

**City of Fox Lake**  
**Committee of the Whole Synopsis**  
**August 18, 2021**

The August 18, 2021 committee of the whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Bednarek, at 6:41 p.m., following the special council meeting. Those in attendance were Alderpersons Dan Ault, Marcy Benz, Peter Hartzheim, John Mund and Don Zilewicz present. Dennis Linke was absent. Also attending were Officer Mitch Wegner, Librarian Erin Anders, City DPW Superintendent Gene Huettner, City Treasurer Krystal McCauley, City Administrator Dean Perlick, City Attorney Mike Devitt and City Clerk Jenny Quirk.

Richie Quirk was in the audience.

**Library:**

Librarian Anders shared that the library has wrapped up their outside summer reading program. Landscaping project is almost complete, painting project is complete and now getting ready for fall. The library is back to requiring masks in the building.

**License & Finance:**

Treasurer McCauley gave an update on the current financial reports for the quarter with a comparison of budget amounts to actual amounts to date. She also provided a copy of the recreation donation account for review. She also reminded the council of the outline for the 2022 budget timeline.

**City Administrator:**

Perlick shared the findings from the January 1, 2021 population estimate for the City of Fox Lake. The preliminary population estimate, for the City of Fox Lake, was 1,576. There was found to be a 3.8% population growth within the city and a growth of 1.4% within the county since 2010. This does not include the new 36 new apartment units that have been occupied following the census.

**Other topics of discussion:**

Hartzheim shared on the behalf of Alderperson Linke that he would like to have consideration for replacing the current office chairs with new functioning chairs in the 2022 budget.

Hartzheim commented that the city and DPW should take into consideration the cost, for budgeting purposed, for the replacing the underground wiring during the 2027 State Street road project.

The Mayor stated the city has been trying to find additional land to expand the industrial park, which is full. Contact had been made with neighboring farmers for available land. He had been approached by Tom Meagher with interest to sell to the city acreage from Cayuse Court to County Hwy P with a total of 63 acres +/- . Currently this land already has 24 single family lots plotted within the city limits as well as additional land in the Town of Fox Lake. This would provide room for more residential homes as well as industrial park land.

With no other business to come before the committee of the whole, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.