



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Wednesday, October 16, 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, Paula Oakley, Brad Hess, Dan Watson, Robert Schermetzler, and Becca Mosier. Also, present were Police Chief Eric Fisher, Police Captain Chuck Schroeder, Fire Chief Craig Carey, Public Works Director Jason Meyer, Emergency Management Director Russ Thiel, Library Director D Hankins, and City Administrator Cullen Peltier.

GUESTS: Mark Sherry, Joe McShaw, Marci McShaw, and Connie Beattie.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

CITIZEN INPUT: None

FINANCE AND PURCHASING:

- a. 1 The monthly invoices, and financial report for the month ending September were presented. A motion was made by Mosier, seconded by Mayer, 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 of where we currently are in the 2025 Budget Process. He shared the Draft Public Hearing notice and Draft Budget Summary for review. He stated he would provide the 2025 Budget Presentaion at the November Committee of the Whole and the Public Hearing and Council vote on the budget would occur on November 20th.

- b. Peltier stated that the owner of 2022 Wisconsin Avenue has asked the Council if they would consider allowing parking in front their property. He stated that after conversations with Chief Carey and Council President Woelfel, he was informed that parking was restricted in front of that building because if cars are parked there, the Fire Department cannot make the turn coming out of the station with their ladder truck.

Peltier stated the Post Office, at 1816 Wisconsin Avenue, would like to have the parking time limits in front of the building changed from a 2-hour limit to a 15-minute limit. There is a neighboring resident that continually parks in front of the building and it is restricting access to Post Office patrons. There are patrons that are going to other Post Offices because of the issue. Peltier said he contacted the neighboring business and they would like the parking limit in front of them to remain 2-hours. The business asked if we could restrict parking in front of their business to their patrons only during business hours. Chief Fisher stated we could not do that and it was determined that would set a precedent.

A motion was made by Mosier, seconded by Watson, and carried to have staff draft an Ordinance Amendment to create 15-minute parking for the approximately 4 parking spots in front of the Post Office and bring to Council for a 1st Presentation.

- c. Peltier shared a draft ordinance amendment to allow Class 1 and Class 2 E-Bicycles on all public property in the City and wherever else a bicycle can legally be ridden. A motion was made by Snelson, seconded by Watson and carried to have staff draft an ordinance revision to allow Class 1 and Class 2 E-Bicycles on city property and bring to Council for 1st presentation.
- d. Peltier stated that at the last Council meeting a motion was made to increase the cost of of non-resident and non-resident contractor compost permit fees and increase the fine schedule. However, the motion was tabled because this would require an Ordinance Amendment. Peltier stated that he met with Chief Fisher and DPW Director Meyer to discuss and their collective recommendation is that we no longer allow non- residents or non-resident contractors to dump at the site. He also stated that to improve efficiencies they would provide a key to resident contractors so they could directly dump at the landfill. The dumping will be restricted to waste generated within the city limits with the exception of resident contractors. Peltier stated he would draft an Ordinance Amendment to be brought to a future Council meeting with the goal of making the changes effective January 1, 2025.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm by Council President Woelfel.

Cullen Peltier, City Administrator