

City of Aurora, Ohio
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2019

The Committee of the Whole of the City of Aurora, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, April 8, 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: Reva Barner
 Kathi Grandillo
 Harold Hatridge
 George Horvat
 John Kudley, Jr
 Amy McDougald Eckard
 James Vaca
 Scott Wolf

Absent: Dennis Kovach

Also Present: Ann Womer Benjamin, Mayor
 Dean DePiero, Law Director
 Tim Clymer, Finance Director
 Kris Allen, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
 Laura Holman, Director of Parks and Recreation
 Jack Burge, Director of Economic and Entrepreneurial Development
 Brian Byard, Police Chief
 Denise Januska, Director of Planning, Zoning and Building
 Harry Stark, Director of Public Services
 Colleen Martin, Deputy Clerk of Council
 April Secura, Deputy Clerk of Council

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Approval of the March 25, 2019, Meeting minutes

Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 6-0-2 roll call vote. Ms. Barner and Mr. Wolf abstained.

AYES: Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kudley, Eckard, Vaca
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Barner, Wolf

NEW BUSINESS

Employees Generally

Ms. Holman explained that what Council has received is some returning and new seasonal help. She said that a part-time senior bus driver is also included.

Ms. Eckard asked if there will be the same number of employees this year as last.

Ms. Holman said there is a need for some additional staff for seasonal help this year because they are taking back running the boathouse.

Mr. Hatridge asked if most of the employees are Aurora residents.

Ms. Holman said it is not a requirement, but yes.

MOTION: To Council for consideration this evening

Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on 7-0-1 roll call vote. Mr. Vaca abstained.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kudley, Eckard, Wolf

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Vaca

Replacement Parts for Playground Equipment at Liz Strahan Park

Ms. Holman said she is looking to replace some of the neighborhood park's playground equipment. She said this set will be bring Liz Strahan Park equipment up to safety standards. She said budgeted in the Public Spaces account is \$25,000 total. She said the cost for the equipment for Liz Strahan Park is the largest that is separate. She said there will also be improvements to Sheldon Park and Kiwanis Moore Park.

Ms. Barner asked if there is anything else that can be shared that will be done at the other parks.

Ms. Holman said at Kiwanis Moore Park the large swing set will be replaced and also the buckets and the chains for the toddler swing sets. She said she is looking at options to do an adaptive swing. She said at Sheldon Park, fixing the slide and possibly a swing there as well depending on pricing.

Mr. Hatridge said he is very pleased with what is being done at Kiwanis Moore Park and that is being kept up to date.

MOTION: To Council's April 22 agenda

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

Carpet Purchase and Installation for Walker Building and Service Department

Ms. Holman explained that it is a combined effort of the Finance Department, Service Department and Park and Recreation. She said they recognized that the buildings were in need of updating and thought it made the most sense to do it together. She said the product they have come up with is a tile type and they will have a supply that is called attic stock in case something happens and they need to replace an area it can be done more easily. She said they have three quotes and the lowest was from Mill Distributors Inc. located in Aurora, in the amount of \$42,657.00.

Ms. Barner said she glad that there were three quotes and also that they are using an Aurora company.

Mr. Hatridge asked if there was any thought to using hardwood floors.

Ms. Holman said no, she believes it would be cost prohibitive.

MOTION: To Council's April 22 agenda

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

Signalization Project/Grant Preliminary Participatory Legislation

Mr. Stark explained the City has a grant through AMATS for the Signalization Project. He said last year the City entered into contract for the design and planning of the project. He said he was contacted by ODOT last month with a boiler plate agreement to show that the City is aware of the grant obligations and that the City agrees to participate. Mr. Stark said it may have been forgotten about last year but it needs to be taken care and put into the City's file. He said once it is time for construction the project will be bid and then there will be another piece of legislation with the final numbers.

Mr. Kudley said it was discussed earlier in the day that the project is to be \$1.3 million on the City's part with \$490,000 spent on engineering in 2019 and an additional \$864,000 in 2020 when the actual construction would take place. He asked if that is correct.

Mr. Stark said that it is correct.

Mr. Horvat said the agreement said 20%; he asked if there was a way to put a semi monetary amount in there.

Mr. DePiero said he will speak with the Service Director but he does not know if there is an exact cost at this point. He said generally the LPA projects are a 20% local match to the state 20%.

Mr. Horvat asked if the Mayor is comfortable with the 20%.

Mayor Womer Benjamin said the grant is for \$3.5 million and the City is responsible for the engineering and 20% of the actual cost of the project and something for technical easements.

MOTION: To Council April 22, agenda

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

John Kudley, Jr., Chairman

Attended by:
Colleen Martin, Deputy Clerk of Council
Transcribed by:
Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council