

City of Aurora, Ohio
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES
March 26, 2018

The Committee of the Whole of the City of Aurora, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, March 26, 2018 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: Kathi Grandillo
Harold Hatridge
George Horvat
Dennis Kovach
John Kudley, Jr.
Amy McDougald
James Vaca

Absent: Reva Barner
Scott Wolf

Also Present: Ann Womer Benjamin, Mayor
Tim Clymer, Finance Director
Dean DePiero, Law Director
Kris Allen, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Harry Stark, Director of Public Services
Laura Holman, Director of Parks and Recreation
Robert Hagquist, Police Lieutenant
Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council
April Secura, Deputy Clerk of Council

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Approval of the March 12, 2018, Meeting minutes

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Mr. Hatridge abstained.

AYES: Grandillo, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, McDougald, Vaca
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Hatridge

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MOTION: To accept the Finance Director's Report

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

NEW BUSINESS

Truck Purchase – Service Department

Mr. Stark said the vehicle is a replacement vehicle for one that is inoperable. He said he will use the vehicle along with the engineer. He said the vehicle will be purchased from Liberty Ford at a cost of \$27,116.08 through the state bid list, less the trade in allowance of \$1,000.00.

MOTION: To Council this evening for first reading

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

Tax Incentive Review Committee Recommendations

Mr. Clymer said the Tax Incentive Review Committee met last week and reviewed all of the CRA agreements and evaluated the companies' compliance with those agreements. He said there was one company AKMA, that failed to meet the goals stated in the application. He said it was recommended to terminate their abatement and continue with the remaining CRA abatements. He explained there is generally a short turn around to get this to Council for approval and that is why he is asking for the quick approval. He said the state provides reports in February; he has to get responses from companies and work around Auditor Esposito's schedule and President Kohanski's schedule to attend the meeting.

Mr. Vaca asked if the abatement is denied do they pay back the prior up to that point.

Mr. Clymer said he is not positive if these agreements have clawback provisions. He said he does not think there is for CRA1; that is something he would have to check into. He said on the income tax abatements a clawback can be done; but he is not sure if it is legal on property tax.

MOTION: To forward to Council this evening for consideration

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

Employees Generally

Mayor Womer Benjamin said there are five part-time seasonal employees for Parks and Recreation that will start as early in the season as possible. She said there is also a secretary for Public Services and a Service Supervisor.

Mr. Stark introduced the new Service Supervisor, Mr. Jonathan Bellack. He said he has known Mr. Bellack for several years while working for the City of Wadsworth. Mr. Stark highlighted Mr. Bellack's experience and qualifications with the City of Wadsworth. He said he looks forward to having Mr. Bellack on his team.

Mr. Vaca asked if Mr. Bellack's position is union. He asked for a resume for the secretary.

Mr. Stark said Mr. Bellack's position is nonunion. Mr. Starks said the secretary is currently in a similar position and has worked in the construction industry for many years. He said she understands she will be working with engineering; and understands technology. He said she is an Aurora resident and wanted a job closer to home.

Mr. Hatridge asked if she is replacing an employee that left.

Mayor Womer Benjamin said the previous employee moved into the Water Department position when there was a retirement. She said the position was left open for a while pending a new Service Director and filled it with temporary personnel in the interim.

MOTION: To forward to Council this evening for consideration

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

John Kudley, Jr., Chairman

Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council