

MINUTES FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/13/2023

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Adam Gigous at 6:30 p.m. Present: Michael Murray, Adam Gigous, Richard Yarrington, Shawn Zabinski, John Glynn, Mitchell Koel, Lamont Kiefer, Nellie Pater, and Dean Peterson. Absent: None. Also present: Kirk Arity, Becki Weyer, Penny Precour, Shane Rolff (remote), and Scott Holum. All motions are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Zabinski, second by Pater, to approve the minutes from January 16, 2023. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

City Clerk

Weyer provided a monthly written report. She provided an update on the Spring Primary election activity and outlined the plans for training and education for the year. The Spring Primary will be on February 21, 2023 and the Spring election will be on April 4, 2023.

Report: Building Inspection and Code Enforcement

Rolff provided the January Building Permit Report/Code Enforcement Report and the Annual Building Permit Report for committee review. A year-end summary for code enforcement will be presented at the March meeting. The Committee asked questions about a collapsed roof in the city.

Treasurer

Powell was not present, but provided the February 2023 Treasurer's Report, the Preliminary December 31, 2022 Revenue and Expenditures in Comparison to Budget, and presented the January 31, 2023 Cash and Investments Report for committee approval. Motion by Yarrington, second by Zabinski, to recommend the council approve the January 31, 2023 Cash and Investments Report. Motion carried.

Public Works & Utilities

Arity provided a monthly written report for review.

Street: They have received both dump trucks. Tree removal near the airport will begin soon. They started a project to outfit a trailer with signs, cones, and traffic control features to better facilitate the closing of the street for Downtown Thursday Nights, parades, and other street closures.

Sewer: Operations are normal. Submittals for equipment purchases are coming in for review.

Water: Operations are normal. There was a leak on Lincoln street on a copper service.

Lake: The next Lake Committee meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. if needed. Arity entertained questions from the Committee about upcoming construction on the city property on County CA and the fill used from the digging in that area. The long-term plan is to take the hill down and create an area for industrial use.

Police Department

Holum provided a monthly written report. He provided a brief update on staffing. Congratulations to Delaney Hanrahan on her promotion to Sergeant. Audra Gomez has completed field training. Ethan Pederson will be graduating from the academy in June of this year. Holum will be meeting with the Sparta Police and Monroe County Sheriff's Department to work together on a joint hiring process to better enable a wider variety of candidates for the open positions. The K-9 Fundraiser golf outing will be at Hiawatha golf course on July 21st, 2023. The front office of the police department will be closed on February 20, 2023 in observance of President's Day.

GENERAL:

Ordinance revising Ordinance Sec. 38 Streets, Sidewalks & Other Public Places Second Reading and Adoption

Motion by Yarrington, second by Zabinski, to recommend the council adopt the Ordinance Revision Ordinance Sec. 38 Streets, Sidewalks & Other Public Place with the striking of the redundant "to keep, to keep" in the amended version. Motion carried.

Secondhand Article Dealer License Application for Sunshine Resale of Tomah

Motion by Kiefer, second by Zabinski, to recommend the council approve the Secondhand Article Dealer License Application for Sunshine Resale of Tomah. Motion carried.

Special Event Outdoor Cabaret License for the Greater Tomah Area Chamber of Commerce for the 800 and 900 blocks of Superior Avenue for six “Downtown Thursday Nights” concert events in July and August of 2023

Motion by Yarrington, second by Koel, to recommend the council approve the outdoor cabaret license for the Greater Tomah Area Chamber of commerce for the following dates: July 6, 13, 20, and August 3, 10, 17, 2023. Motion carried.

Special Beer Application by Families First of Monroe County Trivia Night on March 11, 2023

Motion by Koel, second by Pater, to recommend the council approve the Special Beer application by Families First of Monroe County for their Trivia Night event on March 11, 2023. Motion carried.

Special Beer and Wine Permit Application by Tomah Baseball Club Inc Opening Night on March 4, 2023

Motion by Peterson, second by Koel, to recommend the council approve the Special Beer and Wine permit application by Tomah Baseball Club for their Opening Night event on March 4, 2023. Motion carried.

Special Beer Permit Application for the Tomah Lions Club for Downtown Thursday Nights in July and August of 2023

Motion by Zabinski, second by to recommend the council approve the Special Beer permit application for the Tomah Lion’s club for Downtown Thursday Nights for the following dates; July 6, 13, 20, and August 3, 10, 17, 2023. Motion carried with one abstain (Gigous)

Resolution for Payment of Monthly Bills

Motion by Peterson, second by Zabinski, to recommend the council approve the Resolution for Payment of Monthly Bills in the amount of \$5,309,701.90. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Peterson, second by Koel, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Weyer, City Clerk

To be approved March 20, 2023