



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
TUESDAY, November 12, 2024

Mayor Greg Kubarski called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:16 PM on Tuesday, November 12, 2024. Committee members present at the time the meeting was called to order were Tom Hotek, Leanne Beyer, Mark Lankey, Pat Moen, Darrow Novy, Liz Parish, Randy Seeley, and Rick Hanke.

Others present included: City Administrator Josh Finch, Police Chief Pat Clark, Administrative Associate Sara McDonald, Mike Burch from the Streets Department, Karri Bartlett and Kim Verbsky from the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, Citizens Alex McDonough, Monica Stenerson, and Ryan Prechel.

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 Hotek, to approve the October 8, 2024, Committee of a Whole meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Registered Public Comment

There was no Registered Public Comment

Safety and Welfare

Chief Clark presented the Police Chief's Report. The Hillsboro Police Department received 232 calls in the previous month. Chief Clark stated a safe and involved Halloween evening with the Police Department handing out candy and ensuring child safety.

The Committee was provided with a drafted ordinance update regarding livestock travel on public roadways. Discussion led to a possible alteration of what was presented based on the verbiage used with a further review and passing of the ordinance moved to the Council meeting on 11/18/2024.

A contract with Driftless Humane Society was presented to the Committee with a one-year term. Approval of the contract was elected to be moved to the Council meeting on 11/18/2024.

Improvements and Services

A Winter Tractor Rental Discussion was presented to the Committee with two proposals coming in: one from Slama Equipment and one from Tractor Central. More details were needed to be researched before decision can be made and a final decision with review and action was moved to the Council meeting on 11/18/2024.

Administrator Finch reviewed and presented three proposals that came in for the Comprehensive Plan. Discussion on each entity ensued with a tentative decision to accept the proposal from MSA, and moved to the Council meeting for approval on 11/18/2024.

Finance and Personnel

The committee reviewed the bills and recommended the bills for Council approval for the Council Meeting November 18, 2024.

City Administrator Finch presented his monthly report.

City Administrator Finch gave a final review of the 2025 Budget.

Motion by Beyer, second by Moen to adjourn at 8:39PM. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:39PM