

City of Fox Lake
Committee of the Whole Synopsis
September 21, 2022

The September 21, 2022 committee of the whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Bednarek, at 6:30 p.m., following the special council meeting. Those in attendance were Alderpersons Dan Ault, Marcy Benz, Bruce Harned, Peter Hartzheim, Dennis Linke and John Mund present. Also attending City Administrator Kelly Crombie, City Attorney Mike Devitt, DPW Superintendent Geno Huettnner, City Treasurer Krystal McCauley, Librarian Erin Anders, Police Chief James Rohr, Utilities Superintendent Bradley Ruenger and City Clerk Jenny Quirk.

In the audience was Don Zilewicz.

Public Works:

Water/sewer utilities:

Fire/Police:

City Administrator:

Council discussed the need for repair of sidewalks on the 200 block of Academy St. Primarily 204 and 208. It was decided to send out notices to repair, but allowing them until May because of winter coming soon.

The Council discussed giving the small piece of City owned land at the corner of College Ave and State St. to the American Legion. Currently the Legion has a 99 year lease on this parcel and it also holds a Veterans memorial. The American Legion was fine with leaving the City notice sign board on the property. The council was in agreement with giving the American Legion the piece of land. This will be voted on in the next council meeting.

The council discussed the detachment of territory from the City of Fox Lake located on Oaks Rd and returning it to the Town of Fox Lake. This is vacant land owned by the Fox Lake Golf Club. This will be voted on at the next council meeting.

The council reviewed and discussed the draft sewer ordinance. This ordinance change will help clarify at what point the City is responsible for a sewer line vs where the home owner is responsible. It was decided to move forward with voting at the next council meeting.

The council discussed a water lateral ordinance. This ordinance would require a lead lateral to be replaced, if it were found. This will be discussed further.

Crombie provided an update that the City has received tentative approval of the DNR grant. It is still subject to review by the Joint Finance Committee of the legislature. There is a potential that work on the park could start in the summer of 2023.

Crombie updated the council on the Green St. construction issues.

The council discussed the recommendation to allocate ARPA funds to pay for storm sewer repair. These repairs were due to an emergency storm sewer failure at the intersection of Cherry and Academy. This will be voted on at the next council meeting.

Council discussed the proposed Fire Association contract changes that were presented.

Council discussed the City of Fox Lake valuation data. The City of fox Lake saw a 4.73% net new construction amount, which was the highest in Dodge County.

Crombie and McCauley provided the preliminary 2023 budget information for council to review.

Crombie provided a City Administrator Report to the council.

Building & Parks:**License & Finance:****Personnel:****Library:**

Librarian Anders provided the Library Board minutes. She also shared that she would like to present the 5 year plan in the October meeting. The new library logo was selected, and the winner received \$50. All other participants received a Kwik Trip gift certificate. Also updated council that the new bubbler has been installed.

Audit & Review:**Cemetery, recycling & transfer station:**

Motion by Benz, seconded by Harned at 8:01 pm to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(e), deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public property, the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Specifically, to discuss negotiating the possible purchase of land adjacent to the cemetery for cemetery expansion. Vote in favor: Benz, Harned, Hartzheim, Linke, Mund and Ault. Motion carried.

Motion by Link, seconded by Ault at 8:12 pm to reconvene to open session. Vote in favor: Harned, Hartzheim, Linke, Mund, Ault and Benz. Motion carried.

With no other business to come before the committee of the whole, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.