

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, June 13, 2023
5:30 PM
Common Council Chambers

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Mayor Steve Hass with the following attending:

Paul Russell – District 1
Michael “Gus” Caylor – District 2
Rick Blake – District 3
LaDonna Fermanich – District 4
Dick Lupton – District 5 - excused
Mike Rick – District 6
Mark Weix – District 7
Steve Sabatke – District 8

Other’s present: Mayor Hass, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, Finance Director Unertl, City Attorney Hayden, Enrichment Center Director Mrachek, Library Director Ollhoff, Police Chief Bennett, Public Works/City Engineer Akey and Merrill Productions.

II. Roll Call was taken.

III. Public Comment: There was no public comment

IV. General Agenda Items:

1. Discussion and possible recommendation on EV (electric vehicle) charging stations.
Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey provided additional information at the meeting from Wheeler’s Chevrolet regarding 5 vehicle charging stations.

The city would be spending roughly \$30,000 for electrical and paving work to accommodate the charging stations. There were a number of questions from the council members regarding this topic including budgeting for this expense. After further discussion, Alderperson Rick made a motion to forward this to a future Committee of the Whole meeting. Alderperson Blake seconded and the motion passed on an 8/0 voice vote.

2. Discussion and possible recommendation on overall make-up of committees and commissions.

Mayor Hass asked for direction from the council as to the number of people on committees. He explained the difficulty getting citizens to volunteer to sit on a

committee. Alderperson Fermanich stated it is difficult to get people to volunteer however there should be more than the same people serving on multiple committees.

After further discussion, it was decided this would be brought back to the next Committee of the Whole meeting. No action was taken.

V. Closed Session:

City Attorney Hayden read the following statement regarding the closed session:

The Committee may convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Section 19.85 (1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, to discuss the Communications Specialist agreement, evaluation, employment contract and related matters.

A motion to enter into closed session was made by Alderperson Rick and seconded by Alderperson Sabatke. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

Closed session commenced at 6:08 PM with City Clerk Anderson-Malm taking minutes without objection. Closed session included the following in addition to the Common Council, Mayor Hass, City Attorney Hayden, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, Finance Director Unertl, Interim Administrator's Akey and Bennett.

The council discussed the Communications Specialist agreement, evaluation, employment contract and related matters.

2. Approve minutes from the previous closed session:

Alderperson Caylor made a motion to approve the previous closed session minutes. Alderperson Rick seconded and the motion carried.

VI. Adjournment

The committee did not reconvene in open. Alderperson Caylor motioned to adjourn. Alderperson Rick seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Lori Anderson-Malm – City Clerk