

## Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

August 30, 2012

*Approved*

Call to Order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Mark Stanek

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

Move discussion of budget to last.

Discussion on chickens. Brenda Steinmetz was in attendance to ask about keeping chickens. Wendy Kocik was at Council several months ago and Council decided against chickens at that time. The Council would rather focus on other things right now than introducing a new subject and regulations. The focus of the Council will be on enforcing what we currently have before adding chickens to the table. Council suggested she bring up this topic again in the future.

CDBG discussion. Vierbicher had not submitted a contract by the date of this meeting so no discussion.

Code violations. Steward presented on City, Police and County sending letters to a variety of properties in the City for junk and nuisances. Council would like Steward to provide a spreadsheet of the activities showing the follow up. Garvin asked Steward to check into the empty foundation on Academy and send a letter to the land owner. Garvin would like the City Attorney to issue raze orders on 3 or 4 mobile homes in the mobile home park. He would like the City Attorney to begin the process.

Scheduling of Committees: Steward asked what are the feelings of setting up committee meetings? Garvin wants to try meeting as committees prior to Council or pick a day in the month to meet. Try it out for a few months and see how it goes. Put the scheduling of committee meetings on the 9/11 meeting agenda.

Budget: Garvin spoke about the staff comparisons with neighboring communities. The staff in Wonewoc are cross trained in the public works department. Garvin likes having part time people to fill the need and cross training of staff. Krueger feels it is costly to cross train staff.

Spring clean up in fall? Council decided to keep it in the Spring.

Need to bid out garbage and recycling.

Steward asked if Council would consider a 3% raise for staff.

Mendum asked if the Council would consider a raise for the Council of \$100 per quarter - \$400 per year.

Krueger mentioned that some communities don't pay their councilmembers, and one community is Janesville. Garvin doesn't want to see an increase.

Krueger/Garvin to adjourn at 7:13 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Steward  
City Administrator