

**City of Aurora, Ohio**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 28, 2019**

The Committee of the Whole of the City of Aurora, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, January 28, 2019, for the purpose of holding a regular public meeting. Committee Chairman John Kudley, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:       Reva Barner  
                  Kathi Grandillo  
                  Harold Hatridge  
                  George Horvat  
                  Dennis Kovach  
                  John Kudley, Jr  
                  Amy McDougald Eckard  
                  James Vaca  
                  Scott Wolf

Also Present:  Tim Clymer, Finance Director  
                  Dean DePiero, Law Director  
                  Denise Januska, Director of Planning, Zoning and Building  
                  Laura Holman, Director of Parks and Recreation  
                  Kris Allen, Executive Assistant to the Mayor  
                  Harry Stark, Director of Public Services  
                  Jack Burge, Director of Economic and Entrepreneurial Development  
                  Brian Byard, Police Chief  
                  Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council  
                  April Secura, Deputy Clerk of Council

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:       Approval of the January 14, 2019, Meeting minutes**

Mr. Hatridge moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0-1 roll call vote. Ms. McDougald Eckard abstained.

AYES:           Barner Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf  
NAYS:           None  
ABSTAIN:       McDougald Eckard

**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

(See Attached)

Mr. Clymer graciously thanked the Aurora community for reaching out during a most difficult time in his life.

Mr. Kudley said no one on Council cannot obviously appreciate the loss that Mr. Clymer is experiencing. He said Mr. Clymer has proven to be an outstanding Finance Director and with what

he is going through, he has proven to be an outstanding individual as well. Mr. Kudley said everything Mr. Clymer does is appreciated and everyone's thoughts are with him.

**MOTION: To accept the Finance Director's Report**

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION: To amend the agenda by adding as item j 2019 Maintenance of Heating and Cooling System for City Buildings**

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**Ford F250 Purchase - Parks and Recreation**

Ms. Holman said the 2019 Ford F250 will replace the 2010 F150. She said she received three quotes and the lowest was Liberty Ford.

Mr. Vaca asked the difference between a F250 and a F550. Ms. Holman said the F550 is a dump truck.

**MOTION: To Council this evening for consideration**

Mr. Wolf moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**Ford F550 Purchase - Parks and Recreation**

Ms. Holman said the current dump truck broke down this fall and it would have been over \$15,000 to repair. She said last year Council approved a new liner for that truck and it can be used in the new one.

Mr. Hatridge asked if the truck is diesel. Ms. Holman said she did not know. Mr. Hatridge read from the specifications that it was in fact a diesel.

**MOTION: To Council this evening for first reading**

Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Barner seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote

**Mower Purchase - Parks and Recreation**

Ms. Holman said the mower is a replacing a 2013 mower which will be sold on gov.com. She said state bid pricing was used directly from Banker Vehicles Systems.

**MOTION: To Council this evening for consideration**

Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**Ventrac 4500P Tractor and Mower Deck Purchase**

Ms. Holman said this is for the field side. She said this mower can be used with various attachments including some from the Parks Department.

Mr. Hatridge said he did not see any information on an extended warranty. Ms. Holman said she would get that information.

Mr. Hatridge asked if this will be used for baseball and soccer field. Ms. Holman said it will be used primarily around the fields.

Mr. Kovach asked if it is large to cut all of the fields. Ms. Holman said it will put them in the right position to do those fields effectively. She said this mower will put them in a position to do the larger areas.

**MOTION: To Council this evening for consideration**

Mr. Wolf moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**Leaf Vac Truck Purchase**

Mr. Stark said he is looking to purchase a Leaf Vac Truck for \$184,110 from Best Equipment. He said this is the only distributor they were able to go through. He said this truck is a lot more efficient and can hold double the capacity in the storage bin. He said instead of having 4 or 5 service techs and requires only 2 to operate the truck. Mr. Stark mentioned various uses for the truck.

Ms. Barner asked what will be done with the previous truck. Mr. Stark said the city currently does not have a truck, they use a leaf box. He said the truck will be replacing a 30 year old leaf box.

