

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, October 6, 2020 5:15 PM

- I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM by Mayor Woellner with the following attending:

Alderspersons: Paul Russell (remote), Steve Hass, Rick Blake, Steve Osness, John Van Lieshout, Mike Rick, Mark Weix and Steve Sabatke.

Other's present: Mayor Woellner, Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey, Police Chief Bennett, Street Superintendent Bonack, Transit Director Brummond, City Attorney Hayden, City Clerk Heideman, City Administrator Johnson, Fire Chief Klug, Enrichment Center Director Mrachek, Utility Operations Manager Steinagel, Library Director Stevens, Finance Director Unertl, Park & Recreation Director Wendorf, Facilities Maintenance Manager Wszalek, Al Wix, Gary Schwartz and Merrill Productions.

- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

- III. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment

- IV. **Update on 2020 borrowing process and GO Bond approval options**

Finance Director Unertl reported only one resolution to go to common council on October 13th. All else is pushed back to the end of the month. Special common council meeting will be held October 29th at 6:00 to deal with the borrowing.

- V. **Discuss Budget Goals**

Aldersperson Hass stated the common council should be involved in setting the goals. He would like to see a decrease but shoot for zero. Mayor Woellner agrees. Aldersperson Osness noted Wausau is shooting for zero.

- VI. **Consider 2021 Capital requests**

Aldersperson Osness made a motion to freeze all capital spending requests this year. Aldersperson Sabatke seconded the motion for discussion. Aldersperson Russell wanted the department heads to speak to this motion. Finance Director Unertl said a freeze would create safety problems and ongoing projects. On a roll call vote, Aldersperson's Hass, Osness, Rick and Sabatke voted yes and Aldersperson's Russell, Blake, VanLieshout, Weix and Mayor Woellner voted no. The motion failed on a 4-5 vote.

1. Capital equipment and projects

Airport T-Hangar – Gary Schwartz talked about the t-hangar saying 18 people have signed a document stating they are interested in a hangar. Aldersperson Hass made a

motion to remove the T-Hangar from the 2021 Capital Budget. Alderperson Sabatke seconded the motion. Alderperson VanLieshout made a motion to refer the T-Hangar to the October 29th special common council meeting. Mayor Woellner seconded. On a roll call vote, Alderperson's Russell, Blake, VanLieshout, Weix and Mayor Woellner voted yes. Alderperson's Hass, Osness, Rick and Sabatke voted no. The motion carried on a 5-4 vote.

Airport Plow Truck – Alderperson Hass made a motion to remove the plow truck. Alderperson Blake seconded. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Park & Recreation – Director Wendorf reported on his list and discussion occurred between council members. Alderperson Hass made a motion to include the first four items on Dan's list but delete numbers five to eleven. Alderperson Rick seconded. The motion was amended to include the pit toilets. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

2. Infrastructure investments

Alderperson Hass made a motion for \$5,000 for City Hall parking lot (patching) instead of \$25,000. Alderperson Rick seconded and the motion carried.

Alderperson Sabatke made a motion to remove the fiber optic. There was no second.

Alderperson Hass made a motion to add \$10,000 to the Police vehicle fund from \$60,000 to \$70,000. Alderperson Rick seconded. The motion passed 6-2-1 on a roll call vote. Alderperson's Hass, Blake, Osness, VanLieshout, Rick and Weix voted yes. Alderperson's Sabatke and Mayor Woellner voted no. Alderperson Russell was absent.

VII. Consider Utility 2021 Budget requests including: Landfill Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Utility Capital equipment and projects

The utility budget requests were referred to the October 13th COW.

VIII. Adjournment

Alderperson Osness made a motion to adjourn. Alderperson Sabatke seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Lori Anderson-Malm City Clerk from the agenda, meeting video and meeting notes from former City Clerk Bill Heideman.