assisted with. This Friday they will participate in the homecoming parade. Next week is fire prevention week and at the end of the month they will be doing Trunk or Treat.
- c. 1. Emergency Management informed the Committee that the City was awarded a Bric Grant for engineering study to address the drainage issue along Highway 57 on the North side of town.
- d. 1. Judge Sippel provided an update for September. There were 49 adult and 12 juvenile initial appearances. There were 4 pretrials for adults and 0 for juveniles. He also provided an overview of how the municipal court process works.

CITY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

- a. Public Works Director Jason Meyer provided an update: The pool has been drained and closed. The sidewalk grindings in the NW section of the City are complete. The PASER rating is complete. A LIRP Substitution request for Jordan Avenue has been submitted. The floors at the Community Center and the Chalet have been waxed. A machine was rented to put Mastic 1 around 50 high manholes and water boxes. They prepped the fields for the Trinity Lutheran soccer tournament. Trinity Lutheran was invoiced for \$200 for paint and they gave an additional donation of \$300. The New Holstein Soccer Association also provided a \$1,000 donation. They have started spraying MEC Amine for dandelions and other broad leaf weeds.

RECREATION DIRECTORS:

- a. Park Rental and Special Event Applications; None
- b. Review of Monthly Report - None

PERSONNEL: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. A motion was made by Mosier, seconded by Schermetzler, and carried to send to Council for approval the County Emergency Management/County Treasurer's request to insert information on emergency text alerting in the City's Tax Bills.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Cullen Peltier

City Administrator