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 Frank Boggs, Ron Dunwiddie, Karel Young, Scott McClory, Tim Shiroda, Tom Myrin
Others present: Administrator James Heilman, City Clerk Cairie Virrueta, City Attorney Ward Phillips, Police Chief Joel Christensen, Fire Chief Rod Smith, DPW Manager Matthew Lindstrom, Utility Operations Director John Murphy, Recreation Director Karl Sorvick, Neal Kolb, Will Hein

Recommendation on Selection of Remote Read Engineering Firm
Utility Director Murphy said he is waiting on some pricing numbers and hopes to bring this to the Council next week for recommendation and approval.

Discussion on Creation of New Zoning District for County Fairgrounds
Mayor Reynolds said this was discussed with the fair board and they support it. Administrator Heilman said the fairgrounds is currently in park zoning, but this does not fit and other municipalities create zoning just for fairgrounds. The zoning would include what the City wants to allow and conditional uses. He said the fair board is looking to get a liquor license and the new zoning would address that. If the Council supported the new zoning, it would go to the Plan Commission to draft the ordinance and then a Public Hearing before it came back to the Council for approval. Alderman McClory and Shiroda do not support giving the fairgrounds a liquor license. Alderman Young voiced concerns about alcohol being served during the fair. Attorney Phillips said this fairgrounds is unique as it is not County owned and as such they come to the City for alcohol licenses. He said the zoning could address the concerns regarding alcohol licensing of the fairgrounds. Motion (McClory/Dunwiddie) to recommend the creation of a zoning district for the fairgrounds by the Plan Commission. Attorney Phillips said he needs to do some research on drafting the changes and what is allowed, and he will work with the Plan Commission on it. Voice vote, all approved, motion carried.

Engineering Report on Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) Studies
Administrator Heilman said the City has a large I&I problem. In the report, he asked that the numbers from 2021 be disregarded as they are rough estimates based on only 30% of testing in that area. He said the 2020 numbers are accurate. He talked to the Agricultural Society and they will allow the City to go in and study their system. Administrator Heilman requests $400,000 for a low interest loan program to help people fund their repairs. Will Hein from ATI did a presentation showing the different areas in the City and the repairs needed. He said half of the City’s wastewater is clear water. The City’s Civil Engineer has started inspecting manhole covers for sealing and replacement. The plan is to mitigate I&I in Basin 6 for 2020. Neal Kolb from WALCOMET said he liked the direction the City was going with its plans to repair its infrastructure. Administrator Heilman said he cost for I&I mitigation in 2020 is about $3.22 for a 4.5 person household. He said he is waiting on the PSC for borrowing. Administrator Heilman said this is a 7 year plan and it needs to be maintained annually after that. Mayor Reynolds noted the City has postponed repairs for years and they can no longer be delayed. Motion (Dunwiddie/Young) to recommend moving forward with the City’s I&I plan. Voice vote, all approved, motion carried.

Discussion on Compost Site Options
DPW Manager Lindstrom provided a drawing showing how residents can drop off grass clippings and yard waste while Getzen Street is being worked on. The drop-off site will be open from 8 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., 7
days a week. It will start the first Wednesday in April, which is April 1st and going forward it may always start April 1st. Alderman McClory recommended putting up signs letting residents know there is video surveillance and what may be dropped off. The Council supported the changes.

Discussion on Committee Meeting Schedule
Administrator Heilman suggested an idea regarding committee meetings. He suggested having a Committee of the Whole the second Monday of the month and committee meetings, if needed, the fourth Monday. City Attorney Phillips asked if this would eliminate the committees; no it would not. Mayor Reynolds told everyone to think about it and it may be something the new Mayor would like to consider.

Adjourn
Motion (Shiroda/Dunwiddie) to adjourn. Voice vote, all approved, motion carried. Adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Cairie L. Virrueta
City Clerk