

City of Aurora, Ohio
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES
August 8, 2016

The Committee of the Whole of the City of Aurora, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, August 8, 2016 the purpose of holding a regular public meeting. Committee Chairman John Kudley, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Reva Barner
 Kathi Grandillo
 George Horvat
 Dennis Kovach
 John Kudley, Jr.
 Amy McDougald
 James Vaca *arrived at 6:18 p.m.*
 Scott Wolf

Absent: Harold Hatridge

Also Present: Ann Womer Benjamin, Mayor
 Dean DePiero, Law Director
 Timothy Clymer, Finance Director
 John Trew, Director of Public Services
 Denise Januska, Director, Division of Planning, Zoning and Building
 James Kraus, Director of Parks and Recreation
 Jack Burge, Director of Economic and Entrepreneurial Development
 Tracy Humbert, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
 Karen Aldredge, Chief of Staff
 Brian Byard, Police Chief
 Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Approval of the July 25, 2016 meeting minutes

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. McDougald seconded. The motion carried on Unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To amend the agenda by adding the employees generally as item "g"

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

NEW BUSINESS

Copier Lease Agreement – Police Department

Mayor Womer Benjamin said periodically leases are renewed on the city's copiers. She said Ms. Humbert is trying hard to get the leases on the same termination date and preferably with the same company. Mayor Womer Benjamin said the new copier for the Police Department is a 52 month lease at \$326.13 per month.

Mr. Horvat asked if copiers change much or go bad in that time period.

Mayor Womer Benjamin said there are periodic repairs but it seems the city's copiers are doing well.

Ms. Barner asked if city is embedded in the 52 months if there is a need be something faster.

Mayor Wormer Benjamin said new machine is more technologically current. She said the price is higher because it is a 52 month lease rather than a 60 month lease. She said the goal is to get the copier to the same time period as some of the other newer equipment.

MOTION: To forward to Council for consideration this evening

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

Authorization of VOA Food Pantry Donation

Mr. Clymer said for quite a few years the city has donated \$12,000 per year to the VOA for the food pantry. He said because the Charter requires that purchases over \$10,000 be approved by Council he brought this forward for Council's approval as a formality.

Ms. Barner asked if the funds are coming out of the general budget and being paid with taxpayer's dollars.

Mr. Clymer said it coming out of the General Fund and it is taxpayer's dollars.

Ms. Barner said moving forward there are many charities she would like the city to consider giving to. She said it is very difficult to do something like this using taxpayer's dollars. She listed other charities that could benefit from contributions.

Mayor Womer Benjamin said in this case Council and the Administration felt that this particular entity provides a service and is something the city might have to address if this entity were not there.

Ms. Barner said the city has been fortunate to be able to provide to this charity. She said however, taxpayers might want to have a say as to where their taxpayer dollars are going.

Mr. Vaca said he thought the money was from an excess of some kind of fund. He suggested continuing the contribution until the end of the year and then to discuss it at budget time.

Ms. McDougald said the VOA depends on these funds until the end of the year. She said not to proceed at this point when they have already budgeted for the year could harm them.

MOTION: To forward to Council

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

Bid Award – 2016 Asphalt Road Paving Program

Mr. Trew said the bid opening was held July 28. He said there were four bidders and the best bid was Perrin Asphalt at \$609,684.24 for the base bid. He said the city will not be doing the alternate. Mr. Trew stated the roads that will be done this year is Robinhood Drive, Sussex Drive, Royal Oak Drive from Glenview Drive through the roundabout to the end of the road, Glenview Drive entrance into the Oaks of Aurora, Burns Lane, Bent Tree, Ohio Street, Greenview Drive, Glen Eden Court, Old Barn road, Eldridge Road and the Westerly Wastewater Treatment Plant. He said Eldridge is a small repair.

Mr. Vaca said unfortunately Orchard was not included. He asked the status of California Street.

Mr. Trew said he has met with Reminderville and they are still in discussion. He said the engineering plans are being reexamined for the water.

