

## **MINUTES FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on **Monday, January 17, 2022 at 6:30 PM** in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI. Council President Adam Gigous called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Michael Murray, Adam Gigous, Richard Yarrington, Shawn Zabinski, John Glynn, Mitchell Koel (remote), Lamont Kiefer (remote), Nellie Pater, Dean Peterson, and Absent: None. Also Present: City Treasurer Molly Powell, City Clerk Becki Weyer, Director of Public Works Kirk Arity, Building Inspector Shane Rolff (remote), Parks and Rec Director Joe Protz, Public Safety Director/Fire Chief Tim Adler, and Police Chief Scott Holum. Greg Hagen videotaped the meeting. Members of the public were able to access the meeting via the following Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/7689466740?pwd=dEdLR2hXK0ZYMk1qNU5vNFlwMzdSZz09>

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Motion by Zabinski, second by Pater, to approve the Minutes from December 20, 2021. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **Treasurer**

Powell presented the December 31, 2021 Cash and Investments Report. Motion by Zabinski, second by Pater, to recommend the Council approve the December 31, 2021 Cash and Investments Report. Motion carried.

#### **Parks & Recreation**

Protz provided a written report and covered the highlights with the Committee of the Whole. Freeze Fest will be February 4<sup>th</sup>-February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Reminder to park users that some parts of the park will be closed at times due to project maintenance while the new bathroom is being built. The goal is to have a grand re-opening of the Boy Scout cabin in the spring. Two part time positions will be filled in April or May.

#### **Public Works & Utilities**

Dir. Arity provided a written Public Works and Utilities Director Report.

Street: Currently gathering materials for improvements at City hall, and tree trimming through boulevards and alleys throughout town to get branches that are overhanging and interfere with pedestrians walking on sidewalks.

Sewer: Liquid waste from Ft. McCoy will generate additional unexpected revenue for the city.

Water: Operations are normal. They had inspections for radium filters, they are working as normal.

Lake: Next Meeting is at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. They will be discussing best methods for weed/vegetation control on the lake. They will be discussing weed harvesters at the next meeting.

#### **Police Department**

Chief Holum presented the written 2021 Police Department Monthly Report for December. Holum covered training/staffing at the department. Officer Westpfahl is now actively working as Investigator. Last month, the water heater stopped working, and was replaced \$15,000 of unbudgeted money. They are starting a committee at the Police Department to improve processes using technology. The surveillance camera project is underway for the PD and for City Hall.

### **GENERAL:**

#### **Operator License Appeal - David R. Gervais**

David R. Gervais was denied an alcohol server's license due to substantially related alcohol arrests. He did not appear. Motion by Murray, second by Pater, to deny the appeal. Motion carried.

#### **Special Beer & Wine Permit Application for Tomah Warrens Sportsman's Alliance**

Motion by Yarrington, second by Zabinski, to recommend the Council approve the Special Beer & Wine Permit Application for Tomah Warrens Sportsman's Alliance for their annual Ice Fisheries on February 12, 2022. Motion carried.

#### **Special Beer & Wine Permit Application for North American Squirrel Association**

Motion by Zabinski, second by Glynn, to recommend the Council approve the Special Beer & Wine Permit Application for North American Squirrel Association for their annual fund-raising banquet on March 26, 2022. Motion carried.

### **Large Item Ordinance Change - Sec. 36-18**

Discussion ensued on what residents should do when they have more than 2 items to throw away. It was suggested that they put 2 items out one month and two items out the following month, or rent a dumpster to throw away more than two items at a time. Motion by Pater, second by Zabinski, to recommend the Council approve the presented ordinance change amending ordinance Sec. 36-18 to include the wording “maximum of two (2) items a month.” Motion carried.

### **Goose Management Approach**

Dir. Protz requested the Committee of the Whole and Council approval to apply for a Canada Goose Nest and Egg Depredation permit and discussed consideration of early goose Hunting on Lake Tomah, along with use of a repellant within the park system. Kim Mello from the Lake Committee appeared to answer questions from the Committee. Motion by Yarrington, second by Glynn, to recommend the Council approve the application for a Canada Goose Nest and Egg Depredation permit. Motion carried.

### **Fire Department Fees associated to Fire Suppression/Alarm permits**

Chief Adler requested the Committee of the Whole and Council approve the fire suppression/alarm permit fees to into a designated account for the fire department. Motion by Murray, second by Pater, to postpone this issue to the February meeting for more information to be supplied at that time. Motion carried.

### **Amendment of Assessment Services Contract**

Milde Appraisal Service LLC has requested the City approve the termination of their contract with them in December of 2022 vs. December of 2023. Motion by Murray, second by Peterson, to recommend the Council approve the amendment of the contract with Milde Appraisal services to end in 2022 vs. 2023 and the Security Executive Team bring back recommendations to the Council for a replacement. Motion carried.

### **Sex Offender Residency ordinance**

Chief Holum appeared to request the Committee of the Whole and Council adopt a new ordinance limiting where sex offenders can reside in the City of Tomah. This would not affect current residents who are already living in restricted areas, but only those who would move from place to another within the City, or are new to the City. The City of Sparta recently enacted a similar ordinance. There is a residence that non-residents may not move into the City if the offense was. Both the resident and the property owner (landlord) would be held accountable for not following the ordinance. Motion by Murray, second by Glynn, to recommend the Council adopt the sex offender residency ordinance. Motion carried with one negative vote. (Yarrington)

### **Election Worker Appointments**

Clerk Weyer presented additional election inspector appointments for the 2022-2023 election cycle. Motion by Yarrington, second by Peterson, to recommend the Council approve the election inspector appointments as presented. Motion carried.

### **Central Wisconsin Ice Racing Lake Tomah Races**

Motion by Murray, second by Zabinski, to recommend the Council approve the use of Lake Tomah for the Central Wisconsin Ice Racing Association’s annual ice race on January 29 and January 30, 2022. Motion carried.

### **Special Beer & Wine Permit Application for Tomah Rotary Club**

Motion by Zabinski, second by Peterson, to recommend the Council approve the Special Beer & Wine permit application for Tomah Rotary Club for their Freeze Fest chili cookoff on February 5, 2022. Motion carried with one abstain. (Koel)

### **Approval of Adoption of CDC Guidelines for Covid-19 response**

Motion by Murray, second by Kiefer, to recommend the Council approve the adoption of CDC guidelines regarding Covid-19 quarantine, masking, and testing requirements. Motion carried.

### **Warrens WIKCR Northeast Club Lake Tomah Ice Races**

Motion by Murray, second by Yarrington, to recommend the Council approve the use of Lake Tomah for the Warren's WIKCR Northeast Club event on February 26, 2022. Motion carried.

**Senior Executive Team Discussion**

The Senior Executive Team has been effectively taking care of business as needed within City Hall. Compensation was discussed. The proposed compensation for the team will be emailed to all the Council members and discussed at the City Council meeting. The completed ordinance will be proposed at the February meeting for adoption. A two year rotation for the SET leader was discussed.

**Resolution Authorizing Payment of Monthly Bills**

Motion by Zabinski, second by Yarrington, to recommend the Council approve the resolution authorizing the payment of monthly bills in the amount of \$1,409,855.02. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Peterson, second by Koel, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Weyer

To be approved February 14, 2022