COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Wednesday, March 19th, 2025, 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, Eric Mayer (via phone), Paula Oakley, Brad Hess, Robert Schermetzler, Becca Mosier and Steve Abrams. Also, present were Police Captain Chuck Schroeder, Emergency Management Director Russ Thiel, Fire Chief Craig Carey, Public Works Director Jason Meyer, Library Director D Hankins, and City Administrator Cullen Peltier.

GUESTS: Mark Sherry, Joe McShaw, Marcie McShaw, John Rader, Norm Propson, and Kurtis Geiger.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Oakley, seconded by Mosier, and carried to approve the March 4th, 2025; 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 January were presented. A motion was made by Mosier, seconded by Hess, 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:

RECREATION DIRECTORS: None

PERSONNEL: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Peltier explained that the city currently uses John Hancock as our Deferred Compensation administrator and they can no longer do so. This resolution allows the city to enter into an agreement to have Wisconsin Defferred Componsation (WDC) administer the program for our employees. This is an optional program that is not funded or supplemented by the city. **A motion was made by Abrams and seconded by Snelson, and carried to to move to Council for approval Resolution 1573 – A Resolution for Inclusion Under the State of Wiscoinsin Deferred Compensation Program.**

b. As requested at the previous meeting, Peliter provided and update from Bowmar Appraisels of where they are at in the citywide assessment process. The field work is 50% done and the new construction for 2025 is done. Weather permitting, they are looking at another 6-weeks to complete the field work.

c. John Rader from Baker Tilly provided an overview of the city's Audit. **A motion was made by Snelson, seconded by Schermetzler to send to Council for approval the Audit Report from Baker Tilly.**

d. Kurtis Geiger from Excel Engineering provided an overview of the independent study he completed for the stormwater issue along Highway 57. He discussed an alternative solution to the modification of the dry pond that Robert E Lee suggested. He explained where the water is coming from and the reduction in flow downstream that would occur if this solution was implemented. He also recommended the city look at adding a stormwater management solution in Basin 2A that would also reduce flow downstream.

e. A discussion occurred about what cost sharing between the city and Honeymoon Acres should be for the solution outlined by Excel Engineering. **A motion was made by Mosier, seconded by Oakley and carried to move forward with drafting a Resolution for cost sharing for stormwater mitigation efforts in TID #4.**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm by Council President Woelfel.

Cullen Peltier, City Administrator