

Executive Summary: Committee as a Whole Meeting (December 11, 2025)

The Committee as a Whole met on December 11, 2025, at 6:44 PM. The meeting covered updates and discussions across several committees, including Finance, Streets, Services, Recreation and Parks, and Safety. Key topics included the 2026 budget planning, upcoming infrastructure projects, service updates, and public safety initiatives.

Finance Committee Updates

- **Budget Vote:** The main budget item is likely being voted on tonight.
 - **2026 Planning:** A meeting to plan for the 2026 year will be scheduled for January or February, followed by a general quarterly cadence of meetings.
 - **Fiscal Reporting:** The committee is waiting on November financial information, which will provide the best picture for 2025.
 - **Major Projects:** The next significant financial project discussed is the **sidewalk project**, which has already begun with the pool portion. A street project is anticipated sometime after that, possibly in 2028.
 - **Appropriations Transfer:** A transfer of appropriations for community planning and zoning, general government, the fiscal office, and finance personal services is necessary because the original 2025 budget salary calculation did not account for the inclusion of bonuses and rate decreases. This is a transfer and does not increase the overall appropriations.
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Streets & Services Updates

- **Minerva Lake Road Project:** Major construction is complete, but finishing work like **striping and grading** is delayed due to cold weather (requiring) and will likely be a spring activity.
 - **Leaf Pickup:** The final week for leaf pickup by Crown National was interrupted by snow, so they will return for one last week (next week).
 - **Food Trucks:** No more food trucks are scheduled for the winter, but the scheduling process for 2026 will begin in January.
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Recreation and Parks Committee Discussions

- **Pavers Near Benches (Lake Area):** An inquiry was raised regarding sinking pavers near the lake benches, possibly due to a shift in the foundation and erosion control (riprap). It was noted that a proper fix would require a costly retaining wall. The option of re-evaluating the area or converting it to grass was mentioned.
- **2026 Planning:** A meeting is scheduled for the beginning of the year to discuss future projects.
- **Pool Updates:**
 - The committee must order **pool chairs** at the beginning of January.

- A **SurveyMonkey** platform is available for a year and the idea of conducting quarterly community surveys—possibly focusing on the pool and concession stand—was discussed and agreed upon.
 - The architect's plan includes a **community meeting** to get input on the new pool house building, and this should be scheduled soon to keep the process moving. The next meeting related to this is Wednesday at 7 PM.
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Safety Committee & Public Safety

- **Meeting Recap:** The Safety Committee meeting occurred just before the Committee as a Whole. The recording will be available tomorrow, and minutes/transcript next week. Topics included Resolution 2025-36 (minor changes to the hiring process), crosswalks, and street signs.
 - **Public Safety Reminders:** Councilperson Passion issued reminders about:
 - Avoiding walking on the lakes and ponds as they are freezing over.
 - Moving cars off the street tonight and tomorrow due to anticipated snow.
 - Wearing safety clothing when walking outside in cold weather.
 - **TASER Program Legislation:** A resolution is being considered for a **10-year TASER program** running through 2035.
 - The program includes **12 TASERs** (one per officer) and all training equipment, including VR training.
 - Instead of a one-time purchase of about \$68,000, the 10-year contract locks in 2025 prices and costs **\$12,200 per year**.
 - A key feature is that **all TASERs and training equipment are replaced with new models at the five-year point**. The contract also covers replacement for broken devices.
 - The first payment will be in 2026. The current TASERs (S2s) were purchased in 2014 and are now obsolete and cannot be repaired or supplied with new cartridges.
 - **Charter Legislation:** A new piece of legislation concerning the charter will have its first reading.
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Adjournment and Other Notes

- Councilpersons and the Mayor being re-elected will be sworn in tonight **in unison**.
- The Council Meeting is scheduled for 7 PM.
- A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Jeffrey Wilcheck, Fiscal Officer

Tiffany Southard, Mayor