

**City of Fox Lake**  
**Committee of the Whole Synopsis**  
**February 15, 2017**

The February 15, 2017 committee of the whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Bednarek, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers. Those in attendance were alderpersons John Mund, Dan Ault, Dennis Linke, Peter Hartzheim, Robert Jenswold and Tom Jahnke. Also attending were city clerk Susan Hollnagel, interim administrator Chuck Schranz, city attorney Steve Hannan, utilities superintendent Brad Ruenger, public works superintendent Gene Huettner, police chief Jim Rohr and librarian Paula Torgeson.

In the audience were Darryl Senda, Butch Buelow, Jeff Meier, Don Zilewicz, Chris Schenkel, Carol Lueck, David and Chris Schumacher, Giorgio Mazzolari, Kathy Jenswold, Amanda Lutey of the Daily Citizen, students at SAGES: Drew Hicken, Vanessa Blanchard, Conner Schneider, Hayden and Natalie Gibbs, parents of students: Megan Blanchard, Nicole Meagher and Karen Gibbs, and teachers Sheri Hicken and Becca Vree at SAGES school.

**Name for new street**

The Mayor stated there would be two new streets constructed to serve the Leroy Meats property and asked if they had any suggestions for the names. Jenswold said there are four businesses that have been in the city for a long time: Mullin's Drive In, Streich Motors, Kratz Funeral Home and Sam's. He said two of them have streets named after them already and suggested Streich Lane and suggested the other one be named by Hoekstra's. The Mayor suggested since two Scott's, Scott Hurst and Scott Boyd, are bringing commercial and industrial development to the city, he thought one could be named Scott Street. Torgeson suggested Brower Street, after the people who founded Fox Lake. Jahnke asked if the street needed a name before construction started. The Mayor said no but we should do it as soon as possible.

**Snow removal fee**

Linke stated he has been receiving complaints about sidewalks that are not shoveled in the city. He said the majority of people shovel their sidewalks but there are some that make no effort at all. Mund said the city has an ordinance that the sidewalk must be cleared 24 hours after the snow stops. The Mayor said with the grass mowing, the city has added an administrative fee. Schranz said the City of Waupun charges \$100 for the work. Hartzheim said the fee should go to \$100. He also said those residents who have a winter parking permit are not cleaning up around their vehicle after the plow goes through. Hartzheim said those people should be fined and have their parking permit terminated. Linke suggested the snow removal fee be raised to \$100 per occurrence plus a \$50 administrative fee, for a total of \$150 every time the city has to shovel their sidewalk. The Mayor said this would be on the March council agenda.

**Downtown snow removal**

Linke also said he has received comments regarding picking up the snow in the downtown area. He said people say you pick up the snow downtown, why can't you pick it up for us. Jenswold said the downtown area has no place to go with the snow, except push it out in the street. Hartzheim said in Beaver Dam, the downtown area has to have their snow pushed off the sidewalk by a specific time, in order

for it to be picked up. He said a time should be set for our downtown too. Linke said he guessed they leave it as it is.

### **SAGES community garden-water service**

A presentation, by SAGES students, updated the Council on what they have been doing at their community garden plot. They said they have received a \$1,000 and would like to have water at the garden, a sign and shed. They said they have gone from 3 plots to 6 plots. He said they were told there is a \$500 connection fee to hook up to the water. He said another way to have water is to have water barrels. Sherri Hickens, teacher at SAGES, said they have talked with the fire chief and he said they would be willing to fill the water barrels. She said Ruenger gave her a quote of around \$1,000 to stub in a water line to the property. The Mayor suggested the city waive the connection fee. Ruenger reminded her if they have water service, they would also be receiving a monthly bill for water used and meter rental. He also said since the water would not be used in the winter, the water would have to be shut off and the line from the curb box to the faucet would have to be blown out so the pipe wouldn't freeze and burst. Ruenger said the cemetery has a set up that would probably work for the gardens. Hickens appreciated the suggestion that the city would waive the connection fee. She said the students would have to look at their budget and find a plumber to get a price on the water service installation.

### **SAGES community garden-sign request**

SAGES students showed the size of sign, 8' X 3', they would like to install on their community garden, rather than the small size, 2' X 2', which is allowed by city ordinance. The Mayor said since Spring Street is also State Highway 33, the state Department of Transportation would govern how far the sign would have to be set back from the road right of way. The students asked if they could put the sign on a shed they would like to have at the garden. Hannan said his understanding of a highway setback is 75 feet from the middle of the road out to the edge of the road right away. Hickens asked who they can talk with to find out what the setbacks are. No one had a contact number for her.

The Mayor said the city has an ordinance where a principal building (home) must be on a lot before an auxiliary building (shed) can be placed on the lot. He said since there isn't a principal building at the community garden, they would have to apply for a building permit, which would be denied, and they would have to apply to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a variance to put the shed on the property.

