

**City of Aurora, Ohio**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 14, 2016**

The Committee of the Whole of the City of Aurora, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, March 14, 2016 the purpose of holding a regular public meeting. Committee Chairman John Kudley, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Reva Barner

Also Present: Ann Womer Benjamin, Mayor  
Dean DePiero, Law Director  
Timothy Clymer, Finance Director  
John Trew, Director of Public Services  
Denise Januska, Planning, Zoning & Building Director  
Jack Burge, Economic & Entrepreneurial Development Director  
Brian Byard, Police Chief  
James Kraus, Parks & Recreation Director  
Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council  
Colleen Martin, Deputy Clerk of Council

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: Approval of the February 22, 2016 meeting minutes**

Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a majority voice vote. Mr. Kovach abstained.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Reappointment of Ken Wolf**

Mayor Womer Benjamin said Mr. Wolf's reappointment is to the Parta Board of Trustees. She said Mr. Wolf was interested in continuing his membership and she would like to reappointment him. Mr. Kudley said the legislation worksheet states his term would end June 30, 2016. Mayor Womer Benjamin said that date is when his current term ends and his new term would end June 30, 2019.

**MOTION: To recommend to Council**

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a majority voice vote. Mr. Wolf abstained.

**Amendment - Codified Section 951.01**

Mr. DePiero said the next three ordinances are clean up ordinances resulting from Council's change to the committee structure to reflect the Committee of Whole. He said references to the Finance Committee are deleted. Mr. Kudley said this applies for items b, c, d. Mr. DePiero said correct.

**MOTION: To recommend to Council**

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

**Amendment – Codified Section 161.10**

Mr. DePiero said some language was changed to reflect administrative changes, but generally it deleted the Finance Committee references.

**MOTION: To recommend to Council**

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

**Amendment – Codified Section 155.04****MOTION: To recommend to Council**

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

**Air Sweeper Purchase**

Mr. Trew said an amended quote was distributed prior to the meeting to reflect the purchase price of \$215,984.04. He said it replaces a 2002 sweeper. He said this model will clean the catch basins as well as sweep the streets.

Mr. Vaca asked what the modifications are on the new quote. Mr. Trew said additional amount is for a stronger pump and a longer hose.

Mr. Hatridge asked the purpose of the camera system. Mr. Trew said it is a rearview camera for safety features. Mr. Hatridge said new construction sites that get mud and dirt on the roads, will the city clean them and charge the contractors. Mr. Trew said contractors will still be responsible to clean up.

**MOTION: To recommend to Council**

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

**Ford F-350 Truck with Plow**

Mr. Kraus said this is a replacement truck. He said he is recommending purchasing the truck from Liberty Ford in Solon for a total of \$31,846.03 minus \$6000.00 trade in.

Mr. Hatridge asked if it is replacing two trucks. Mr. Kraus said it is replacing one.

**MOTION: To recommend to Council**

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

**Ford Transit 150 Van**

Mr. Kraus said the van is part of the Aurora Transportation Program the Mayor will be starting this year. Mr. Kraus said six different vehicles have been compared and the Ford Transit is recommended. He said the van has a high ceiling, ramp width, pricing and other amenities. He said Liberty Ford in Solon was able to get a better discount on the vehicle. He said Mobility Works will be doing the modifications to the van. He said the total cost is \$44,112.86. He said \$50,000.00 was in the 2016 budget for the purchase. He said it would take approximately eight weeks to receive the vehicle.

Mr. Kudley reminded everybody the concept of the program has already been approved in the budget. He said all Council should be debating is the purchase of the van and not the program.

Ms. McDougald asked if the city currently has a transportation vehicle at the Senior Center. Mr. Kraus said the city has a 24 passenger van that transports seniors to social activities. Mr. Kraus said the van in question is intended for medical appointments and errands. He said with the location of Aurora in Portage County, other services will not transport seniors outside of the county. He said many communities around Aurora have similar services. He said the van is an eight passenger van, but if seats are taken out for handicap that will change slightly.

Ms. McDougald asked if there are grants available for the purchase. Mr. Kraus said the grants are restricted to the type of program the city wants to offer.

Mr. Kudley asked who will be served by the program and what will qualifications be. Mayor Womer Benjamin said an initial criteria has been drafted. She said the program will serve adult residents with disabilities or in need of transportation to medical appointments and limited shopping. She said the vehicle is limited to a 20 mile radius from City Hall. She said Hillcrest Hospital and University Health Center is just slightly over 20 miles but will be allowed. She said going to downtown hospitals will not be allowed. She said scheduling will primarily be handled by the Mayor's Office. She said she has had many requests for this program and it would be a great benefit to the residents. She said cost will be \$5.00 for 10 miles or less or \$8.00 for more than 10 miles. She said for transportation to locations in Aurora then there will be no charge.

Mr. Hatridge asked if the price included handicap capabilities. Mr. Kraus said the total includes all costs.

Mr. Hatridge asked if the driver of this van would have to have any certification to drive a handicap vehicle. Mr. Kraus said at this point it is just a standard driver's license but he is verifying that. Mr. Kraus said the vehicle is small enough so a commercial license is not needed. Mr. Kraus said no medical training should be necessary because the intent is not to have extreme situations of that source. Mr. Hatridge said this is a great program for our citizens.

Mr. Wolf said he would like to make sure an A.E.D. is available in the van. He said he is glad this opportunity will be available to Aurora residents.

Mr. Vaca asked if the driver will stay at the appointment with the resident. Mayor Womer Benjamin said it will be part of scheduling. She said the plan is no, but it would also depend on what type of appointment and how far away the appointment is.

Mr. Vaca said he believes the driver of the vehicle should have some medical training. Mayor Womer Benjamin said the intent of this program is not for anyone with health issues that will need a medical trained driver. Mayor Womer Benjamin said various independent living facilities located in Aurora are exempt from this program.

Ms. McDougald asked if it was possible for the residents to sign a waiver in case something was to happen to them. Mayor Womer Benjamin said an application is being prepared that will protect the city.

**MOTION: To recommend to Council**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: To adjourn**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

John Kudley Jr., Chairman

Colleen Martin, Deputy Clerk of Council