

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

City Hall – Council Chambers

March 19, 2018

The Committee of the Whole met in the Council Chambers at 5:50 p.m. on March 19, 2018, with the following Committee persons in attendance: Mayor Jim Brown, Tom Blanford, Frank Darrah, Susan deBuhr, Rob Green, Daryl Kruse, and Mark Miller. Staff members attended from all City Departments. Pat Kinney with the Waterloo Courier, Craig Schwedtfeger and other members of the community attended.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order and introduced the first item on the agenda, Recognition of Board of Adjustment Member Craig Schwedtfeger. Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Schwedtfeger for his 29 years of service on the Board of Adjustments. He presented him with a plaque. Ron Gaines City Administrator presented Mr. Schwedtfeger with a challenge coin and thanked him. Mr. Schwedtfeger thanked the City staff for their work in preparing reports which made his job easier.

Mayor Brown introduced the second item on the agenda Water Reclamation Overview. Mike Nyman, Water Reclamation Manager reviewed the Water Reclamation operations and stated IA-DNR issues the permit under the EPA authority and it is renewed every five years. Mr. Nyman then reviewed some larger projects. He stated they have 11 full-time employees and three part-time employees. He stated that certain employees have to have an operator's license issued by the State of Iowa. Mr. Nyman stated the employees work on preventative maintenance and emergency response throughout the city. He explained the lab technician completes sample testing and they have a full-time equipment mechanic on staff. Mr. Nyman stated they are able to apply the solid waste to the Sartori farm land; this is a cost savings measure. He stated there are 12 lift stations throughout the city and they continue to perform preventative maintenance by cleaning the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Nyman stated the waste water treatment plant was established in 1939 and has had four major expansions throughout the years with the final one in 2012. A brief discussion was held.

Mayor Brown introduces the third item on the agenda 2018 Public Works/Parks Work Plan. Mark Ripplinger Director of Municipal Operations & Programs gave a PowerPoint presentation. He reviewed major projects the staff will be working on; including Clay Street Park, Place to Place Park, park signage, fitness zone stations, shingle grinding, Parkade and College Hill brick repairs, as well as the ongoing traditional services they work on each year. Mr. Ripplinger stated MOP/Tourism has a contract with ZLR Ignition to increase their visibility through Facebook ads. He said MOP/Recreation has been working on safety improvements to the ball field fencing. A brief discussion was held.

Mayor Brown introduced the final item on the agenda bills and payroll. Tom Blanford moved to approve the bills as presented and Daryl Kruse seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further discussion Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes by Lisa Roeding, Controller/City Treasurer