

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Monday, August 15, 2011
(Open Session)

Committee of the Whole met at City Hall on Monday, August 15, 2011, at 6:15 p.m. at City Hall in the Common Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Justin M. Nickels, Alderpersons Lee Thennes, Scott McMeans, Christopher Able, James N. Brey, Matt Kadow, Jill Hennessey, Allan Schema and Jason Sladky.

Absent: Alderperson Alex Olson and Dave Soeldner.

Also present: Acting Finance Director Tony Scherer, City Clerk Jennifer Hudon, City Attorney Juliana Ruenzel, Human Resources & Safety Coordinator Deb Geiger, Dir. Public Works/Engineer/Parks & Recreation Valerie Mellon, City Assessor Sarah Hoppe, Police Chief Tony Dick, Fire Chief Bill Manis, City Planner Dave Less, Dir. of Bldg. Inspection Jim Muenzenmeyer, Supt. Wastewater Treatment Facility Brian Helming and news media.

Council President Able called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

Committee met to discuss budget issues facing the City for 2012 with a presentation by Department Heads of their proposals for balancing the budget.

City Attorney Juliana Ruenzel presented possible budget solution estimates gathered from the Department Heads and provided a list of them to the Alderpersons asking that they take these suggestions and look at services if we have a deficit. It was noted that the Mayor, as Chief Executive Officer, is fully aware of these proposals as the Department Heads have been working with the Mayor to compile the list. Some department heads are concerned that they cannot continue to cut their budget by ten percent each year.

The Committee thanked the Department Heads for their input.

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Committee of the Whole adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Aldersperson Christopher Able, Chairperson
Committee of the Whole

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