

Committee of the Whole minutes

November 27, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Steve Newbold. In attendance were Mayor Joe Behnken, Board Members Gary Kearns, Arlene Geppert, John Feder and Rich Fitzgerald. Chief Tim Buehler and Jason Bohannon were present as visitors to observe.

6. Personnel.

6.1 Salaried employees' compensation time off for hours worked more than normal working hours. For the Supt of Public Works, comp time would accumulate on a 1 for 1 rate and for Ordinance designated holidays on a time and a half rate. There would be a maximum of 40 hours of comp time that could be carried. For the Chief of Police, the same 1 for 1 rate only would apply to hours over 84 hours per pay period. Time off request slips to be turned in prior to use. Rich will look at drafting an Ordinance change.

10. Improvements and Grants.

10.1 Tree City USE Application. Tabled

11. Public Safety, Ambulance and ADA.

11.1 Ambulance Special Fee. It was brought up at the Property Tax Levy meeting about adding to the water bill, an additional fee specifically for the Ambulance Service. It was reported that upon advice from the attorney that this could not be implemented, therefore, not an option. The Utility Tax could be raised from 2 ½ percent to 5% which would add about \$95,000 that could be used strictly for the Service. Coupled with the Property tax hike of about \$10,000, approximately \$120,000 could be generated.

13. Other business.

13.1 Property Tax Review. Increase to 10% to be placed on the agenda to be approved at the next meeting and implemented on the next property tax bills in June 2024. This will raise the property tax to on average \$26 per household and will be applied to the Ambulance Service.

13.2, 13.3, 13.4, 13.5 pertaining to Park Plan, TIF Eligible Cost Memorandum and Arbor Day Proclamation all were tabled. Due to Debbie's absence.

13.6 Resolution to establish separate Fidelity Accounts for restricted and non-restricted Funds. Requested per the auditors and will be adopted.

With no further business, motion to adjourn made by Arlene and seconded by Rich. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

Minutes submitted by Steve Newbold