

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

July 06, 2021 immediately following the City Council meeting at 7:00 PM.

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ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT	ELECTED OFFICIALS ATTENDING BY TELECONFERENCE	ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT	STAFF PRESENT	STAFF ATTENDING BY TELECONFERENCE
Bruno Burghart Hruby Maladra Marks Mayer Swanson Burns (Chair) Godskesen (Clerk)	Kosirog	Kaven Kilburg	Dawkins McCready Sandack	Babica Holton Landers

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mayor Burns called the meeting to order at 8:21 PM, noting Ald. Kaven and Kilburg were absent, Ald. Kosirog was attending remotely and the remaining 7 aldermen were in attendance in chambers.

2. Approve the Minutes from the June 14, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting (continued from June 7, 2021) and the June 21, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Moved by Ald. Hruby, seconded by Ald. Burghart to approve the measure as presented.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote 8/0 with two absent.

3. Items of Business

a. Consider Approval of a Draft Resolution Authorizing the Purchase a Bobcat Skidsteer Model 576 with Attachments and Trailer in an Amount Not Exceed \$103,528.00 from Atlas Bobcat.

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Burghart to approve the measure as presented.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote 8/0 with two absent.

b. Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Labor Contract for the 2021-2022 Underground Electric Cable Replacement with Utility Dynamics in an Amount Not to Exceed \$618,054.00.

Moved by Ald. Mayer, seconded by Ald. Hruby to approve the measure as presented.

In response to a question from Ald. Kosirog whether any of the affected cables were overhead, Director Holton reported that all were underground.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote 8/0 with two absent.

c. Consider Draft Resolution Adopting IDOT Form BLR 14220 Supplemental Resolution for Maintenance of Roads for 2020-2021.

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Burghart to approve the measure as presented.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote 8/0 with two absent.

4. New Business and Public Comment

No members of the public were present or online who wished to contribute new business or comment.

City Administrator Dawkins reported that the energy legislation was still being debated, redrafted, re-debated, and still in process by the state. Groups are being formed and Dawkins brought up the fact that the city does not have a seat at the table, and raised the question as to whether there would be interest by the council to spend city funds to hire a lobbyist for this purpose, adding that other cities have done so. The approximate cost for a lobbyist would be \$5,500 per month.

Marks asked if NIMPA has a lobbyist and Dawkins responded that each city is independent in this issue.

Hruby asked if there was opportunity to join with other cities, and the potential impact of having a lobbyist. Atty. Sandack responded that it would not make sense to work with other cities, because interests do not completely align. He added there was benefit in having one, since Geneva does not currently have a direct passage for input and information.

Bruno would be curious about specific benefits of a lobbyist. Dawkins suggested that one could be brought in to speak to the council and answer questions. Bruno, Burghart and Swanson expressed an interest in hearing from a potential lobbyist and learning what one could do for the city. Mayer felt that the city should have a lobbyist. Kosirog asked if there was still time to affect the outcome of the legislation.

Dawkins responded that it appears the state is not close to a decision yet.

Burns felt there was a consensus to get more information, and staff will proceed with the process to bring a potential lobbyist in to speak to the council.

5. Adjourn to Closed Session on Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Public Body.

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Swanson to adjourn to closed session.

Roll Call:

AYES: 8 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 2 (Ald. Kaven, Kilburg)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

NOTE: The committee adjourned to closed session at 8:38 PM and returned to open session at 9:02 PM.

5.1 Return to Open Session

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Mayer to return to open session.

Roll Call:

AYES: 8 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 2 (Ald. Kaven, Kilburg)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

6. Adjournment

Moved by Ald. Marks to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Roll Call:

AYES: 8 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 2 (Ald. Kaven, Kilburg)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM

- *Submitted by City Clerk Godskesen*