

City of Fox Lake
Committee of the Whole Synopsis
July 19, 2017

The July 19, 2017 committee of the whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Bednarek, at 6:36 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 Steve Hannan, city administrator Dean Perlick, police chief Jim Rohr, public works superintendent Gene Huettner, librarian Paula Torgeson and city clerk Susan Hollnagel.

In the audience were Marcy Benz, Richard Quirk and Ken Thomas from the Daily Citizen.

Third Street/Mill Road update

Huettner stated Rennhack Construction was done with the concrete on Third Street but did not have a date when Northeast would be in to lay the asphalt. Huettner said on Mill Road some culverts had been replaced but Kopplin & Kinas may stop work on the road to go work on the Leroy Meats project. The Mayor said they would be having a preconstruction conference tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. for the Leroy Meats/Subway project.

Downtown crosswalks

Rohr said he had been looking at a company that had strobe lights on their pedestrian crossing signs but found they were in litigation so he will check with other companies to see what they have. He said the city needs to post signs for “no passing on the right” on Highway 68 and 33. Rohr said he would contact Dodge County to get their approval and get the signs up. Ault said the downtown crosswalks need to be painted so drivers can see them so they stop. The Mayor said he had talked with Huettner to job this out. Huettner said he has everything ready to paint but Mother Nature has not been much help. The Mayor asked about flagging the crosswalks. Ault said Cross Plains did flagging before they got the strobe lights. Rohr said he would check with them.

Municipal Court

Quirk said the Village of Brownsville has okayed them going with the City of Fox Lake. He said they needed to get a contract set up and ordinance in place for Brownsville to come on in December. Hannan said Brownsville and the city need to adopt identical ordinances and when the current term for the municipal judge ends, Brownsville and Fox Lake can have candidates for the position on the ballot. He said the contract would include the court being

held in Fox Lake and other specifics on how the court would be handled. Quirk said there wouldn't be any extra work for the front office.

Dog park rules

Jahnke said the Buildings and Parks committee met last week to put together rules for the dog park. He said they reviewed the City of Belgium's and felt they were pretty good. He said they did a little fine tuning and the proposed rules were in your packet. Jahnke questioned how we will check to make sure the dogs have their vaccinations and are licensed, since no one will be monitoring the park. Hartzheim asked how Waupun does it. Benz said no one is at the Waupun dog park to check but it is enforced at Marsh View in Randolph, since that is owned by the vet clinic. Ault suggested random checking by the police depart. Rohr said he can do random checking. The Mayor asked about the city's liability if something happened at the dog park. Hannan said the city should be talking with the liability insurance carrier about the dog park.

Ault asked about owners bringing alcohol in. The Mayor said city ordinance doesn't allow open containers. He asked Perlick to follow up with the city's insurance carrier regarding the city's liability with a dog park. The Mayor asked Benz how the doggie poo bags were coming. Benz said she was at a dog park where there was a container that had recycled bags, such as WalMart, Fleet Farm, Kohls, etc., in it. Rohr suggested contacting WalMart to see if they would donate bags. Jahnke said Eau Claire charges a yearly fee to use their dog park. Rohr said Eau Claire's park is huge, with around 40 acres, and is beautiful. The Mayor reminded everyone that the dog park is on a 1 year trial basis.

Dog park fence

Hartzheim said he had received one quote for the dog park fence, which was \$1,750. He said he had another guy coming to give a bid. He said it would cover installing a movable gate to get equipment in and out, 2 other gates on the 1st and 3rd base sides, and the two splits in the outfield fence.

Dog day at aquatic center

The Mayor said the aquatic center will close on Sunday, August 13 and said it would be the dog swim day. Hartzheim said Rachel Beatty, and other pool supporters, would be setting up a tent, outside of the pool, to have a fund raiser selling brats and beverages. Ault asked for an update on the slide. The Mayor said the pipe that recirculates the water, up to the slide, can't be patched so the repairs will be put in the 2018 budget.

SAGES use of Community Center

The Mayor said he had been approached by SAGES to see if they could use the Community Center, July 28, 2018 for their craft and bake sale, at no charge, in conjunction with the Fire Department's car show. He said the school gym would not be available because of the construction. He said he didn't see a problem with it as long as it is cleaned up.

Operator license

The clerk received an operator's license application from Deborah Wilke, for the period ending June 30, 2018. Rohr said the application was good to go.

W/S bill write off

The clerk said water/sewer billing account 38.01, in the amount of \$11.21, was terminated December 23, 2015 and has not paid the bill. She asked that this bill be written off. The Mayor said put it on the August council agenda.

Property maintenance

The Mayor said they had a meeting with Mike Parrot, of General Engineering, to discuss properties/buildings that are in disrepair in the city. He said they have a plan in place. Rohr said they are moving forward with junk vehicles. He said letters have been sent and if action does not happen in the required time frame, the owner will be issued a citation for \$250-. Rohr said if the problem vehicle is taken care of prior to their appearance in municipal court, the judge will have the ability to dismiss the citation, if he desires.

Mill Road annexation

The Mayor said he had been approached by the Town of Fox Lake to annex their half of Mill Road. He said this goes from the corner of Mill Road and CTH P out to the transfer station. He said city attorney Hannan is drafting an agreement for this.

Library Board minutes

The Council reviewed the library board minutes. Torgeson said the summer reading programs are going well. She said the long range planning process is moving along and Mike would like to meet with the Council, in early fall, to discuss the plans. The Mayor said he didn't see a problem meeting with him at the September committee of the whole if he can do it in 15 minutes.

Administrator's monthly report

Perlick stated both sites have been officially sold to Leroy Meats and Subway. He said the contractor will likely start July 31.

Perlick said he released a press release, to the Daily Citizen and WBEV, regarding Global Tech's purchase of the old Kolpin building and a future drop off of items by residents. Mund said he had stopped at Global Tech and they told them the American Legion gave them a flag for their pole. Mund said their new sign looks nice.

Perlick said the cell tower should be starting construction soon and within 30 days of starting construction, the city will begin receiving monthly lease payments of \$900.

Perlick said dirt is being moved for the expanded storage yard for Karavan. He said the lease agreement, with Karavan, is in place.

The Mayor stated a development agreement has been approved with Paul and Debbie Studtmann. However, he said an addendum would be included stating if the underground utilities are not installed in the fall, they will be done in spring.

With no other business to come before the committee of the whole, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.