### **Water lateral replacements**

Linke said with the street reconstruction on Third Street, the water main will also be replaced. He said the city will be replacing the connections from the main to the curb stop. Linke said water laterals from the curb stop to the house have been inspected to check for cracks, roots, and if they are made of lead. He said if they are made of lead, the property owner will be notified and their portion of the lateral, from curb stop to house, will have to be replaced, with the cost being the responsibility of the property owner. Ruenger said this can also happen if a curb stop is leaking and the city digs it up to replace it. He said they will check the property owner's water lateral and if it is lead, the property owner will have to replace it. He said this is what happened on W. Cherry Street. The Mayor suggested billing the property owner and they would have 60 days to pay 1/3 of the bill, with the balance, split over the next two tax bills, with an interest rate of 3 1/2%. Ruenger said they are not out looking for lead water laterals, however, if there is a service

leak and through repair, they find a lead water lateral, the homeowner will have to replace it. The Mayor said a resolution regarding this would be on the March agenda.

### **Waive Community Center rental fee – SAGES**

SAGES Foundation asked the city if they would waive the Community Center rental fee for their dinner/auction/fundraiser on April 2017. Jahnke said the city could do that. The Mayor said it would be on the March council agenda.

### **Update dredging at boat launch**

Hartzheim said the dredging has been completed from the boat launch down to the handicapped pier. However, the city has received the bill and it is \$10,000 more than the price that was quoted. He said he was at Zilewicz's when Krause Excavation quoted him \$15,000 for dredging, plus possibly an additional \$1,500 if they had to put up a silt fence. The Mayor asked Hartzheim if he had contacted Krause. Hartzheim said no. He said he knew they had to bring in sand so the back hoe wouldn't slide into the water. He said the quote was for 500 feet and they measured it the other day, from the boat launch piers to the handicapped pier and it was only 425 feet. The Mayor said this would be on the March committee meeting when more information would be available. Zilewicz said if the city's bill was \$25,000, they didn't spend that kind of money on the launch. He said they didn't spend that much time there. The Mayor said we're going to contest the bill.

### **Property owner dredging**

The Mayor said they had talked, when Rogers was here, about reimbursing the property owners \$500, for the dredging. He said 8 to 10 years ago the city had looked into dredging the creek and the cost was close to a million dollars. Don Zilewicz said his dredging cost \$7,200 plus another \$1,100 in permits. He said it improves the creek all the way around. Zilewicz asked what happened to the markers (buoys) that were going to mark the channel. Rohr said he held off until the dredging was done. Zilewicz asked who would enforce the no wake. Rohr said an ordinance would have to be drafted to enforce it or the city can adopt the state's no wake law. Zilewicz asked if there would be three markers. Rohr said he would have to find out how far apart they need to be but was thinking 2. Zilewicz said the boats that speed down the channel push the muck back to the shore. Rohr said the waves do damage to the shoreline, eroding it. The Mayor asked Rohr to work on the ordinance and buoys. Rohr said he can enforce the no wake from shore. He said there would be no power loading at the piers either. Rohr said when they power load, all the rip rap that is at the end of the cement ramp, gets blown out and piles up. The Mayor said the reimbursement will be on the March council agenda.

### **Pool passes**

The Mayor said he and treasurer Tripke met with YMCA representative, Jacob VanDenBerg, to review aquatic center fees. He said VanDenBerg said the city is at the low end of what is charged for season passes, in comparison to Lomira and Mayville. He said the seasonal passes will be one flat fee, with no difference between resident and non-resident fees.

### **Rezoning Hoekstra property, CSM 7143**

The Mayor said the Planning Commission had reviewed the request to rezone the property that Leroy Meats will be building on from R-1, single family residence to B-2, business and recommended to rezone the property. He said a public hearing will be held, prior to the Council taking action on the change.

### **Picnic license-SAGES Foundation**

The Mayor said the city had received a picnic license application from the SAGES Foundation for their dinner/fund raiser on April 17, 2017. He said this will be on the March council agenda.

### **Operator license**

The Mayor said the city had received an operator license application from Janice Benbenek for the period ending June 30, 2017. He said this will be on the March council agenda.

### **Electronic building permit submission**

The clerk stated beginning January 2, 2018 the city will have to submit a digital building form to the state for any new one and two family dwellings constructed in the city. The city's building inspector, General Engineering, said they can do this for us. The Mayor said this will be on the March council meeting.

### **Library minutes**

The council didn't have any questions regarding the Library Board minutes from February 7 but Ault (council representative on the Library Board) asked why the cost of the audit for the library seems to increase every year. The Mayor said Ault should contact the auditors to see what work is involved with the audit.

### **Administrator's report**

Administrator Schranz updated the council on the UW Capstone project to spruce up the downtown area. He said a conceptual design is in the lobby. He said there are two more phases to be completed and they will be back by the end of May. The Mayor said this is being done through the Redevelopment Authority and only costs the city materials.

Schranz said the cell tower company did borings down forty (40) feet. He said they have received state approval for the tower but not federal approval yet.

Schranz said the bids were opened for the rental of the land, in the industrial park area, and Hoekstra's were the successful bidder at \$210.00 per acre.

With no other business to come before the committee of the whole, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.