

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

January 14, 2019

The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Reynolds at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Howie Reynolds, Aldermen Tim Shiroda, Frank Boggs, Ron Dunwiddie, Karel Young, Scott McClory, Tom Myrin; Junior Council Members: Absent: Megan Degner, Absent: Alex Johnson
Others present: City Administrator Sam Tapson, Finance Director James Heilman, City Clerk Cairie Virrueta, Utilities Operation Director John Murphy, Library Director Lisa Selje, Police Chief Joel Christensen, Fire Chief Rod Smith, Kellen Olshefski

2019 Priorities

Administrator Tapson said City Hall and Fire/EMS staffing are at the top of the list. He said to have a new City Hall in 2020 the process needs to start now. He suggested the City have a feasibility study done, similar to what was done for the new DPW building. Mayor Reynolds said two sites were being considered, by the Chamber and Sunset Park. Alderman McClory wanted the industrial park included, he said the sites by the Chamber and Sunset Park were too small for future expansion. Administrator Tapson said the HHS building is a consideration; Mayor Reynolds didn't feel the that site was a good site to consider. Another site to consider is next to Advia Credit Union. Administrator Tapson said a study done in 2007 said City Hall needed 12,000-15,000 square feet. He said he has an RFP he can send out to consultants. Mayor Reynolds said there should be two steps; to determine what is needed and then pick a site. Alderman would like to break ground on City Hall in 2020 and supported sending out the RFP. Mayor Reynolds said a drive through would be beneficial. The Council supported sending the RFP. Alderman Shiroda said he was all for the new City Hall but he would like to see financial information on the City's debt.

Administrator Tapson said the CIP needs review. Vehicle replacement also needs review and will have to use debt service as fund availability is limited. Fire/EMS staffing needs time to address and to provide information to the public for a referendum in November of 2020. Fire Chief Smith said if there are questions the Council would like answered, to let him know. The actual referendum question is prescribed by the state. Alderman Shiroda would like to see the FMP structure for the next five years. Staff will move forward with the items provided on the checklist. Getzen Street is on the list for 2021. The City will continue to meet at Committee of the Whole meetings to discuss the items on the list

Adjourn

Motion (Shiroda/Dunwiddie) to adjourn at 5:58 p.m.

Cairie L. Virrueta
City Clerk