

City of LeClaire, Iowa
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 3, 2023 – 6:11 p.m.
Council Chambers - 325 Wisconsin St, LeClaire, IA

Mayor: _____ Blair: _____ Bloom: _____ Gravert: _____ Long: _____ Salvador: _____
Bockenstedt: _____ Laserfiche: _____

Mayor Gerard called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 325 Wisconsin Street. Present: Mayor Dennis Gerard, Council Members Bill Bloom, Sara Gravert Barry Long and Ryan Salvador, City Administrator Dennis Bockenstedt, City Clerk Tracy Northcutt, Police Chief Shane Themas, Fire Chief Shane Bleeker, Public Works Director Mark Dale, Parks & Rec Director Greg Ludwig, and Library Director Melita Tunnicliff. Absent: Council Member Amy Blair.

Discussion Items:

A. Council Budget Goals

Dennis Bockenstedt, City Administrator, indicated that the budget process is underway and wanted to be sure that staff is capturing Council goals and priorities such as continuing to keep the property tax rate flat. Council Member Gravert stated that streets, sidewalks and parking continue to be a priority. Mayor Gerard encouraged Council Members to meet as liaisons with Department Heads for more detailed information. Further presentations will be forthcoming regarding the budget.

B. Urban Renewal Area Application – 423 N. Cody Road

Dennis Bockenstedt, City Administrator, gave an overview of the project. Council has no objections to the plan as presented.

C. Urban Renewal Area Application – 214 N. Cody Road

Dennis Bockenstedt, City Administrator, gave an overview of the project. Council has no objections to the plan as presented.

D. I-80 Mississippi River Bridge Replacement Final Comments

Dennis Bockenstedt, City Administrator, discussed the document attached to the agenda. Mayor Gerard indicated that he viewed force ranking the alternatives as undesirable because none of the alternatives presented are acceptable. Council Member Salvador stated he has a very vested interest in the project because of where his home is located and that he believes it is imperative that language be included that makes it abundantly clear that the City is strongly opposed to Options 4 & 5. Bockenstedt stated that he would edit the document for further review.

E. Wastewater Treatment Plant Staffing Issues

Dennis Bockenstedt, City Administrator, stated that the current Salary/Authorized Staffing Levels Resolution approved a staffing level of 1 for PWD Technician Grade I and a staffing level of 5 for PWD Technician Grade II. The Public Works Department needs to have better succession planning in place in for the Technicians. It is suggested that the PWD Technician Grade I staffing level be moved from 1 to 2 and the PWD Technician Grade II be moved from 5 to 4. Council does not object to this plan.

F. Non-Union Pay Plan/Salary Resolution

Dennis Bockenstedt, City Administrator, gave an overview of the Non-Union Pay Plan attached to the agenda. Council requested further information on other compensation of bonuses, healthcare premiums, deductions and paid time off. Bockenstedt indicated that he would work to have it to the Finance Committee at the January meeting.

Adjournment

Moved by Long, seconded by Bloom, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

Dennis Gerard, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tracy A. Northcutt, City Clerk