

City of Fox Lake
Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, August 21, 2019
6:30 pm Council Chambers

The August 21, 2019 committee of the whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Bednarek, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers. Those in attendance were alderpersons John Mund, Dan Ault, Dennis Linke, Peter Hartzheim, Robert Jenswold, and Don Zilewicz. Also attending were city administrator Dean Perlick, city treasurer Meagan Buchda, public works superintendent Gene Huettner, police chief Jim Rohr and city attorney Mike Devitt.

In the audience were Richard Quirk, Tanya Witthun, Laurie Hopp, Becky Bussian and Marcy Benz.

Trenton Street Update

Huettner said that crews were in this week finishing spot replacement and water boxes. The week of the 26th curb and gutter will be worked on and tentatively the week of September 17 they will be working on the paving. Roughly the end of September the project will be complete.

Sidewalk construction from medical clinic to Brower Boulevard

Huettner said that most of the sidewalk got poured today (August 21). The crew will be back on Monday to start the dirt restoration. Mayor commented that it is coming along nicely and that it is a nice safety factor.

ATV/UTV Ordinance

Perlick stated that we received a legal opinion from attorney Devitt for municipalities and that he would be able to answer any questions if necessary. Devitt stated that Wisconsin state statues permit the use of ATV/UTV on City roads. Attached was a DNR publication with a sample ordinance that the City should use upon approval. If ATV/UTV drivers follow the DNR rules, we should have no issue. Zilewicz asked if there were any liabilities the City would have to worry about. Devitt stated that there would have to be an ordinance in place and designated routes and signage. Rohr stated that if there was reckless activity the operator would be fined just like a vehicle. A driver's license is needed and proof of insurance on the ATV/UTV. Operators would follow the posted 25mph speed limit in City limits. Jenswold was concerned about ATV/UTV use on Hwy 33. Rohr stated that these vehicles would be allowed on any road. We would not be able to restrict or make special rules according to our City, we can't be stricter than what the statues say. Rohr also stated that the Beaver Dam ATV club approached Rohr and the Town of Fox Lake about a year ago and the Township declined. Rohr thinks that the Township is going to change their minds this year. All alderpersons agreed to a one-year trial basis.

Village of Lomira – City of Fox Lake Municipal Court

Judge Quirk stated that municipal court would like to add the Village of Lomira just like the Village of Brownsville and that it would be another great source of revenue for the City of Fox Lake. Mayor asked both municipal court secretary Witthun and Judge Quirk if they could handle the workload. Both agreed. Witthun stated that it is estimated that Lomira issues 30-50 tickets a month. For the 2021 budget she would need to budget for a new interface for the Department of Transportation. Attorney Devitt said that this could be possible and that he would have to make some changes to the paperwork to add the Village of Lomira.

Crocker Street Park Update

Becky Bussian thanked Huettner and the guys for all of their work with the park. In the future Becky would like to add a basketball hoop. Mayor stated it would be installed within the next 30 days depending on the public works agenda. Becky also inquired when the borders would be filled with gravel to make it look nice. Currently, these areas are filled with weeds. She also reported that there is a broken tree and was wondering if the City could budget for adding fast growing trees for shade. Maybe poplars or maples. Becky said that Joe Peaslee quoted \$6 a square foot for concrete for the sidewalk. He would volunteer his labor. The sign will be done next week. People come from other communities to see the park. Laurie Hopp asked if the City could budget for a pavilion next year. Mayor stated that the pool has also received donated funds and that the pool would be focus next year. Becky stated that they have been taking a rest on fundraising, but they would still continue to sell t-shirts to offset the cost. Mayor stated that they had great volunteers that maybe they could get a group to build the pavilion. Mayor stated that he appreciates all of the work they have done and is proud of them.

Congregation Museum furnace service maintenance

Perlick stated that he had contacted three contractors for a maintenance agreement. 24 Hour Home Comfort \$192.43 a year stating that the current furnaces do not need replacing. PHE states that the furnaces need replacing and will not be involved in a maintenance agreement until after replacement. The third contractor did not get back to him with a quote. Mayor states that his personal service with 24 Hour Home Comfort has been great and he is happy with their service. Mayor wasn't sure if these agreements included central air. Perlick said he would follow up with this question.

Congregation Museum tuck pointing

Huettner stated that he is still working on getting a quote for the foundation. He states that he is having a hard time with businesses returning his calls. He said that he would contact Beaver Gunnite. With removing the bad areas in the foundation he thinks that gunnite coating the foundation would work. Huttner will contact the business for a quote.

Dodge County expand broadband high speed internet

Perlick states that Dodge County is applying for a grant. They would like a letter of support with a resolution. The Town of Fox Lake passed this and plans to give \$1000.00. Perlick asks if this is something the City would like to do. Alderpersons agreed to the support resolution without the money.

Raze order update

Perlick received an email from the Martins with an update on their property. Rohr stated that he was meeting with the building inspector next Wednesday to check out an abandoned home on Trenton Street that is in bad shape and inhabitable. Rohr also states that there is no activity on Makenick and will work with Devitt to get this removed. The two properties on Wells Street Rohr thought one was storage and the one on the corner caught on fire. There have been complaints about campers and vehicles parked on the road around this property. The owners have picked up the garbage and they are continuing the work inside the house to fix the issues after the fire. This issue will need to be addressed before the project on Wells Street.

Aldersperson increase in pay elected in April 2020

Zilewicz stated that the alderpersons have not received an increase in pay for the last 10-13 years. Figuring at a 2% increase every year this would mean that aldersperson pay would be well over \$500 a month. Hartzheim says both Mayor and Aldersperson pay should increase \$100 a month. Mayor states some alderpersons deserve the increase 110% and some don't and will have to step up. Hartzheim asked if this could take effect before December 1, 2019 so the elected would qualify in April 2020. This will be added to the Council agenda for next month.

City Ordinance 520-69(c)(4) – Second Reading, public hearing and action

Meagan Buchda city treasurer read city ordinance 520-69(c)(4), accessory uses and structures, to increase the maximum square footage of a detached accessory building to 864 square feet, will be on the September 4 council agenda.

Library

Ault updated the Council on the Library Committee stating they have a list of ideas for capital projects for 2020 including new computers.

With no other business to come before the committee of the whole, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.