



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 6:00 PM
New Holstein City Hall, 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, Becca Mosier, Steve Abrams, Richard Snelson, Robert Schermetzler, and Norman Propson. Also present, City Administrator Cullen Peltier, Police Chief Eric Fisher, Director of Public Works Jason Meyer, Emergency Management Director Russ Thiel, Library Director D Hankins, and Aquatic Center Director Jon Weir.

GUESTS: Donald Bonlander, Carol Fhlug, LuAnn Buechel, Scott Busse, Jane Kors, Dennis Nadler, Jennifer Lecker, Renee Nagel Baumann (via Teams).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

CITIZEN COMMENT: None

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 262 incidents this past month. Quality Cleaners provided a donation of \$500 to the New Holstein Police Department for Shop with a Cop. An update was provided on the vicious dog ordinance violation. The order to remove has been complied with. The city filed a judgment against the owner and was awarded a judgement of \$156,289.85. On October 19th, officers responded to the Middle School for a parent that was causing a disturbance. The suspect was cited for resisting and disorderly conduct. On October 26, officers took a fraud report where the victim was scammed out of \$52,000. The investigation is on-going. On November 3, they responded to a gun call to the area of Wisconsin Ave and Monroe Street. The vehicle was located, and a high-risk stop was conducted, and Wisconsin Ave was shut down for a brief amount of time. A suspect was taken into custody without incident. A firearm was located. Through the investigation it was determined that the complainant mistook the gun that was reported pointed at him for a cell phone. There were no charges, and the suspect was released with his legal firearm. On November 3, 2023, after a week-long investigation a search warrant was conducted on a residence in the 2100 block of Taft Ave. We located numerous narcotics and drug paraphernalia at the residence. A 33-year-old female and a 24-year-old male were both arrested and taken to jail. Details of the investigation cannot be released at this time; however, the following charges are: Maintain drug trafficking place, manufacture/deliver THC, distributing drugs to a minor, contributing to the delinquency of a child, possession of THC, Possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of THC 2nd offense, probation hold.
- b. 1. No Report from Chief Mayer

- c. 1. Emergency Management informed the Committee that we will be able to apply for another BRIC grant to address the stormwater issue at Calumet and Plymouth Street and Wisconsin and State Streets.
- d. 1. Judge Sippel submitted the Municipal Court Cases for September and October. In September, there were 56 adult and 12 juvenile initial appearances. There were 4 pretrials for adults and 0 for juveniles. In October, there were 25 adult and 7 juvenile initial appearances. There were 0 pretrials for adults and 6 for juveniles.

CITY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

- a. Public Works Director Jason Meyer provided an update: Leaf collection has started. They trimmed trees in all the parks and at city buildings. They removed 3 dead trees from Kiwanis Park. They started trimming shrubs beds and have started winterizing buildings. A section of the alley between Park and Randolph was removed and paved. Work has been completed on County Highway X.

RECREATION DIRECTORS:

- a. Park Use and Special Even Application were reviewed for the Trinity Soccer Tournament, Kiwanis Park, 9/27/2024-9/28/2024 and the Family Fishing Clinic on May 11, 2024. There were no concerns, and they will be moved to Council.

PERSONNEL: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. A motion was made by Schmitz, seconded by Schermetzler, and carried to suspend the rules to allow interested parties to speak on adding an additional trail in in Reineck Woods.

Renee Nagel Bauman spoke on her proposal to donate funds to add a path and bench in Reineck Woods.

Jennifer Lecker of Brillion Nature Center provided her expert opinion in opposition of the path.

Peltier read an opinion form Louise Marum, a naturalist at Ledge View Nature center, in opposition of the path.

LuAnn Buechel, Jane Kors, Carol Fhlug, Dennis Nadler, and Scott Busse spoke in opposition of the path.

Donald Bonlander spoke in favor of the path.

A motion was made Schmitz, seconded by Snelson, and carried to return the regular order of business.

A motion was made by Snelson, and seconded by Woelfel to send to Council to approve an additional trail in Reineck woods that would be donated by Renee Nagel Bauman. The vote was called with Snelson, Abrams and Woelfel voting Aye and Mayer, Schermetzler, Mosier, Propson, and Schmitz voting Nay. The motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Jon Weir provided a Year-End Report for the Aquatics Center
- b. A motion was made by Mayer, seconded by Mosier, and carried to send to Council for Approval the 2024 Aquatics Center dates to be June 1st to August 25th, 2024.
- c. A motion was made by Mosier, seconded by Propson, and carried to send to Council for approval the 2024, Aquatic Center Rates that were presented by Aquatics Center Director Weir. Non-resident rates will be increased by 1.33% and rounded to the nearest dollar. Resident Rates will be: Senior \$50; Single \$60; 2-person \$100; 3-person \$140; 4-person \$180; 5-person \$220; 6+-person \$20. Lessons will be increased as follows: parent/toddler/baby \$40; Regular \$50; Water Aerobics \$50; Lap Swimming \$50; Drop in Water Aerobic/Lap Swimming \$50.

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- d. A motion was made by Schermetzler, seconded by Schmitz, and carried to send to Council for approval to change the April Committee of the Whole meeting date to April 3, 2024, and November Committee of the Whole meeting date to November 6, 2024.
- e. A motion was made by Mosier, seconded by Schermetzler, and carried to approve and send to Council for approval to close City Hall on July 5th.
- f. A motion was made by Propson, seconded by Snelson, to send to Council for approval the Request for Proposal for Engineering Services for the FEMA BRIC Grant.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Cullen Peltier

City Administrator