



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, July 7, 2026, 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 Administrator Depies. Present were Gene Woelfel, Becca Mosier, Dan Watson, Kathy Schroeder, Paula Oakley, Norm Propson, Ken Thede, Brad Hess, and Jeff Hebl. Also present, City Administrator Scott Depies, Public, Police Chief Fisher, Fire Chief Craig Carey, Emergency Management Director Russ Thiel, and Police Captain Schroeder.

GUESTS: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

CITIZEN COMMENT:

None

FINANCE AND PURCHASING:

None

PROTECTIONS OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

- a. Police Chief Fischer reported 239 total incidents for the month of June and stated that department activity remained steady with continued emphasis on crime prevention, ordinance enforcement, traffic enforcement, and preparation for the upcoming picnic. He reported that Officer Mark Meyers completed field training on July 1 and began solo patrol on third shift, that Officer Grace Roehrborn moved to second shift patrol, and that the department assisted with community sendoffs for local high school teams. He also reported increased enforcement activity at the compost site following installation of the new camera system and updated procedures for handling stray dogs due to changes at East Shore Humane Society, including use of kennels at the treatment facility and purchase of a dog cage for temporary indoor holding
- b. Chief Carey reported seven calls for service, three mutual aid structure fire responses, a house fire in Saint Anna, a trailer fire in Saint Anna, a shed fire in Chilton, a complaint of a rubbish fire, a fire alarm caused by a communications issue, an auto accident on Irish Road, a substation incident on Van Buren Street with no power loss, and preparation for the city picnic.
- c. Emergency Management Director Thiel reported there was no new update on the grant request related to the water issue at Plymouth and Calumet and reported the Honeymoon Hill siren was replaced with a refurbished siren as part of the planned replacement schedule.

- d. The Municipal Court monthly report was reviewed for the combined New Holstein and Cleveland court operations for June, including adult, juvenile, and pretrial case statistics. It was noted the August court session for Cleveland will be held in New Holstein.

CITY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

- a. Director Meyer reported through the City Administrator that the sidewalk grinding program had been completed and billing had been issued, that staff assisted with the New Holstein soccer tournament, and that work on the road projects had been completed with roads scheduled to reopen on July 8, 2026. It was also reported that street painting had been completed and trimming along Wisconsin Avenue had been performed in preparation for the parade

PERSONNEL:

- a. None

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Tecumseh site redevelopment update

Administrator Scott Depies reported that the City was not awarded the EPA grant for the former Tecumseh site and that a debrief had been requested to review scoring and determine next steps. He also reported that the City could consider insurance archaeology as a possible tool to identify historic liability policies that may help offset remediation costs and that additional discussion would continue after the EPA debrief and further consultations. No action was taken

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Leasing of the Former Tecumseh Site to MP-Systems Inc for the Staging of Equipment

Administrator Depies informed the Committee that he was contacted by MP-Systems Inc regarding proposed use of the former Tecumseh site by MP-Systems Inc for staging equipment related to the transmission line project. Administrator Depies stated that he is drafting a lease agreement, that will be sent to Council for consideration when ready. No action was taken.

MISCELLANEOUS:

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Scott Depies

City Administrator