Mr. Vaca asked if there is a possibility it will get done this year.

Mr. Trew said it all depends on the company getting the work done. He said they went back and had to vet all the figures and engineering runs to make sure there is an increase in storm water protection for

everyone. He said the city made it clear they would not participate if our residents would not receive a benefit on this.

Mr. Vaca asked if this continues well beyond the construction time will the city have to hold on to the money until next year.

Mr. Trew said the Grant is good until 2017.

Ms. Barner asked if Robinhood Drive and Sherwood Drive will be done.

Mr. Trew said Sherwood Drive will be done next year because of culvert work that has to be done first.

Mr. Wolf questioned when the asphalt plants close.

Mr. Trew replied around mid-November. He said the project going forward or not has to do with the engineers completing the work.

Mayor Womer Benjamin said it is not the city's fault that there is a delay. She said it is the engineers for Reminderville and for the project that came to the city twice with proposals that did benefit our residents and in fact arguably hurt our residents. She said they were told we would not put our money into the project unless they can demonstrate a benefit mathematically to Aurora residents as well as to Reminderville. She said this is not just paving work; it is also storm water work.

Mr. Kovach asked if there are extra funds could they possibly be used to do some work in Ward Two.

Mr. Trew said spot repair is still being done.

MOTION: To forward to Council for consideration this evening

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

Creating Part-time Secretary/Receptionist Position

Ms. Aldredge said the administration is looking to fill the secretary/receptionist position that previously had been fulltime with a part-time position approximately 25-28 hours a week. She said the person that previously held the position indicated in her resignation letter that she was leaving because of lack of work. Ms. Aldredge said that after reviewing the job description it was determined there was not enough work to fill a 40 hour week consistently.

Ms. Barner commended the previous employee for being honest.

MOTION: To Council for consideration this evening

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

Employees Generally

Chief Byard said the request is to move a part-time employee into a fulltime position due to the retirement of one of the officers.

MOTION: To Council for consideration this evening

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

Hydrant Painting

Mr. Trew stated he was able to get a reasonable quote of \$20,000. He said the cost is \$130.00 per hydrant. He said SR82, SR43 and part of SR306 will be done. Mr. Trew said there are over 1,600 hydrants in the

city; therefore, it is a very large task and only few will be done at a time. Mr. Trew said he received several quotes and some were as high as \$350.00 per hydrant. He said part of the problem is the city's hydrants have storage fittings for easy connect and disconnect. He said because of the storage fittings a Plug Hug cannot be used. He said the process is a two part epoxy on the reapplication so the paint will last.

Mr. Vaca asked who painted the hydrants on SR43. Mr. Trew said the city did.

Mr. Vaca asked how many hydrants are down. Mr. Trew said there may be 12 around the city and they are currently working to get them fixed.

Ms. Barner said she is happy the hydrants are going to be painted. She said she was ignorant of the fact it was so expensive to paint them.

Ms. McDougald said a constituent asked her about the Plug Hub. She asked if that was an option for the city.

Mr. Trew said the city's hydrants have storage fittings and the Plug Hug cannot be used with the. He said he is looking for a device that will go over the fittings and is currently working on it with the manufacturer of the Plug Hug.

Ms. McDougald asked if there is a plan on how many will be painted each year and when they will be completed.

Mr. Kovach asked who is cutting the brush down. Mr. Trew said it is included in the quote.

MOTION: To Council for consideration this evening

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Mr. Wolf abstained.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, McDougald, Vaca

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Wolf

Employees Generally

Mr. Kraus said a couple of the sports monitors have gone off to college or other jobs leaving a vacancy in that area. He said also some of the seasonal staff is heading back to school and there still are hanging baskets and other outdoor work that needs to be done over the next few weeks. He said the individual on the employees generally will be doing two different jobs and is being hired for both positions. He explained they will be doing seasonal work for the next few weeks and will stay on and be a sports monitor over the fall and winter.

MOTION: To Council for consideration this evening

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.