

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, April 11, 2023
6:00 PM
Common Council Chambers

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Steve Hass with the following attending:

Paul Russell – District 1
Michael “Gus” Caylor – District 2
Rick Blake – District 3 (remote)
LaDonna Fermanich – District 4
Dick Lupton – District 5
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, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel, Enrichment Center Director Mrachek, Facilities Maintenance Manager Wszalek, Fire Chief Klug, Library Director Ollhoff, Police Chief Bennett, Public Works/City Engineer Akey, Street Superintendent Bonack, Kyle Gulke, Don Friske, Renee Krueger, Al Wix, Greta Rusch, Stephanie Pagel, Brenda Grefe, Jill Bostrom, Krista Mitchell, Brad Becker and Merrill Productions.

II. Roll Call was taken.

III. Discussion and recommendation on creating an ordinance stating a person can serve up to ten years or three terms, whichever comes first, as a citizen on appointed committees or commissions.

Mayor Hass started the discussion, he stated rotation for committees and commissions is something that is needed and thought a cleaner way would be with an ordinance.

Aldersperson Russell mentioned the Housing Authority does something similar with term limits.

Aldersperson Rick stated some people have been on committees a long time with specific abilities, such as a treasurer. His concern would be not having enough people interested to serve on committees.

After further discussion, it was decided there would be no action and the process to remove or change committees or commissions is up to the Mayor.

IV. Discussion with County Board Chair Friske about sharing services. A list was provided on the agenda by Alderperson's).

Mayor Hass started the discussion explaining why this was on the agenda and it is for discussion; no action would be taken.

County Board Chair Friske explained the relationship between the county and city with vision and strategic planning. He also stated marketing might be something the county could share with the city and was asked to come to this meeting to discuss possibilities.

There was a lot of discussion between the Council and County Board Chair Friske. A number of ideas were talked about without any action taken. CBC Friske said he would need to take specifics to the County Board for discussion.

Alderperson Caylor said the county and city should sit down and discuss the bullet points on the agenda since it is not feasible to discuss all of them at this meeting.

V. Public Comment:

Kyle Gulke, 1504 Jackson St – spoke about using ARPA funds to fix the docks at Riverside Park and Ott's Park to promote tourism.

VI. Adjournment

Alderperson Rick motioned to adjourn. Alderperson Lupton seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Lori Anderson-Malm – City Clerk