

CITY OF ELKHORN
Committee of the Whole Minutes
Common Council Chambers, 9 S. Broad Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin

May 9, 2015

Committee of the Whole was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Reynolds followed by Roll Call.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Howie Reynolds, Aldermen Hoss Rehberg, Michael Kluck, Cathy Bensaïd, Bruce Lechner, Scott McClory, Tom Myrin.

Also present: Administrator Sam Tapson, Finance Director James Heilman, City Clerk Cairie Virrueta, Fire Chief Rod Smith, City Engineer Paul Vanhenkelum, Kellen Olshefski

Police Department Public Safety Grant

The PD was awarded a traffic safety equipment grant that is non-matching. Invoices are submitted to the state. **Motion (Rehberg/Myrin) to accept the public safety grant of \$4,000 for the Police Department with a budget adjustment. Roll call vote: Rehberg, yes; Kluck, yes; Lechner, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes; Bensaïd, yes. Motion carried.**

Police Department Mobile Radio Purchase

Chief Christensen said the PD would like to purchase two mobile radios for the two new vehicles and these will have access to three radio frequencies. Harris are the only type of multi-band radios that access the three frequencies. **Motion (Rehberg/Myrin) to approve the purchase of Harris Unity multi-band radios for the Police Department from General Communications for \$9,173.72. Roll call vote: Rehberg, yes; Kluck, yes; Lechner, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes; Bensaïd, yes. Motion carried.**

Two Police Department Squad Cars Upfitting Purchases

Chief Christensen said the upfitting includes emergency lighting equipment, radio consoles, partitions, etc. for the two new vehicles and the pricing is based off of state and NASBO pricing. It includes decommissioning the other two vehicles. It is a budgeted item. **Motion (McClory/Lechner) to approve upfitting the new PD vehicles for \$20,590.28 from General Communications. Roll call vote: Rehberg, yes; Kluck, yes; Lechner, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes; Bensaïd, yes. Motion carried.**

Auction of Police Department Surplus Vehicle

Motion (Rehberg/Kluck) to declare the PD's 2003 Impala as a surplus vehicle and authorize Auction Associates to auction the vehicle. Voice motion, all approved, motion carried.

Work Session: Discuss Capital Projects Schedule and Financing

The Council discussed the five top capital projects they identified in previous meetings: street repairs/reconstruction of S. Jackson, W. Centralia, E. Centralia, E. Market Street extension and City Hall rehab/relocation. Finance Director Heilman said the City has the ability to borrow and there will be funds available after the TID closes. He provided information on 10 year, 15 year and 20 year borrowing. He suggested borrowing in 2017 with the first payment being in 2018. To borrow 4.1 million over 20 years would have very little impact on tax payers. Administrator Tapson said some borrowing, such as a new city hall, may require a referendum. W. Centralia work should wait until after the treatment plant is up and running. City Engineer VanHenkelum said doing all the streets at one time could get a better price. Alderman McClory suggested doing E. Market and E. Centralia first, followed by N. Jackson and didn't want to lose traction on a new city hall. Alderman Rehberg agreed and suggested working on a plan for a new or refurbished city hall. Administrator Tapson said an ad hoc committee could be created for the new city hall. Alderman Lechner agreed and would like to see E. Centralia done in 2018. Alderman Myrin agreed and would also like smaller projects to be done. Alderman Bensaïd agreed the street projects are necessary and

a new city hall was needed. Alderman Kluck agreed to do streets and felt the council should start the process for a new city hall now. Utility Director Murphy said Centralia and Jackson should be designed together as they tie in together. Staff will further refine the planning for these projects to minimize impact on taxes and also on rates and bring back to the council.

Adjournment

Motion (Lechner/Kluck) to adjourn at TIME p.m.

Cairie L. Virrueta
City Clerk