



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 6:00 PM

New Holstein City Hall, 2110 Washington Street, 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, Becca Mosier, Brad Hess, Eric Mayer, Steve Abrams, Richard Snelson, Dan Watson, Paula Oakley and Robert Schermetzler. Also present, City Administrator Cullen Peltier, Police Chief Eric Fisher, DPW Director Jason Meyer, Police Captain Chuck Schroeder, and Fire Chief Craig Carey.

GUESTS: Joe McShaw, Marci McShaw, Josh Scott, Michelle Feuerstein, Lisa Jacobson, Lois Schroeder, Don Schroeder, Jessica Fisher, Chuck Meves, and Herbie Schreiner.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

CITIZEN COMMENT: Lisa Jacobson addressed the Committee to express her concern how the Council interacted with each other at the previous meeting. Dan Watson addressed the Committee to express his concern about the number of dead trees in the city that pose a threat to neighboring properties. He would like to see an ordinance created to address this issue. Chuck Meves spoke in opposition of the Mayor's appointment and Council's approval of Mark Growe to the Police and Fire Commission. Herbie Shreiner also spoke in opposition of Mark Growe's appointment. Bob Schermetzler stated he spoke to a citizen about utilizing the Tecumseh site for a solar farm. He thought this was a good idea and the City should explore the possibility.

FINANCE AND PURCHASING: None

PROTECTIONS OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

- a. 1. Chief Fisher stated there were 230 incidents for the month. They conducted 68 traffic stops and issued 12 ordinance warnings for a variety of violations. They also had 27 medical calls. Lisa Jacobson started today as the new crossing guard, and they had 2 squads out in different areas monitoring school traffic. The 2 new squads that were ordered are in and will be picked up in the next couple of weeks. On August 8th, officers responded to the area of Milwaukee and Wisconsin for a male juvenile from Green Bay attempting to hitchhike to Milwaukee. Parents were notified and they responded to pick him up. On August 11, officers responded to a disturbance on Randolph, an adult female was arrested, alcohol was involved. On August 29, officers were dispatched for a hit and run accident on park at pleasant where a female jumped the curb and struck a hydrant. The vehicle was located, and several citations were issued.
- b. 1. Chief Carey provided a monthly report: The department had 10 calls for the month of August. They had one mutual aid call, 8 fire alarms, and 1 call for a tree on the power lines. Brad Anhalt has retired from the department and Marissa Reinhardt has joined the department and started her firefighter 1 class.

- c. 1. Emergency Management Director Thiel provided a written report to Peltier. EM is awaiting the final report from Robert E Lee for the Stormwater Mitigation study.
- d. 1. Peltier stated the written report with additional detail is in the Google Drive

CITY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

- a. Director Meyer stated that in August, the painted football fields, completed 2 blacktop patches, hauled 900 yards of compost, painted soccer fields, painted and repaired rotten wood at the Octagon, and waxed the floors at the Community Center and Chalet.

RECREATION DIRECTORS:

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

PERSONNEL:

Peltier stated the Parks Maintenance position has been filled and the new person started last week. The Operator position is also filled, and he will be starting September 9th.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Peltier stated the RFP was posted in July and sent to several manufacturers. The public bid opening was held, and the Fire Department has reviewed the responses. They are recommending Council approve the RFP from Midwest Fire in the amount of \$362,866. A motion was made by Snelson, seconded by Mosier, and carried to approve the bid from Midwest Fire in the amount of \$363,866 for a 3000-gallon Water Tender. Upon call of the vote, the motion passed with Mayer, Schermetzler, Mosier, Oakley, Snelson, Hess, Watson, Abrams, and Woelfel voting Aye.
- b. Peltier stated this item was related to the concerns Joe McShaw brought up under public comment at the previous meeting. The recommendation from Joe was to charge \$3000 dollars for non-residents and non-resident contractors and to raise the fine for illegal dumping to \$1000 dollars. The Committee also discussed his request to allow contractors access to the landfill. After discussion, a motion was made Mosier, and seconded by Snelson to charge \$3000 for non-resident contractors and to raise the fine for illegal dumping to \$1,000. Under discussion, Mosier amended her motion, it was seconded Schermetzler, and carried to move to Council to increase the non-resident and non-resident contractor fees to \$3000, keep the resident contractor fee at \$325, and increase the fine for illegal dumping to \$1000 first offense, \$1500 second offense, and \$2000 for a third offense. Upon call of the vote, the motion passed with Mayer, Schermetzler, Mosier, Oakley, Snelson, Hess, Watson, Abrams, and Woelfel voting Aye. The Committee also recommended that contractors be allowed to access the landfill by checking out a key at the Clerk's Office.
- c. Lois Schroeder came forward with the Optimist's Club request to put playground equipment valued at approximately \$50,000 at the Optimist Chalet. They will fundraise for the equipment. They are just looking for approval to place the equipment at the Chalet. A motion was made by Mosier, seconded by Mayer, and carried to move to Council to approve allowing the Optimist Club to place playground equipment at the Optimist Chalet.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Cullen Peltier

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