

CITY OF VERONA

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

JANUARY 30, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hochkammer at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call (Committee of the Whole): Jon Hochkammer, Luke Diaz, Scott Stewart, Jack Linder, Heather Reekie, Brad Stiner, and Evan Touchett. Alders Elizabeth Doyle and Mac McGilvray. Also in attendance: Jeff Mikorski, City Administrator, Dave Walker, Director of Parks and Forestry, Casey Dudley, Director of Recreation, Carter Arndt, MSA Professional Services

2. Discussion of City Aquatic Feature:

Dave Walker presented the results of the MSA Professional Service's Phase I Pool Study looking at similar pools and cost for construction and operation of a public swimming pools around the State. The following parks were a part of the study: The Appleton ERB Park, Belleville Swimming Pool, Elkhorn Sunset Pool, Lodi Goeres Park Pool, Madison Goodman Pool, Middleton Walter R. Bauman Aquatic Center, Monona Community Pool, Mount Horeb Family Aquatic Center, New Glarus Pool, and the Sun Prairie Family Aquatic Center. Also presented were three options: Improve Fireman's Park according to Master Plan, Develop a Municipal Aquatic Center with City funds, or combine indoor/Outdoor facility with the VASD.

3. Approval of the Minutes from November 11, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion by McGilvray, seconded by Doyle. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment

4. Nicki Sayre spoke in favor of an Outdoor Pool facility, Mara Helmke spoke in favor of an outdoor pool, Anya Holland-Barry spoke in favor of an outdoor pool that would be for a wider range of kids than a splash pad, Denise Beckfield was in favor of the option 2 presented, Melissa Ruder spoke in favor of an outdoor pool facility for the community, Eric Knight spoke in favor of option 3 working with the VASD to add capacity for additional swimmers in the area, Mylinda Heil spoke in favor of adding a pool because of the amount of swimmers in the City and swim practice is always in other community's pools, Tyler Janisch spoke about the need for a pool, location of the pool and the need to add more swim lesson availability, Beth Foss spoke in favor of a pool and splash pad for different age swimmers, Greg Verhelst spoke in favor of an outdoor pool, Greg Hoppe spoke in favor of Option 3 and the opportunity of revenue generation with selling things at pool, Mark Leonard spoke about a concern that the City and VASD were building two separate pools at one time.

Council Members:

Council and Mayor directed staff to move to the next step, determine the cost and duration of a Phase II of a pool study that would look at options 2 and 3.

5. Adjourn. Motion by Touchett seconded by Stewart to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried 8-0.

Submitted by
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City Administrator