



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Wednesday, June 17 2026, 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 by Depies. Present were Gene Woelfel, Jeff Hebl, Ken Thede, Becca Mosier, Dan Watson, Norm Propson, Paula Oakley, and Kathy Schroeder. Also present were City Administrator Scott Depies, DPW Director Jason Meyer, Fire Chief Craig Cary, Police Chief Eric Fisher, and Police Captain Chuck Schroeder

GUESTS: Josh Scott, Mark Sherry

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 Propson, seconded by Schroeder, and carried to approve the June 2, 2026 Committee of the Whole Minutes.

CITIZEN INPUT:

- Josh Scott addressed the Committee regarding the compost site and contractor access, including concerns about restricting contractors from using the site, the possible impact on access to Monroe Street, and the potential for a revised fee structure or other solutions to help offset monitoring and operational costs. He stated that he understood the City's concerns, expressed willingness to pay a higher annual fee if needed, and encouraged the City to continue evaluating options rather than fully eliminating contractor access.
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FINANCE AND PURCHASING:

- a. The monthly invoices and financial report for the month ending in May were presented. A motion was made by Mosier, seconded by Propson, and carried to recommend to the Common Council approval of the invoices as presented and acceptance of 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:

- **Discussion—Wind and Solar Energy Systems Conditional Use Permit Requirement**

The Committee discussed the conditional use permit requirement for wind and solar energy systems present in the City ordinance. Administrator Depies stated that the current ordinance requires a conditional use permit for such systems on any property and added that many municipalities either do not specifically regulate smaller systems or use a hybrid approach. Discussion focused on the possibility of allowing smaller residential systems to proceed through the normal building permit process while requiring additional review for larger or more intensive systems. Scott Depies was directed to further review the issue and draft possible ordinance changes for future consideration

CLOSED SESSION

- A motion was made by Becca Mosier, seconded by Dan Watson, and carried to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(1)(e), deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, and Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(1)(c), for the purpose of considering the employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility
- A motion was made by Propson, seconded by Oakley, and carried to come out of closed session
- A motion was made by Woelfel, seconded by Propson and carried to direct the City Administrator to explore the sale of City land to the Salvatorian Mission for the building of a new facility.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Scott Depies, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer