

**City of LeClaire, Iowa**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, July 18, 2022 - 6:19 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 6:19 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 325 Wisconsin Street. Present: Mayor Dennis Gerard, Council Members Amy Blair, Bill Bloom, Sara Gravert (electronically), and Barry Long, City Administrator Dennis Bockenstedt, City Clerk Tracy Northcutt, Public Works Director Mark Dale, Police Chief Shane Themas, Fire Chief Jim Bradley, Parks & Rec Director Greg Ludwig, Library Director Melita Tunnicliff and City Engineer Leo Foley. Absent: Council Member Ryan Salvador

**Discussion Items:**

A. Fill the Storefront Grant Program

Dennis Bockenstedt, City Administrator, gave an overview of the Economic Development program. Garrett Burchett, 1125 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St & Co-Owner of Mississippi River Distillery, applauded the effort and is hopeful continued efforts will be made for business growth opportunities. Rodney Collier, 208 N. Cody Road & owner of multiple businesses downtown, expressed appreciation and support for the program. Council does not object to implementing this program.

B. Urban Renewal Area Applications – 214 & 423 N. Cody Road

Dennis Bockenstedt, City Administrator, indicated that the applications attached to the agenda have been reviewed and staff recommend approval. Council does not object to these applications.

C. Fireworks Ordinance Review

Mayor Gerard stated that he and other Council Members received complaints about fireworks so review of the ordinance is appropriate. Chief Shane Themas gave an overview of the calls and what has been gathered on other communities. Mayor Gerard suggested either leaving the ordinance as is with attempting to give more public information about the rules, reducing the hours or changing the penalties. It was suggested that the penalties be made clearer with a greater emphasis on public awareness. Council does not object to this plan.

D. Public Dock Repair

Mark Dale, Public Works Director, stated that the public docks were damaged after being hit by a barge last fall. Sealed bids were opened with Superior Sea Walls & Docks submitting the lowest responsive bid. The vendor indicated that work could begin yet this year. A resolution will be forthcoming at the next Council meeting.

E. Tactical Equipment & Training

Shane Themas, Police Chief, explained that the Police Department has been in communication with neighboring communities regarding the need for increased training and equipment to be successfully responsive to emergent and high-risk situations such as mass shootings. The Chief will gather information regarding costs and present to the Finance Committee. Council does not object to this plan.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Long, seconded by Blair, to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

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**Dennis Gerard, Mayor**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tracy A. Northcutt, City Clerk**