

City of Fox Lake
Committee of the Whole Synopsis
January 17, 2018

The January 17, 2018 committee of the whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Bednarek, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, following a special council meeting. Those in attendance were alderpersons John Mund, Dan Ault, Dennis Linke, Peter Hartzheim, Robert Jenswold and Tom Jahnke. Also attending were city attorney Mike Devitt, city clerk Susan Hollnagel, police chief Jim Rohr and street superintendent Gene Huettner.

In the audience were Jim Behling, Joe DeYoung and Todd Jansma from MSA, Brad and Chris Kobs, Steve Hopp, fire chief Aaron Paul and Beaver Dam fire chief Alan Mannel.

Water/sewer service extension-100 block Second Street

The Mayor said he had asked MSA to prepare estimates on what it would cost to install water, sewer, storm sewer and street replacement along the 100 block of Second Street. He received two estimates, one for \$210,143- to install the utilities along Second Street and the other for \$36,570-, using the water line coming off of Mill Street. The Mayor said the first estimate the city can't afford and the second estimate the city needs to get easements. Joe DeYoung, of MSA, reminded the Council that if you use the line off of Mill Street, you are inheriting the line and suggested getting the line televised before you accept it. He also said the city will need to get easements to run the water/sewer lines to the lots. Huettner said they may need to install a storm drain if they put fill in the lot. He said by putting fill on the lot, it could flood out the other lots. The Mayor said he would give the estimates to the Redevelopment Authority for their consideration.

Lower speed on STH 33, west side

Hartzheim said he has received complaints on the speed of vehicles coming and going on STH 33 west. He said he saw this article in the Municipality magazine and thought they could lower the speed limit. Rohr said lowering the speed limit applies to a city that has a state highway under construction. He said he would also like to lower the speed limit coming into town and he has asked the DOT to review it. Rohr said the DOT won't do anything until after Leroy Meats opens and then they will do a survey. Jahnke asked didn't we do a survey before. Rohr said yes, but haven't had any crashes in the area so the DOT said we don't have any data to support lowering the speed limit.

Muni building roof replacement

Linke said at the Fire Association meeting, last week, the roof replacement was talked about and the Fire Association agreed to bid out the work as one unit, combining the City and Fire department roof replacement. Chief Paul said the association would work with the city.

Pool Pump

Hartzheim said the pool pump was pulled out on Wednesday. He said there was a hole in the casing and when it placed on the trailer, the casing broke in half. He said repairing it is not feasible. Hartzheim said he would be meeting with Jeff, of Neuman Pools, tomorrow and would get an estimate on the work and costs.

Lock box ordinance

The Mayor said he thought Chief Paul was going to let downtown businesses know that the city is considering lock boxes for businesses. Paul said he thought once the city passed the ordinance he would let the businesses know. Mund said that's why the council wanted him to talk to the owners so they would be able to share a box and lower their price. Paul said if the ordinance was passed, the work would have been for nothing. The Mayor asked Paul to be at the February 7 council meeting to answer any questions that may come up. City of Beaver Dam Fire Chief Alan Mannel showed the committee a sample of what a Knox box looks like. The Mayor said it was his understanding Knox box installation would start in the industrial park, then go to apartment buildings, with the downtown businesses last. Mund asked if insurance companies offer any type of discount for having a Knox box. Hopp said he installed one where he works and talked with the insurance company and they do not offer a discount.

The Mayor asked if there are different sizes of Knox boxes. Chief Mannel said the size he showed the committee could hold 5-6 keys. Hopp said the cost of the small box is \$325- and it goes up from there. Paul said there would be a box in each ambulance and one in a fire truck. Paul said firemen/EMT's need a key fob to get into the building so if there is a problem with someone getting the Knox box key and getting into a building, they will have a record of who entered/exited the building using the fob. Chief Mannel said in Beaver Dam they have had no failures, with the Knox box. He said theirs are installed prominently by the front door of the building. Jahnke asked if the Knox box can be connected to an alarm system. Mannel said yes. The Mayor said the second reading, public hearing and action on the ordinance will be at the February council meeting.

Vacate 300 block of East Cherry Street

The Mayor said that if sidewalk is put on, Huizenga's building would be 6-8 feet from the road. Linke said as long as there's access to Behling's property there shouldn't be a problem with vacating the street. Hartzheim said we don't have any guarantee that there will be construction. Devitt said Hannan had started the process of vacating the street and he should have it ready for the March council meeting.

Class B license application-Leroy Meats

Leroy Meats & Catering has applied for a Class B license and the public hearing and action on it will be at the February 7 council meeting.

Comp plan future land use map

There will be a public hearing on the amendments to the comprehensive plan's future land use map at the February 7 council meeting, with action following the public hearing.

Library minutes

No one had any questions on the January 9, 2018 library board minutes.

Personnel policy update

The Mayor said the city administrator is reviewing the city's personnel policy and will have a few changes to present to the personnel committee before it comes before the Council.

With no other business to come before the committee of the whole, the meeting was closed at 7:40 p.m.