

City of Fox Lake
Committee of the Whole Synopsis
January 18, 2023

The January 18, 2023 committee of the whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Bednarek, at 6:40 p.m., following the special council meeting. In attendance were alderpersons Dan Ault, Marcy Benz, Bruce Harned, Peter Hartzheim, Dennis Linke and John Mund. Also attending were Police Chief James Rohr, City Attorney Mike Devitt, City Administrator Kelly Crombie and City Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Quirk.

No one was in the audience.

Public Works:

Water/sewer utilities:

Fire/Police:

City Administrator:

Crombie provided a City Administrator Report to the council.

There was further discussion of the Connect Communities Program. Crombie shared that the RDA doesn't wish to pursue the program, so he intends to share the information with the Fox Lake Chamber of Commerce to see if they have interest in it.

The Council discussed employee handbook changes. The proposed changes would add a holiday on either Monday or Fri if Independence Day falls on a Tue or Thur that year. Another change would be starting new employees with 80 hours of vacation time at hire, that would not be eligible for vacation payout in the first year. Finally increasing the first year of vacation time to 80 hours instead of 68 hours.

Crombie provided an update to the Clausen Park project. The DNR is requiring the archaeological study be completed before entering into the contract for the DRN grant. MSA is confident that we can stay with the May 15th deadline.

Council discussed the Dodge County Visitor's Guide and felt it was important to continue promoting the City of Fox Lake in its annual publication.

Council discussed updating the City of Fox Lake ordinance on smoking by also banning vaping and e-cigarettes in City owned buildings.

Council discussed amending the current chicken ordinance to allow for 8 chickens instead of 4. Also, removing the limit of how many people can keep chickens.

Closed Session:

Motion by Mund, seconded by Benz to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c), considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Specifically, to discuss the City Administrator evaluation. Vote in favor: Mund, Ault, Benz, Harned, Hartzheim and Linke. Motion carried.

Motion by Linke, seconded by Benz to reconvene to open session. Vote in favor: Ault, Benz, Harned, Hartzheim, Linke and Mund. Motion carried.

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 7:21 p.m.