



Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 6:40 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Amy Roelke at 6:50pm. The following members were present. Council President Amy Roelke, Mayor Joe Hammer, Alderperson Sarah Motiff, Alderperson Trina Reid, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Ryan Rostad, Alderperson Molly Finkler.

Notice of Open Meeting

Noted as posted.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to approve the agenda.

Voting Yea: Council President Roelke, Mayor Hammer, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Rostad, Alderperson Finkler. Motion carried.

Department Reports for File

1. The following Department Reports were presented for File: Fire Department June, 2024; Library July, 2024; LifeStar July, 2024; Police Department July, 2024.

None.

New Business

2. Discussion and review of erosion control ordinance

Engineer Leitha presented the draft ordinance for the recreated ordinance regarding Construction Site Erosion and Sediment Control, which adds this section for Erosion Control. This creates a mechanism for an Erosion Control permit to be issued. Commercial and Personal Property will be permitted separately. There will be an application and fee, as well. This applies to a disturbance of an acre or more. Performance standards were also added. There will be a process for inspection and a board of appeals process. Amundson clarified the difference between how the current erosion provisions are stated in our code versus the model ordinance used from the Wisconsin DNR, to format the new version. Committee agreed to move forward to the 09/03/2024 Regular Council Meeting.

3. Discussion regarding the hours of City Hall

Amundson stated that on July 5, 2024, he decided to start closing City Hall at noon for staff working in City Hall primarily as part of our recruitment and retention strategy. The employees are still expected to work forty hours per week. Exempt staff are allowed to accumulate up to 40 Flex hours which are hours worked above 40 per week. He was seeing that most of our staff is close to that 40-hour Flex time threshold and there are a few that are working more than that, so losing flex hours. Since the new schedule was implemented, most staff members have been able to reduce their flex hours by half over the last couple of months. Most of the staff also cover nightly meetings. The idea is for them to flex their hours to work their forty hours. This has been a good move and well received by staff. Staff would like it to become a year-round policy. Some council members would like thought given to creating a schedule where City Hall is open later one evening per week. Committee agreed to move forward to the 09/03/2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Adjourn

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm.

Voting Yea: Council President Roelke, Mayor Hammer, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Rostad, Alderperson Finkler. 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.