

City of Aurora, Ohio
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES
March 25, 2019

The Committee of the Whole of the City of Aurora, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, March 25, 2019, for the purpose of holding a regular public meeting. Committee Chairman John Kudley, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Kathi Grandillo
Harold Hatridge
George Horvat
John Kudley, Jr
Dennis Kovach
Amy McDougald Eckard
James Vaca

Absent: Reva Barner
Scott Wolf

Also Present: Ann Womer Benjamin, Mayor
Tim Clymer, Finance Director
Dean DePiero, Law Director
Kris Allen, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Harry Stark, Director of Public Services
Robert Hagquist, Police Lieutenant
Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council
April Secura, Deputy Clerk of Council

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Approval of the March 11, 2019, Meeting minutes

Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

(See Attached)

MOTION: To accept the Finance Director's Report

Mr. Vaca moved; Mr. Hatridge seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment to PARTA

Mayor Womer Benjamin said Mr. Frank Vitale is being reappointed to the PARTA Board.

MOTION: To Council's April 8 Agenda

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Tax Incentive Review Committee Recommendations

Mr. Clymer said the committee convenes every year to evaluate the various abatements in place and whether the businesses are holding their end of the deals in terms of employment numbers and work done to the sites. He said the committee evaluated the CRAs for each business in the three zones in addition to the residential CRAs. He said the committee voted to continue all existing CRAs. He said there was one residential that is due to expire so they voted to let it expire.

Ms. McDougald Eckard if the City has ever revoked a CRA because the number of employees was not as expected.

Mr. Clymer said it is reviewed on a case by case basis. He said none have been revoked since he has been with the City. He said usually there has been some kind of reason the committee has been comfortable with continuing the CRA.

MOTION: To Council this evening for Consideration

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Replacement Vehicle – Police Department

Lieutenant Hagquist explained that an officer's vehicle was hit while he was on a traffic stop. He said the 2015 Chevy Tahoe was deemed totaled after the insurance company went through their process. He said the insurance company cut a check for the damage and he recently learned that there may be additional money.

Ms. McDougald asked if the purchase will affect the schedule for replacing vehicles in the future.

Lieutenant Hagquist said it will not.

Mr. Vaca asked whose insurance company cut the check.

Lieutenant Hagquist said the driver's insurance company cut the check, not the City's.

MOTION: To forward to Council this evening for consideration

Ms. McDougald Eckard moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

3 New Vehicle Setups – Police Department

Lieutenant Hagquist said three new Ford Explorer Utility Vehicles were recently purchased and he is asking for approval for the vehicle setups for them.

Mr. Kudley asked if the equipment from the car destroyed in the accident can be used.

Lieutenant Hagquist said some of the equipment will be able to be transferred. He said the radio and siren boxes can be, but the light bar and cage cannot. He said they were able to work with Hall Public Safety and get trade-ins for that equipment towards future purchases.

MOTION: To Council this evening for consideration

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Request for Authorization to Sell Used Equipment – Service Department

Mr. Stark said the items on the attached sheet are no longer used and have not been used for a long time. He said he would like to have authorization to put them on sale on GovDeals.

Mr. Vaca asked if the items are bid on or can they be purchased outright.

Mr. Stark said people can bid on them or purchase them outright.

MOTION: To Council's April 8 agenda

Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Mini Excavator Purchase – Service Department

Mr. Stark said the current mini excavator was originally going to be a trade-in but the Parks Department has requested to take the piece of equipment and provide them with the \$15,000 they would have received as a trade-in, over the next two years. He explained that the excavator being purchased is the most expensive out of the three quotes. He said it is a better piece of equipment, holds its value longer, and will be able to be used more effectively, especially with some of the work encountered in the cemetery.

Mr. Hatridge asked what a hydraulic thumb is.

Mr. Stark said it gives the ability to pick up items; it looks like a hand.

MOTION: To Council this evening for consideration

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT**MOTION: To adjourn**

Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

John Kudley, Jr., Chairman

Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council