

**City of Fox Lake  
Committee of the Whole Synopsis  
April 21, 2021**

The April 21, 2021 committee of the whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Bednarek, at 6:38 p.m., following a organizational council meeting. Those in attendance were Alderpersons Dan Ault, Marcy Benz, Peter Hartzheim, Dennis Linke, John Mund, and Don Zilewicz. Also attending were City Administrator Dean Perlick, City Attorney Mike Devitt, Police Chief James Rohr, Librarian Erin Anders, City DPW Superintendent Gene Huettner, City Treasurer Krystal McCauley and City Clerk Jenny Quirk.

Merle & Cheryl Kok, Jeff Meyer, Becky Bussian, Marcy Benz, Paul & Kathy Martin, Brandon Wester, Dave Schumacher, Randy Hurst, Mary Perkins and Kathy Jenswold were in the audience.

**Library:**

Librarian Anders provided a handout of A COVID-19 year in review for the council and shared updates from the library board meeting and minutes.

**Continuation of minimum fees for 2021-2022 licensing year for Class A and Class B, cigarette, and operator license fees:**

Quirk provided a handout showing the standard licensing fees charged by the City and the fees agreed upon for the 2020-2021 licensing year. Stating the time is almost here to move forward with the 2021-2022 licensing process and would like to know if the City will continue the discounted fees again for this coming licensing year. It was agreed upon to be placed on the March 3, 2021 common council agenda for a vote.

**Request of the City of Fox Lake Redevelopment Authority to provide additional \$50,000 of funding for the Downtown Business Support Program:**

The Mayor explained these funds will be used for the additional downtown businesses that have applied for the downtown business support program for building improvements. There currently is not enough money left in the account to cover the additional applications. The committee is going over the rules again to see what needs to be adjusted, but the established rules will still basically be the same. It was agreed upon to be placed on the March 3, 2021 common council agenda for a vote.

**Discuss request of Merle and Cheryl Kok to purchase the vacant lot at the end of Makenick St. from the City of Fox Lake:**

Koks stated that they own a lot on Makenick St and would like to inquire on purchasing the neighboring lot from the City of Fox Lake. Their current lot is narrow, so this would help them to meet the setback requirements so they can build a single-story home. Huettner had

concerns about the location of the storm sewer line that runs through that city lot. The city would also need to follow legal guidance from the City Attorney. The Mayor asked the Koks to try and prepare a timeline for their proposed building plans. It was decided to meet on the lot and view after the snow is gone. This topic will be discussed again in spring after more information is gathered.

**Discussion on City Hall remaining open:**

The decision was made to allow the City Hall to remain open at this time.

**Review proposals to provide pest control services to City owned buildings:**

Perlick stated we are looking for a better rate with more services than what we have currently. He provided a handout to the council showing the different bids received by other local pest control companies. Ault provided another company that Perlick will contact for an additional bid prior to moving forward with changing companies.

**Review of the building inspector's report on the Paul and Kathleen Martin house at 422 E. State Street:**

The building inspector provided the council with an inspection report from Jan 11, 2021 that noted the items are in compliance with the agreement dated Dec 4, 2019 regarding the repairs required to be completed by the Martins. The building inspector also noted 2 minor issues that need to be completed, but do not hold up occupancy of the residence. The council members were satisfied with this report.

**Presentation by the Friends of Clausen Park Group:**

The group provided an explanation, update and handouts with their plans for the redevelopment of Clausen Park. They are currently looking for the council's approval to move forward with the DNR Stewardship Grant application and to update the City Outdoor Recreation Plan, which is a requirement for the grant application process. This will be placed on the March 3, 2021 council agenda for a vote.

With no other business to come before the committee of the whole, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.