

City of Aurora, Ohio
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES
February 24, 2020

The Committee of the Whole of the City of Aurora, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, February 24, 2020 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
 Amy Eckard
 Kathi Grandillo
 Harold Hatridge
 George Horvat *arrived at 6:33 p.m.*
 Dennis Kovach
 John Kudley, Jr
 James Vaca
 Scott Wolf

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
 Denise Januska, Director of Planning, Zoning and Building
 Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council
 April Secura, Deputy Clerk of Council

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Approval of the February 10, 2020, meeting minutes

Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Barner seconded. The motion carried on a 6-0-2 roll call vote. Ms. Eckard and Mr. Kovach abstained.

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MOTION: To accept the Finance Director's Report

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

NEW BUSINESS

Employees Generally

Mayor Womer Benjamin explained that the employees generally include three replacement part-time firefighter/paramedics. She said they will be at a training rate for a short period of time.

MOTION: To Council for consideration this evening

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

City Architect & Plans Examiner – Continuation of Contract

Ms. Januska said the contract renewal is for Mr. Skapin who has worked for the city for the past five years. She said he has worked out well; does his reviews in a timely fashion and works with the Fire Department well. She said his contract usually runs from year to year and asked that it be renewed for another year.

MOTION: To Council for consideration this evening

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

Vehicle Purchase – Parks & Recreation

Ms. Holman asked for approval to purchase a 2020 Ford Escape to replace a 2008 Ford Escape that is currently being used for the department. She said she will use the vehicle along with the sports and events coordinators. She said the net cost with trade-in is \$23,390.00.

Mr. Hatridge asked the mileage on the trade-in vehicle.

Ms. Holman said the mileage is under 40,000 but the undercarriage is in danger of rusting through and there are other issues.

MOTION: To Council for consideration this evening

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

Dedication of Water & Sanitary – Hawkin Lane

Mayor Womer Benjamin said the improvements for Hawkin have been approved by the engineers and is asking for approval for the water and sanitary lines only.

MOTION: To Council's March 9 agenda

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

2020 Concrete Repair Bid Award

Mayor Womer Benjamin said the bid award is a 1 year contract with Perrin Concrete with renewal options for years 2 and 3. She said 5 bid packets were sold and Perrin was the only bidder.

Mr. Kovach asked if the bid was just for concrete and not for asphalt.

Mayor Womer Benjamin said it is just for concrete.

MOTION: To Council this evening for consideration

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

2020 Traffic Signal Maintenance & 24-Hour Emergency Service Bid Award

Mayor Womer Benjamin said the contract is for maintenance of the existing traffic signals. She said the city has previously been under contract with Signal Service and they do a very good job. She said it is a 1 year contract with renewal options for years 2 and 3.

Mr. Kudley said that he noticed the Treat Road Traffic lights are being installed.

Mayor Womer Benjamin she said it will not be operational for a while and even once it is installed there will be a period of 2-4 weeks where they will be testing it.

Mr. Vaca said the light at Moneta is running over a minute and he would like it checked.

Ms. Barner said she is glad to see the traffic light up at Treat. She said if there is anything to extrapolate on that it would be good to pass it along.

Mayor Womer Benjamin said she does know it is being installed. She said it is weather dependent on when it is completely installed. She said she would try to get more information on the exact timeline.

MOTION: To Council for consideration this evening

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

OLD BUSINESS

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Mr. Kudley stated that he met with Mr. DePiero and came up with the language that puts into the rules what is currently in effect.

Mr. Horvat said does it need to be amended or is this what will be adopted.

Mr. Kudley said the words in red are the amendment.

Mr. Vaca said it is a good idea and well written.

MOTION: To Council for consideration this evening

Mr. Vaca moved; Mr. Kovach seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca

NAYS: Wolf

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

John Kudley, Jr., Chairman

Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council