



Committee of the Whole Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.
Chilton City Hall – First Floor Chambers
42 School Street, Chilton, WI 53014

Pursuant to Section 19.84(2) and (3) of the Wisconsin State Statutes, notice is hereby given to the public, to the Tri-County News, the official newspaper of Chilton, and to those news media who have filed a written request for this notice that a meeting of the above-referenced was held at the date, time and location listed above.

Notice is hereby given that a majority of the Common Council of the City of Chilton, or a standing committee of that body were present at this meeting to gather information about the subject matter which they have decision making responsibility.

The above governmental body met to discuss and act on the following agenda items as set forth below:

The Committee of the Whole Council Workshop meeting was held at City Hall and was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Tom Reinl.

ROLL CALL:

Council members Ron Gruett, Rick Jaeckels, Deb Meier, Kathy Schmitzer, Peggy Loose, Joe Schoenborn, and Robbie Seipel were present at roll call. Other city officials present were DPW Chris Marx, and City Administrator David DeTroye. Dan DeTroye, Tom Cullen, Linda Cullen, and Rachael Siehs were also in attendance.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Motion by Schmitzer, seconded by Schoenborn and carried by unanimous voice vote (6 – 0), Meier abstained, to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2024, council workshop committee meeting.

Audience Participation: None

New Business:

1. Slides in City Parks – DPW Chris Marx distributed pictures of five slides that are currently in place within city parks. Two of the slides are at Klinkner Park, two at Hobart Park, and a single slide at Riverside Park. Each of the slides presented are dated, and beyond useful life. Recent complaints about the condition of slides, missing paint and rust, was directed towards Marx and the DPW crews. Marx is asking for direction from the committee regarding the future of the slides and/or options for removal or repair. Previous meeting minutes from March of 2021, suggested that the slides should remain in lieu of repairs. Discussion ensued with information given about fall heights, proper base materials, conditions of the equipment, and safety requirements that need to be in place in and around the slide structures. Marx made comment that currently no replacement plan is in place, and he recommends demolition of the five slides as safety concerns need to be addressed, rules have changed regarding safety, and the equipment is outdated. Marx went on to inform the council that two slides would remain as they are part of an equipment set and are located within Hobart Park and Leahy Park. Pricing for new slides was briefly discussed and Marx informed the committee that no planning is in place, but he would follow-up with vendors to try and secure some quotations for replacement structures. More information was given about safety measures that are now taken for new units and what the city could do to try and replace the lost apparatus. Motion by Loose, seconded by Schmitzer and carried by unanimous voice vote to recommend council approve removal of dated slides, five in total, from Klinkner Park, Hobart Park, and Riverside Park with the understanding that DPW Marx will work on plans and pricing for equipment replacement in the future.
1. Closed Session – Motion by Loose to move into closed session under WI Statutes 19.85 (1) (e)

deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Roll Call Vote: Gruett, Jaeckels, Meier, Schmitzer, Loose, Schoenborn, and Seipel all cast votes in favor and the committee went into closed session at 5:54 pm.

2. Open Session – Motion by Loose, seconded by Meier to return to open session. Roll Call Vote: Gruett, Jaeckels, Meier, Schmitzer, Loose, Schoenborn, and Seipel all cast votes in favor and the committee returned to open session at 6:18 pm. No action was taken from closed session.

Adjournment: Motion by Loose, seconded by Jaeckels and carried to adjourn at 6:19 pm.

Meeting Minutes Prepared by:
David DeTroye
City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer