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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
TUESDAY, May 14, 2024

Mayor Greg Kubarski called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:01 PM on Tuesday, May 14, 2024. Committee members present at the time the meeting was called to order were Tom Hotek, Leanne Beyer, Mark Lankey, Darrow Novy, Liz Parish, Rick Hanke, and Randy Seeley. Pat Moen was not present.

Others present included: City Administrator Josh Finch, Police Chief Pat Clark, Administrative Associate Sara McDonald, Nicolette Nauman of the Hillsboro Sentry Enterprise, and Mike Burch from the Streets Department. Several Hillsboro Citizens were also in attendance.

Mayor Kubarski asked if this meeting received proper public notice to which City Administrator Finch confirmed the meeting did receive proper notice.

Motion by Hanke, second by Beyer, to approve the April 9, 2024, Committee of a Whole meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Registered Public Comment

Motion by Beyers, seconded by Hanke to exercise Robert's Rules of Order and organize public comment to three minutes each. Motion passed with one dissent of Seeley.

Hillsboro Citizens Chris Spencer, Michelle Rice, Greg Fauerbach, Ross Carpenter, Paul Richardson, Shawn Kuester, and Jim Rice spoke.

Habitat for Humanity representative Kahya Fox also spoke.

A motion for a five-minute recess was made by Hanke, seconded by Lankey. Motion passed and recess began at 8:20pm.

Return from recess was at 8:30pm

Safety and Welfare

Chief Clark presented the Police Chief's Report. Hillsboro Police Department received 135 calls in the previous month. Chief Clark spoke of participating in a K9 search and training session within the high school and completing lock down drills in both schools during the last month. Chief Clark also acknowledged his involvement in the Honor Guard at the Police Memorial speech in Viroqua. Darrow Novy brought attention to concerns he received of motorists speeding into town

from the east side specifically after 10pm. Chief Clark thanked him for the information and stated his own knowledge of the events and a desire to get the radar trailer in that area.

Improvements and Services

Novy stated that two bids were received for Sidewalk, Curb, and Gutter repair. Administrator Finch was tasked with gathering more information on each of the contractors.

Joyce Meza asked for discussion on Chesky Courtyard to be postponed.

Administrator Finch provided an update on the Trains with a purported date on the 1934 Plymouth to be delivered of May 17, 2024. He acknowledged the hard work of the streets department to get the location set up for delivery. The caboose date is to be determined.

Finance and Personnel

The committee reviewed the bills and recommended the bills for Council approval for the next council meeting.

City Administrator Finch presented his monthly report.

Administrator Finch requested of the council the set of terms and conditions they see as fit for the length of term borrowing on the 2024 Street Project. A recommendation was made to stay between an eighteen- and twenty-four-month term.

Motion to enter closed session pursuant to Sec 19.85(1)(c) Wis. Stats which permits the use of closed sessions where governmental bodies are considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation of any public employee, regarding a police officer discussion was made by Lankey and seconded by Beyers. Motion carried and closed session was entered into at 8:45PM.

Motion to return to open session at 9:18PM by Beyers and seconded by Hanke. Motion carried.

Motion by Lanke, second by Hankey to adjourn at 9:18 PM. Motion carried.