

**CITY OF ELKHORN**  
**Committee of the Whole Minutes**  
**Common Council Chambers, 9 S. Broad Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

October 30, 2017

Committee of the Whole was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Reynolds followed by roll call.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Howie Reynolds, Aldermen Tim Shiroda, Michael Kluck, Cathy Bensaïd, Bruce Lechner, Scott McClory, Tom Myrin.

Also present: Administrator Sam Tapson, Finance Director James Heilman, City Attorney Ward Phillips, City Clerk Cairie Virrueta, City Engineer Greg Calhoun, Plan Commission Members Chad Frazer, Duane Wuttke, Todd Neumann, Jason Hunter (absent: Ken Meinel)

***Motion (Kluck/Lechner) to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statue 19.85(1)(g) "Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved" for discussion with Plan Commission members regarding New Life of Elkhorn Development Proposal.*** Adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Committee Reconvened into Open Session at 6:15 p.m. Plan Commission members left.

**2017-18 Street Improvements Program Cost Updates**

City Engineer Greg Calhoun said the plan for Court St. was originally to do a mill and overlay as it doesn't need a reconstruction, but after looking at the underground utilities it was discovered that work needs to be done. The sanitary sewer is an 8" clay pipe that has cracks, sags and pipes, located between Pleasant and Church streets. He didn't see any blockages but did see water seeping in. The storm sewer is in good shape but a couple of segments could use replacing. He recommended street reconstruction in order to fix the sanitary sewer and that it be done in the next 2-3 years. The engineers estimate is about \$600,000. Administrator Tapson said giving the City's I&I problem it should be done. If it is done in 2018 it would be added to the borrowing. Finance Director Heilman said the City could pay the original cost for the mill and overlay and sanitary sewer would cover the rest of the costs associated with having the sewer repaired. Adding the work into this year's borrowing increases property taxes on a typical home up by \$21. He said an option is to do the work in 2019 with City Hall borrowing as a 10 year note, pay the interest the first 5 years and the principal the last 5 years. This would raise the taxes up by \$5. Due to some debts falling off in 2021 and 2024 it preserves the City's borrowing capacity. Alderman Myrin favored the 2019 option. Mayor Reynolds agreed. Alderman Kluck agreed and asked if the sanitary sewer would still pay for its repairs; Administrator Tapson said yes it would and support could be built into the 2018 rates for the repairs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion (Lechner/Shiroda) to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.***

Cairie L. Virrueta  
City Clerk

**Approved 11/6/17**