

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2012

Approved

Call to Order at 6:45 pm by Mayor Mark Stanek

Roll Call. Helgerson, Krueger, Garvin, Mendum, Myhre (excused absent), and Stanek. All present.

Steward began the discussion on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and gave an overview of the project and contract. Rob Uphoff from MSA was in attendance to describe certain details of the CIP. Steward asked the Council to take this home and review and be prepared to discuss during the budget discussions. Garvin would like a budget schedule available at the June 26 Committee of the Whole meeting as well as a review of the CIP.

Garvin began the presentation on the proposed Brunner expansion. The project consists of a new building of approximately 50,000 square feet and additional land to the north which needs to be annexed, and the TIF boundary adjusted. Water and sewer lines will need to be extended and the project calls for a road crossing the drainage way, which may lead to future expansion. The City will offer to assist with the stormwater retention areas as well as electric power line alternate feed, and sewer and water extensions. The City may commit up to \$200,000 to the project for the utility and stormwater upgrades. Jefferson will work with MSA on the annexation and MSA will work on the TIF amendments.

Economic development update: Garvin presented priorities from the meetings and for each work group. Garvin would like to see the creation of a Community Development Authority to foster economic development in the City. Garvin will provide more information at the June 26 Committee of the Whole meeting or the July Council meeting regarding CDA's. He also updated the Council on TIF's, a downtown plan, and the possibility of a Pharmacy coming to town.

Inspection summary and timeline for sending letters: Steward presented on the follow up to spring clean-up and that the process is taking longer than expected due to all the other activities going on with the City. He mentioned that he visited every property south of the Baraboo River bridge on Academy Street.

Garvin discussed and presented a map of city owned properties. He explained that there are properties with development potential and would like to see the city advertise for sale several of the lots and look for developers for others. The suggestion was made to hire a realtor to advertise and sell certain lots. Garvin put together a list for Steward to create into a spreadsheet and present to the Council. Krueger talked about Castle Rock Realty and Mauston School District building houses across the street from the school. He said the development is full and they are looking for new areas to build houses. Krueger and Bill Jefferson will talk to the people in Mauston to see if they would consider coming to Elroy to build and sell houses.

Steward mentioned the pool hours will change this year on certain weekends due to the Fair and the Poker Run. Overall, the hours will remain the same as last year.

Krueger/Helgerson to adjourn at 8:00 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Steward
City Administrator