



City of Manitowoc

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Meeting Minutes

Committee of the Whole

Monday, February 17, 2020

5:00 PM

Council Chambers/1st Floor Hearing Room - East

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Present: 9 - McMeans, Sitkiewitz, Nickels, Kummer, Czekala, Lotz, Williams, Brey and Hansen

Absent: 1 - Novak

3. Public Comment

Council President Sitkiewitz 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.

4. Discussion and Action Items

[20-0172](#)

Demolition permit request from City Centre LLC for Property located at parcel 819-403-020

Attachments: [819-403-020](#)

Moved by Brey, seconded by Sitkiewitz, that this Request be approved and referred to council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - McMeans, Sitkiewitz, Nickels, Czekala, Lotz, Williams, Brey and Hansen

Abstain: 1 - Kummer

Council President Sitkiewitz read the notice to convene in closed session: Notice is hereby given that the above governmental body may adjourn into a closed session during the meeting as authorized by Section 19.85(1)(g) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which authorizes the governmental body to convene in closed session for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

The specific subject matter that may be considered in closed session is:

20-0150 Update on Newton Gravel Pit

5. Convene in Closed Session

Moved by Williams, seconded by Lotz, to convene in closed session. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - McMeans, Sitkiewitz, Nickels, Kummer, Czekala, Lotz, Williams, Brey and Hansen

[20-0150](#)

Update on Newton Gravel Pit

Committee of the Whole deliberated in closed session. (redacted -- Closed Session).

6. Reconvene in Open Session

Moved by McMeans, seconded by Czekala, to reconvene in open session. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - McMeans, Sitkiewitz, Nickels, Kummer, Czekala, Lotz, Williams, Brey and Hansen

[20-0091](#)

Discussion on City of Manitowoc moving to a city manager or city administrator position

Attachments: [1272020 COW Presentation.pdf](#)

City Attorney Kathleen McDaniel explained the process for including proposed changes to the City government structure as an advisory referendum on the November ballot.

Moved by Kummer, seconded by Williams, to instruct City staff to draft an advisory referendum to be placed on the November ballot asking voters if they would be in favor of changing from a Mayor form of government to 1.) a city manager or 2.) to a part-time mayor with a full-time administrator. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Kummer and Williams

Nay: 7 - McMeans, Sitkiewitz, Nickels, Czekala, Lotz, Brey and Hansen

Moved by Brey, seconded by Sitkiewitz, that this Action Item be placed on file. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - McMeans, Sitkiewitz, Nickels, Czekala, Lotz, Brey and Hansen

Nay: 2 - Kummer and Williams

[20-0092](#)

Discussion on term limits for elected officials in the City of Manitowoc

Attachments: [Memo from City Attorney re Term Limits Ordinance.pdf](#)
[2.110 Term Limits January 2020.pdf](#)

Moved by Kummer to adopt a charter ordinance to set term limits for Mayor at 3 terms and 4 terms for Alders. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Moved by Brey, seconded by McMeans, that this Action Item be placed on file. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - McMeans, Sitkiewitz, Nickels, Czekala, Lotz, Williams, Brey and Hansen

Nay: 1 - Kummer

7. Adjournment

Moved by Czekala, seconded by Brey, that this meeting be adjourned at 5:52 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - McMeans, Sitkiewitz, Nickels, Kummer, Czekala, Lotz, Williams, Brey and Hansen