

Village Council Meeting As
A Committee of the Whole
January 10, 2023
6:30 PM

At 6:30 PM, President of Council Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Bob Keogh, Louann Artiaga, Richard Bingham, Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer and Mindy Curry. Also present were the following: Mayor Don Atkinson, Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Director of Public Services Steve Pilcher, Planning Administrator Tiffany Bachman, Fire Chief Joshua Hartbarger, Deputy Fire Chief Jason Francis, Clerk Susan Miller, Karen Gerhardinger, Wendy Gehring, Steve Connelly, Rita and Larry Yunker.

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Mindy Curry to accept the minutes of the December 6, 2022 meeting. 6 ayes

President of Council, Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer asked for Citizen Comment pertaining to Agenda items. There were none.

President of Council, Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, reserved the right to Executive Session

Finance

The first order of business was to Review Revenue Sources and General Fund Department Proportionate Costs.

- General fund expenses, it is what we thought it would be, running according to predictions, costs are what we know and do not include the unexpected
- Action needs to be implemented in 2024, otherwise too close to running a deficit
- Raising \$400,000 in revenue would buy time, \$25/month/household operations fee
- House Bill 23 - more state mandates for police and fire
- Safety service fee to pay for state mandates
- Not everyone gets a water bill, renters, checking with Solicitor to see what can legally be done
- Numbers from RITA are public
- Why buy time, how is the fee different from a levy, be self sustaining like water
- Tax increase, fee for service, tax by another name
- Committee of residents, Committee of the Whole, community problem, community solution, all meetings are open and public, Council is stewards of the taxes
- Next Committee of the Whole meeting, chart the path forward, wage study
- Some communities are contesting the dispatch fees, cost of operation is the cost of Operation, if communities are successful, other communities would have to pick up the cost
- The residents are owed a long term solution, no increase in the budget, needed increase in Revenue, Disservice to patch the problem, no property tax increase

General

The next order of business was a discussion on the Vacant Council Seat

- 10 applicants
- Public interview prior to January 17, 2023 Council meeting

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Louann Artiaga to adjourn into Executive Session on a matter of Personnel at 7:07 PM. 6 ayes

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Louann Artiaga to reconvene at 8:46 PM. 6 ayes

Other items discussed:

- President of Council, Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer will call candidates selected to notify them of interviews to take place at the January 17, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting at 5:00 PM
- Committee members are grateful for the high caliber Council candidates

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Mindy Curry to adjourn at 8:48 PM. 6 ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Miller
Clerk of Council