



Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 07, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Mayor Joe Hammer called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Members present included Mayor Joe Hammer, Alderperson Sarah Motiff, Alderperson Trina Reid, Alderperson Michael Lawson, and Alderperson Ryan Rostad.

ABSENT

Council President Amy Roelke, and Alderperson Molly Finkler were excused.

Notice of Open Meeting

Noted as posted.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Alderperson Motiff, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to approve the agenda. Voting Yea: Mayor Hammer, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Lawson, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

None.

New Business

1. Discussion of the Eastern Columbia County Joint Municipal Court 2025 Budget:

Mayor Hammer explained that the City of Columbus is part of the Eastern Columbia County Joint Municipal Court system, and this is an annual review and approval of their budget that is required from all of the participating municipalities. Alder Motiff reviewed the budget and feels it should move forward. There was an increase in the judges wages and decreases in some of the annual expenses. Alder Lawson agreed that the budget should be approved as presented. After review, the Committee agreed to move forward to the regular Common Council meeting of January 7, 2025, for approval.

2. Discussion regarding purchase of Fire Department Command Truck:

Chief Hazeltine had put a bid out for a new Fire Department Command truck and received a favorable one from Napleton. The quote is for a 2025 Chevy Silverado, and the vehicle is on hold pending council approval. The graphics and installation quote of some equipment which includes a topper and a Roll-Out tray, is presented from Belco who provided such services on the last city pickup. Hazeltine sent out bids in August, 2024, including one to Ewald who has the State Bid for Dodge and Ford, but he never received a quote back from Ewald by the requested date.

Alder Rostad questioned why three bids were not received for the graphics. Hazeltine shared that Belco has done work for us in the past, but he will secure two more quotes if Committee would like. Amundson shared that the quote for the truck could be separate from the quote for graphics and equipment installation in order to get the truck ordered. Alder Motiff stated that although \$11,000 is

not an insignificant amount, she did not feel it was necessary to secure two additional bids for the graphics and equipment installation. Alder Reid agreed that it would be nice to have the additional quotes but does not want to delay the truck purchase.

Napleton shared they would allow \$2,500 for the trade-in, so Hazeltine is recommending taking it to Wisconsin Surplus for auction instead, removing the radio first.

Committee agreed to move forward the purchase of the Command Truck to the January 7, 2025, Common Council meeting, but requested additional quotes for the graphics/detailing to be brought to a future meeting.

Adjourn

Motion made by Alderperson Lawson, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to adjourn the meeting at 6:41pm.

Voting Yea: Mayor Hammer, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Lawson, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried.

*A quorum of city committees and/or commissions may be present at this meeting. No action will be taken or considered by those committees and/or commissions.