

CITY OF ELKHORN
Committee of the Whole
Council Chambers, 9 S. Broad Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin
July 24, 2008

Mayor John Giese called the Committee of the Whole to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by roll call.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor John Giese; Aldermen Ronald Dunwiddie, Gary Payson Sr., Howie Reynolds, Julie Taylor

Absent: Scott McClory, Charles Van Dyke

Also present: City Administrator Sam Tapson, Deputy Clerk Shari McKinney, Police Chief Joel Christensen; City Engineer Gary Welsh

Others present: Richard Howarth Jr.; Gene Hoffman; Gary and Sue Wallem; Dave Crosby

POLICE DEPARTMENT RELOCATION

Members of the community spoke to the Committee of the Whole concerning the present location and cost of the new Police Department. Richard Howarth expressed his concern that at a time when the economy is bad the City plans on a Police Dept. building that would cost \$8 million. He asked why the downtown Walworth County Courthouse location was no longer considered. He referenced the agreements with the County concerning relocated in the old Sheriff's Dept.

Mayor Giese said after extensive research and space needs studies, the location at Tasch Park was the best choice. The Mayor wants opinions from staff, Council and the public.

Alderman Payson asked if the new building could be reduced from \$8 million to \$6 or \$4 million. City Administrator Tapson said the \$8 million is only an estimate and has not been finalized. Alderman Reynolds said that he was expecting the cost to be \$3 to \$4 million.

The following items will be considered:

- Issue of location – Courthouse or Tasch Park
- Underground garage
- Sally Port - \$60,000
- RTU \$100,000
- Street/off road parking - \$60,000
- Reduced offices/Alderman Taylor
- Use alternative building materials/Alderman Taylor
- Don't cut mechanicals/Alderman Payson
- Don't limit future buildable space/Chief Christensen
- Can't downsize locker rooms – doesn't include a lot of future space/Chief Christensen

City Administrator Tapson asked Council to define the limits. Is it \$3 to \$4 million or \$7 to \$8 million.

Gary Wallem and Richard Howarth asked the Council to reconsider the downtown location.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Payson/Taylor) to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried by the majority present.

Shari McKinney
Deputy Clerk