

City of Fox Lake
Committee of the Whole Synopsis
July 17, 2019

The July 17, 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, municipal clerk Susan Hollnagel, public works superintendent Gene Huettner, librarian Erin Anders and officer Duane Olbinski.

In the audience were Richard Quirk and Richard Klomsten.

Trenton Street update

Huettner said they have the storm sewer line in and are working on the inlets. He said next week they will be excavating the soft areas.

PSC-water/sewer connection fees

The Mayor said the Public Service Commission had received a complaint about the city waiving water and sewer connection fees. He said he is guilty as they did it for the condos on E. Hamilton Street and for the electrical business going into the industrial park. He said this was offered as a business incentive. He said the city can waive the sewer connection fee, as that is not governed by the Public Service Commission but cannot waive the water connection fees.

ATV/UTV ordinance

Jenswold said their committee had met prior to the committee meeting and said they should continue the conversation. Mund suggested modeling the city's ordinance after the City of Juneau's. He suggested having signs, at the entrances to the city, stating there are ATV/UTV routes. Zilewicz asked about tractors and snowmobiles. The Mayor said garden tractors are not included. Zilewicz asked what the city did in the past with garden tractors on the streets. Mund said ignored it. Zilewicz asked why we don't ignore it now.

Ault suggested we do this on a trial basis, like we did with the golf carts. He said he's not worried so much about lawn tractors. He said ATV/UTV's running the streets is another issue. Ault said the ATV/UTV's will run faster than the garden tractors and will need head and brake lights. He said designating routes will be difficult. Mund said more signage would be needed. Olbinski said if the ATV/UTV stops downtown, they will need to have parking for them.

He said if the garden tractor has a slow moving vehicle sign, they can drive to the gas station. Zilewicz said "gator" refers to a brand of ATV so why pick on one so let's just use ATV/UTV. The Mayor suggested adopting an ordinance and have a one year trial basis. He said if it doesn't work, the ordinance will be pulled.

Hartzheim said he is in favor of a trial basis. He said they can go over Juneau's ordinance and see what works and what doesn't. The Mayor agreed to fine tune the ordinance to our requirements. Mund said they would draw up an ordinance for the next committee meeting. The Mayor reminded them the draft ordinance needs to be reviewed by the city attorney. Ault said they can fine tune the ordinance then have it go to Council. He agreed with a one year trial period and see if there are any problems. Zilewicz said Klomsten can't run his gator now but then asked if it was okay before? The Mayor said no, it has never been approved, by the Council, to run a gator on city streets.

B. DeBoer-thank EMS & Fire Dept.

Linke said Brad DeBoer wanted to thank the EMS and Fire Department for their good service, as he has used their services in the last 2-3 months.

S. College Avenue Historical building

Perlick said 24/7 Home Comfort had looked at the two furnaces in the Congregational Historical building and said both furnaces are operational and don't need to be replaced. The Mayor asked if he had received an estimate for signing up for protection. Huettner said he didn't have it but thought the city treasurer did. Perlick said he would get a quote for service maintenance. The Mayor said this will go to the August committee meeting. He said to also have an estimate for tuck pointing at the building.

Building raze order

The Mayor said the building inspector had inspected 422 E. State Street and gave the city an inspection report on the progress at the property. He said the report said they are making progress with regards to meeting the requirements of their agreement with the City. He said, however, there were projects started but not completed.

Operator license

The clerk said an operator's license application had been received from Jessica Jahns.

Library

Anders said their monthly visits (people coming into the library) are more than what was in 2018. She said the summer reading program finale will be August 2, from 11 to 4, at Riverside Park. She said the Voyageur canoe and face painting will be part of it. She said everyone is invited to come, as it is a free event, except for the food.

Board of Commissioner of Public Lands loans

Perlick said the city's two lines of credit, at ERGO Bank, need to be turned into long term loans. He said two separate loans will be applied for: 1) the city's share of Trenton Street, 10 years at 3.75% and 2) RDA for the apartment incentives, 20 years at 4.00% interest rate. Perlick said the first payment on the loans would be due in 2021.

The Mayor said the city had received word they will be receiving a \$10,000- grant from Waupun Memorial Hospital and their foundation for the aquatic center. He said they will put together a list for major improvements for the pool and use the grant funds there.

With no other business to come before the committee of the whole, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.