

City of LeClaire, Iowa
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 20, 2022 - 6:12 p.m.
Council Chambers -325 Wisconsin St, LeClaire, IA

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

Mayor Gerard called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 325 Wisconsin Street. Present: Mayor Dennis Gerard, Council Members Amy Blair, Bill Bloom, Sara Gravert, Barry Long, City Administrator Dennis Bockenstedt, City Clerk Tracy Northcutt, Police Chief Shane Themas, Fire Chief Jim Bradley, Parks & Recreation Director Greg Ludwig, Public Works Supervisor Mark Dale and City Engineer Leo Foley. Absent: Council Member Ryan Salvador

Discussion Items:

A. Heartland British Autofest

Greg Ludwig, Parks & Recreation Director, stated that staff has been in contact with the Heartland British Autofest organizers for this annual event held on the Levee on August 6, 2022. Council does not object to this special event.

B. Bi-State Regional Planning Commission Presentation

Bryan Schmid, Bi-State Regional Planning Commission, Principal Planner, gave an overview of the services provided by BSRC. Mayor Gerard expressed appreciation for their involvement and stated that he and City Administrator Dennis Bockenstedt have been participating on the Policy Committee and Technical Committee respectively and will be anxiously awaiting further information on funding.

C. Website Redesign Presentation

Christine Cournoyer, Website Manager, gave an overview of the redesign of the City's website. There has been interdepartmental cooperation and an increase in use of the website thanks to the push to use features such as "Notify Me" and the online Code of Ordinances. The next area of improvement will be regarding online payments for other services besides utility billing. Requests for further improvements are welcomed.

D. Recreation Center Weight Room

Greg Ludwig, Parks & Recreation Director, gave an overview of the costs associated with new equipment for the Recreation Center and Weight Room as well as suggested increases in fees. Council does not object to the purchase of new equipment and wants further review of the increase in fees.

E. Public Works Director Position

Dennis Bockenstedt, City Administrator, gave an overview of the proposed change from Public Works Supervisor to Public Works Director. Council does not object to this change.

F. Tourism Manager Contract

Dennis Bockenstedt, City Administrator, stated that the Tourism Manager One Year Contract includes an increase from \$2350.00 to \$3350.00. Council Member Blair requested information on what tasks is associated with that as this more than a 42% increase. Debbie Mulvania, Tourism Board President, stated she would forward the information to the Council.

G. City Owned Property Leases

Greg Dennis Bockenstedt, City Administrator, explained that the City has four lease agreements with property owners who use City right of way. He recommends renewal with the 3% increase in fees as outlined in the previous agreements. Council does not object to the lease agreements.

H. City Council Meetings

Mayor Gerard indicated that Council Member Salvador requested a change in dates for the Council meetings in July. Council members present stated they would be present at the meetings as scheduled so a quorum would be met. No change to meeting dates was made.

Adjournment

Moved by Long, seconded by Blair, to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

Dennis Gerard, Mayor

Attest: _____

Tracy A. Northcutt, City Clerk