



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 6:00 PM
City Hall, 2110 Washington St, New Holstein, WI 53061

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Council President Woelfel.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken. Present were Gene Woelfel, Richard Snelson, Steven Abrams, Eric Mayer (via phone), Paula Oakley, Dan Watson, and Becca Mosier. Also, present were Police Chief Eric Fisher, Police Captain Chuck Schroeder, Fire Chief Craig Carey, Public Works Director Jason Meyer, and City Administrator Cullen Peltier.

GUESTS: Mark Sherry, Joe McShaw, Marci McShaw, Kelly Ausloos, Michelle Feuerstein, and Josh Scott.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mosier, seconded by Oakley, and carried to approve the September 3, 2024; Committee of the Whole minutes as presented.

CITIZEN INPUT: Michelle Feuerstein (2311 Hickory Ln) brought it to the Council's attention that at an earlier meeting the residents affected by the July 5th, sewage backup were told the Utilities' insurance covered up to \$100,000 in losses per year and it was actually \$100,000 per occurrence with a max of \$300,000 per year.

FINANCE AND PURCHASING:

- a. 1 The monthly invoices, and financial report for the month ending August were presented. A motion was made by Snelson, seconded by Abrams, and carried to recommend to the Common Council to approve the invoices as presented and accept the financial report as presented.

PROTECTIONS OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY: None

CITY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: None

RECREATION DIRECTORS: None

PERSONNEL: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Peltier provided an overview where we currently are in the 2025 Budget Process. He explained that these numbers are preliminary and that we are still waiting on Health Insurance numbers. He explained the City's Municipal Levy Limit is lower than last year based off a slight decrease in debt and very minimal increase in net new construction. He stated that as the budget is right now, following the Council's direction on employee wage increases, the budget is approximately \$7,686 short. He discussed possible

short term solution for making up the difference. He stated this problem will continue in to future budgets and also provided some long term solutions that he asked the Council to review.

- b. Peltier stated that he would like the City to apply for a FY24 USEPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant and is recommending the City contract with Stantec Consulting to prepare the grant based off the proposal provided in the amount of \$10,000. He is recommending Stantec because of their extensive knowledge of the site from previous work. The grant, if received, would not require a match. The grant would cover limited soil cleanup, removing the concrete and fencing, and returning the site to green space. After discussion, a motion was made by Snelson, seconded by Abrams, and carried to send to Council to approve entering into the proposal from Stantac Consulting for grant writing services for the FY24 USEPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant in the amount of \$10,000.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm by Council President Woelfel.

Cullen Peltier, City Administrator