

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Monday, November 7, 2011
(Open Session)

Committee of the Whole met at City Hall on Monday, November 7, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the First Floor Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Justin M. Nickels, Alderpersons Jason Sladky, Dave Soeldner, Collin Braunel, Jill Hennessey, Matt Kadow, James Brey, Scott McMeans, Alex Olson and Christopher Able.

Absent: Alderperson Allan Schema.

Also present: Deputy City Clerk Deborah Neuser. Many department heads and city employees were in the audience.

Council President Able called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Chairman Able declared the meeting open for public input. In accordance with policy, the public input portion of the meeting is not made a part of the official record.

Alderperson Alex Olson presented the Committee with a hand out of his proposed reorganization chart outlining a potential savings of \$3,100,000 to \$5,000,000 and answered questions.

The next item for discussion and possible action is garbage haulers' tipping fees. Mayor noted that City pays tipping fees for the haulers and \$220,000 is in the general fund for tipping. Currently under contract with Manitowoc County until 2013. It is proposed to incorporate right into our garbage hauler's license that haulers are responsible for their own tipping fees. Concerns arose that haulers would decide not to service the City or possibly pass the cost on to the consumer.

It was noted that \$225,000 is a good deal and perhaps we could charge the haulers according to the number of households they service. Dir. Public Works/Engineer/Parks & Recreation Valerie Mellon stated that we do receive an monthly inventory report tracked by hauler.

It is the consensus of the committee that Public Utilities and Licensing Committee will be the oversight committee and haulers will need to be contacted by either the Mayor, Clerk or Dir. of Public Works stating that the \$220,000 will need to be funded or it will go away.

Finally committee discussed funding for Mainly Manitowoc. Mayor has nothing in budget. It uses room tax. Right now we are doing \$1 for every \$2. Able suggested \$1 for every \$4 for discussion purposes. It was noted that several entities (Mainly Manitowoc, City Centre Assn. and VIC) are doing similar things and perhaps one of these groups should be assigned the duties of the Farmers Market.

Moved by Hennessey, second by Able, to recommend to Finance a \$1 for every \$4 match. Moved by Olson, second by Hennessey to amend the motion for a \$5,000 maximum. After a short discussion on the amendment, it was moved by Able, second by Hennessey to amend the maximum amount to \$25,000 per year. Upon a vote on the motion as amended, Ayes, 7. Nays, 2. Abstained, 1. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Alderpersion Christopher Able, Chairperson
Committee of the Whole

By: _____
Deborah A. Neuser
Deputy City Clerk