

COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING JANUARY 3, 2023

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by City Clerk Dave Bartley in the Peru City Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Lukosus and Buffo present; Alderman Ballard and Sapienza absent; Mayor Kolowski present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MINUTES

Clerk Bartley presented the Committee Of A Whole Minutes of September 12, 2022. Alderman Waldorf made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Buffo seconded the motion; motion carried.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning provided the following information regarding the North Trunk Line Deep Sewer Project:

- Alignment changes
- Project has been discussed and evaluated including design and permitting
- Easements need to be obtained
- Updated permits
- Bid summer to late fall

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported on the most recent failure of the Arby's lift station:

- The lift station serves the north economic development corridor
- We keep two back ups available
- Both pumps and the controller failed
 - Will be rebuilt at a cost of \$20,000-\$25,000 each
 - Other miscellaneous parts ordered with long lead time

Alderman Payton talked about the financing of the project and options:

- Continued to seek guaranteed short-term rates of 3-5%
- Recommends bonding at the 3-4% rate for this project

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning concurred. Mayor Kolowski asked Mr. Carls for feedback on the prioritization of the project. Stated it has been delayed unnecessarily. Mr. Carls noted the lift station has been a concern for some time and that it is better to complete the project sooner than later. Finance Officer Tracy Mitchell asked when the funds would be needed. Mr. Carls noted an approach to possibly bid materials ahead of the project. PSM/Fire Chief King noted if this lift station had failed the week before when the city was experiencing extremely cold weather, the mechanical pump would not have worked and the north corridor would have been closed down.

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reviewed the 2023 General Fund Street Program

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert reported on a communication regarding a Parkside Drive resident petitioning to put a fence on city property. Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert reviewed the following options:

- Sale of city property (preparation of plat)
- Right-of-Way encroachment request

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert noted future president for any other residents adjacent to city property like Baker Lake.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert noted the additional costs for the sale of the property:

- Appraisal-legal notice
- Additional platting costs

Aldermen Payton, Buffo, Lukosus and Mayor Kolowski were in objection of the petition.

Clerk Bartley asked if all Parkside Drive residents petitioned to purchase in unison. Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert and Mayor Kolowski both said the city would address that if it was presented.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Officer Tracy Mitchell reported the following on a Moody's rating call:

- Very favorable and poised to have rating improved
 - One step from perfect
- Impacts our ability to borrow at a lower rate

Concerned we need to evaluate the timeline to determine the best course of action. Alderman Edgcomb noted he has faith in her recommendation.

Treasurer Jackson Powell noted the current state of the market is very dynamic and noted we have time to further evaluation.

Treasurer Powell explained that Moody's has changed their rating scale and we are in good position.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert reported the alcohol section of our code of ordinances pertaining to gaming parlors is out of date and presented a draft recommendation:

- Hotels not permitted to hold a gaming license
- Adding video gaming care
 - \$500.00 license
 - \$250.00 location permit
 - Fee per terminal

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert discussed options for limiting gaming parlors:

- Proposed special use zoning
- Restricting proximity

Mayor Kolowski stated he is in favor, therefore we take better control. Aldermen Tieman and Payton were also in favor.

FIRE AND POLICE COMMITTEE

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Waldorf made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:02 p.m.