Ms. Barner asked if the truck will clean the street. Mr. Stark said the city has a separate piece of equipment for sweeping the streets.

Ms. Barner asked if it comes with an extended warranty. Mr. Stark said there is a warranty on all of the pieces of equipment.

Mr. Vaca asked if it is possible to send Council a picture of what it looks like. Mr. Stark said yes.

Mr. Hatridge asked if this equipment picks up the leaves while they are still wet. Mr. Stark said yes.

Mr. Hatridge asked if it will be a quicker pickup as far as time goes. Mr. Stark said yes. He said they are reevaluating the entire process this year.

Mr. Kovach asked if the weight of the truck will be tough on the brims. Mr. Stark said no.

**MOTION: To Council this evening for consideration**

**Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.**

**Approval of City's Portion for the California Street Reconstruction Project**

Mr. Stark said this is allocating the money for the project. He said the project was awarded by the Village of Reminderville for \$1,073,614.00 to low and best bidder D.L. Smith. He said the city's portion is \$350,000.00 and he is asking to utilize those dollars towards the project.

Mr. Horvat asked if this is last year money. Mr. Clymer said it was a budget carryover item for this year's budget.

**MOTION: To Council this evening for consideration**

Mr. Wolf moved; Ms. McDougald Eckard seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0-1 roll call vote. Mr. Vaca abstained.

AYES: Barner Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kudley, McDougald Eckard, Wolf  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: Vaca

**Cooperative Agreement –California Street Reconstruction Project**

Mr. Horvat asked who will oversee the construction.

Mr. Stark said a consultant hired by the Village of Reminderville but the city will be heavily involved since half of the street is the City of Aurora. He said it will be a concrete street and there is a stipulation with change orders that the city will be involved with every decision that is made because of the money being allocated for contingency.

Mr. Horvat asked if \$50,000 will be enough to cover overrun.

Mr. Stark said the City of Aurora's practice is to have a bit higher contingency. He said he is not happy with the amount they put in there and he will be watching.

**MOTION: To Council this evening for consideration**

Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0-1 roll call vote. Mr. Vaca abstained.

AYES: Barner Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kudley, McDougald Eckard, Wolf  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: Vaca

**3 In-Car Video Systems Purchase – Police Department**

Chief Byard said he is requesting to purchase 3 new in-car video systems for the three new cars they will be getting. He said they will replace on that is not operating and the other two are not operating.

Mr. Hatridge asked if the cameras are rigid mounted. Chief Byard said they are mounted and can be moved left to right and can also tape the back seat as well as the rear of the car.

Mr. Hatridge asked if it includes audio. Chief Byard said yes.

Ms. Barner asked if all of the vehicles will now have the latest equipment. Chief Byard said the equipment is rotated out and, it is usually every 3–4 years a car will get rotated out.

Mr. DePiero said over the past few years with video systems getting better and better every time there is an OVI arrest it is standard that the Defense Council wants a copy of it. He said it is incumbent on the city to have a good equipment because it is requested on every arrest.

**MOTION: To Council this evening for consideration**

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**Employees Generally**

Ms. Aldredge said for the newly created position of the Construction and Inspection Manager. She said there were seven candidates, two were interviewed. She said the individual hired is on that is much vested in the City of Aurora and very knowledgeable of all of the past projects and upcoming ones.

Mr. Hatridge asked if he will qualify for overtime. Mr. Aldredge said yes.

**MOTION: To Council this evening for consideration**

Ms. Grandillo moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**2019 Maintenance of Heating and Cooling Systems for City Buildings Bid Award**

Mr. Stark said four bid were received and Gardiner was the lowest and best at \$24,995.00. He said it is a one year contract with renewal options for years two and three. He said the library has been eliminated from the contract.

**MOTION: To Council this evening for consideration**

Mr. Wolf moved; Ms. Barner seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: To adjourn**

Mr. Wolf moved; Mr. Hatridge seconded. The motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

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John Kudley, Jr., Chairman

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Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council