

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

City Hall – Council Chambers

April 19, 2021

The Committee of the Whole met at City Hall at 6:35 p.m. on April 19, 2021, with the following Committee persons in attendance: Mayor Robert M. Green, Frank Darrah, Sudan deBuhr, Kelly Dunn, Simon Harding, Daryl Kruse, Mark Miller, and Dave Sires. Staff members from all City Departments and members of the community attended in person and teleconferenced in.

Mayor Green called the meeting to order and introduced the only item on the agenda, Solid Waste Commission Overview.

Mayor Green introduced Solid Waste and Resource Recovery Administrator John Foster.

Mr. Foster stated the City of Cedar Falls is part owner of the landfill; with one City of Cedar Falls representative that serves on the Black Hawk County Solid Waste Management Commission. Mr. Foster presented a power point discussion which included: what is the commission; landfill management and operations; providing community grants; environmental education and outreach; and household hazardous and electronic waste collection events. Mr. Foster stated during the household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Recycling drop-off event they have normally have approximately 70 volunteers and approximately 800 households participate. Mr. Foster reminded Cedar Falls citizens that they can directly drop-off materials at the Transfer Station throughout the year.

Mayor Green opened the meeting for Council discussion.

Councilmember Kruse asked about harvesting methane and then accepting oil based paint and not latex paint. Mr. Foster explained methane needs to be cleaned and find a user to utilize the gas since the landfill generates gas 24/7. Mr. Foster explained water based paint has little harm, but petroleum based paints can cause a ground water contamination.

There being no further business, Mayor Green adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Minutes by Kim Kerr, Administrative Supervisor