

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, September 29, 2020 6:00 PM

- I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Woellner with the following attending:

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

Other's present: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Finance Director Kathy Unertl, City Attorney Tom Hayden, City Clerk Bill Heideman, Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, Street Superintendent Dustin Bonack, Fire Chief Klug, Park & Recreation Director Dan Wendorf, Facilities Maintenance Manager Nick Wszalek, Utility Operations Manager Steinagel, La Donna Fermanich, Brenton Vruwink, Geoff Hooch, Vince Conrad, Michael Caylor and Merrill Productions personnel. There is a name on the attendance log that I could not decipher (Jim Whitehill – Eagle Waste).

- II. **Public Comment:**

Aldersperson Russell thanked Aldersperson Hass for his leadership and responsibility while Paul was recovering from his accident.

- III. **Consider bids on contracting for garbage/recycling services (from Board of Public Works meeting of August 26, 2020); how services would be paid for; and existing City Streets Department positions.**

Street Superintendent Bonack provided information regarding the garbage/recycling services and new automated program. The information was provided in the agenda packet. Superintendent Bonack answered many questions from council members.

Floor privileges were opened to the public without objection. A representative from Eagle Waste answered questions from the council members and shared information.

After discussion, it was decided this would come back to a meeting in two weeks with more information

- IV. **Consider new 2021 employee position requests, including:**

1. **Utility – Sewer Wastewater Operator**
2. **Fire – Fire Inspector (part-time)**
3. **Parks – Parks Laborer**
4. **Streets – Concrete Program (deferred from 2020 due to COVID-19)**

Utility Operations Manager Steinagel reported on the request for an employee. A motion was made by Alderperson VanLieshout to send this request to the budget process. Alderperson Blake seconded and the motion carried.

Fire Chief Klug reported on the request for a part-time Fire Inspector. He stated this is a fully funded position through non-lapsing fire dues and would have no impact on taxes. A motion was made to approve the position to be paid from 2% of fire dues by Alderperson Osness. Alderperson Blake seconded and the motion carried.

Park & Recreation Wendorf reported on the request to add a parks laborer. After discussion, a motion was made to forward this request to the budget process by Alderperson VanLieshout. Alderperson Blake seconded and the motion carried.

Street Superintendent Bonack reported on the request to add personnel. A motion was made by Alderperson VanLieshout to forward this request to the budget process. Alderperson Blake seconded and the motion carried.

VIII. Adjournment

Alderperson Osness made a motion to adjourn. Alderperson Blake seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

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