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

Roll Call
Present:   Aldermen Frank Boggs, Ron Dunwiddie, Karel Young, Tim Shiroda, Tom Myrin; Absent: Mayor Howie Reynolds, Alderman Scott McClory
Others present: Administrator James Heilman, City Clerk Cairie Virrueta, Attorney Ward Phillips, Police Chief Joel Christensen, Fire Chief Rod Smith, Utility Director John Murphy, DPW Operations Manager Matthew Lindstrom, Kellen Olshefski, other interested persons

Consideration of Sign Ordinance Amendment: Feather Signs
Administrator Heilman said many businesses use feather signs and they are asking the City to consider allowing them, perhaps with certain restrictions. If the Council wants to allow them, it would go back to the Plan Commission to work on changes to the zoning code. He said when the code was amended in 2014 it was felt that feather signs were a distraction to drivers. Attorney Phillips said updates were made after and the goal was to eliminate excessive sign over use, which included eliminating other types of signs as well. It was felt businesses could accomplish the same thing with other allowable signs. Two representatives from Kunes said feather signs are a cost effective way to let drivers know about sales and to attract customers. They leave them up until they are faded and replace them about every 6 months. Alderman Boggs asked if Elkhorn is the only community that prohibits them; it is not. Alderman Dunwiddie does not have a problem with them and would like the Plan Commission to revisit allowing them. Alderman Myrin said the City went with Teska’s recommendation, whom was paid to redo the ordinance, when the zoning code on signs was updated. He said some businesses might not be able to use them even if they are allowed due to potential regulations placed on them.  **Motion (Dunwiddie/Boggs) to have the Plan Commission consider amending the Zoning Code regarding feather signs. Voice vote, Shiroda/Boggs/Dunwiddie/Young approved, Myrin denied. Motion carried 4-1.**

Police Department Traffic Equipment Safety Grant
The department was awarded a $4,000 traffic safety equipment grant and plans to use it to replace its traffic recorder system, which is no longer supported. The City would purchase the system, for a total of $4,436 and then the PD would reimburse the $4,000 once the grant is received. The out of pocket cost to the City would be $436.  **Motion (Young/Boggs) to recommend approval of the purchase of a new traffic recorder system for the PD and a budget adjustment of $436. Voice vote, all approved, motion carried.**

Presentation on Auto Meter Program
Honeywell presented information on its auto meter program. Utility Director Murphy said he needs more data from the three companies that did presentations and will present the data along with staff recommendations at the meeting on February 24th. He would like the Common Council to approve a company on March 2nd.

Adjourn
**Motion (Boggs/Dunwiddie) to adjourn at 5:58 p.m. Voice vote, all approved, motion carried.**

Cairie L. Virrueta
City Clerk