

**City of Aurora, Ohio**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 27, 2020**

The Committee of the Whole of the City of Aurora, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, January 27, 2020 for the purpose of holding a regular public meeting. Committee Chairman John Kudley, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent:         Amy Eckard

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:       Approval of the January 13, 2020, meeting minutes**

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Barner seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Law Director's Contract**

Mayor Womer Benjamin said the contract is the same as those in the past with a slight change in compensation.

Ms. Barner said being the Law Director is not an easy job. She said Mr. DePiero does an outstanding job for the city and she appreciates that.

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

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

**Employees Generally**

Mayor Womer Benjamin said the employees generally includes all of the potential raises included in the budget which Council will have the opportunity to review and approve later.

Mr. Horvat stated that he would like to see going forward, the union employees included in the annual employees generally. He would like to see year to year where the raises are coming.

Mayor Womer Benjamin said they are in the budget book. She said the only ones not included are the service employees.

Mr. Kudley said up until two years ago all of the contractual employees were included and he would like them included in this year's document.

Mr. Vaca said the administrative percentages should be documented as well.

Mayor Womer Benjamin said most received a 2.5% raise and those that did not will be discussed in executive session.

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

Mr. Hatridge moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a 6-0-2 roll call vote. Mr. Kudley and Mr. Vaca abstained.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Wolf

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Kudley, Vaca,

**ADJOURNMENT****MOTION: To adjourn**

Mr. Hatridge moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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John Kudley, Jr., Chairman

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Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council