

City of Fox Lake
Special Committee of the Whole Synopsis
January 5, 2022

The January 5, 2022 special committee of the whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Bednarek, at 6:38 p.m., following the common council meeting. Those in attendance were Alderpersons Dan Ault, Marcy Benz, Peter Hartzheim, Dennis Linke, John Mund and Darrell Pollesch present. Also attending Mayor Tom Bednarek, Librarian Erin Anders, City Police Chief Jim Rohr, City Treasurer Krystal McCauley, City Administrator Kelly Crombie and City Clerk Jenny Quirk.

In the audience was Judge Quirk.

Public Works:

Water/sewer utilities:

Fire/Police:

City Administrator:

Crombie provided a City Administrator Report to the council.

Crombie shared that the court secretary and the auditors had been discussing the need to write off the old uncollectable court fees. This would be for the fees that are greater than 6 years old and were not able to be collected. This would be a total of \$19,710 of uncollectable fees ranging from 12/31/2014 and older. Judge Quirk was available for any questions regarding this matter. The Mayor said it will be placed on the next council agenda for voting.

Crombie noted that the City is preparing for the upcoming closing on the purchase of the Meagher property. This includes about 52 acres in the Town of Fox Lake. Once the City owns this land it will be annexed into the City. The City will be required to pay the property taxes to the Town of Fox Lake for the next 5 years following the annexation. This is approximately \$250 per year in property taxes.

Crombie discussed the rezoning of the lots of Eggleston St. and Casey St. He noted that Foote, the builder, had originally planned to build 4 duplex units to sell as condos. Based on pricing and not being able to make this original plan work the RDA agreed to allow 2 four-unit buildings instead. Which would be the same style building they built on Booth St. Currently the lots are zoned R2 which was appropriate for the duplexes but would need to be zoned R3 for the 4 unit buildings. This will be coming before the planning commission and the city council on Jan 19th. He also noted that he has heard some concerns from neighboring landowners relating to the water problems in that area. Another neighbor asked about a row of trees or shrubs to be planted in between to provide privacy.

Crombie provided an update on the vacating of Hauer Ct. and Mullin Dr. to provide another buildable lot. Then to move Mullin Dr. over to provide additional access to the undeveloped land. The DOT did object to the vacating of both streets due to lack of access to the undeveloped land. Crombie provided the DOT with the information that Mullin Dr. was just being moved to a different location. Dale Paul has also shown the same concerns for potential lack of access to his undeveloped land. Pollesch asked what the length of Mullin Dr. would be? Crombie explained that the length of Mullin Dr. currently is less than the length of a lot because Dale Paul has sections that jet up making the lot not square. So we would buy those sections of land in order to make it square. Then the length of Mullin Dr. would only go to Dale Paul's lot. Then if Dale Paul ever put in

a subdivision he would have to dedicate land for Mullin Dr. and where it would need to go within that subdivision.

Crombie noted that the handbook currently allows for \$75.00 per year for the purchase of required work boots for DPW and Water Dept full time employees. He isn't sure when it was last reviewed, but feels that the City should provide more than that since the boots are expensive and a requirement. There was discussion by the council as to how much more should be provided. The consensus of the group was to change the handbook to reflect up to \$250.00 per year towards the purchase of work boots. The Mayor said this will be voted on at the next council meeting.

Building & Parks:

License & Finance:

Personnel:

Library:

Audit & Review:

Cemetery, recycling & transfer station:

With no other business to come before the committee of the whole, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.