

**CITY OF GREEN LAKE COMMITTEE  
OF THE WHOLE MEETING – JANUARY 13, 2025**

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Raymond Radis. Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silent meditation.

Certification of Open Meeting Law: Agenda was posted on January 10, 2025.

Roll Call: Christopher Foos, Jon McConnell, George King, Danielle Reysen, Steven Utecht, Mark Wilton. Also Present: City Attorney Jess Spankowski, Police Chief Jason Carley, Public Works Director Jason Carley.

Agenda: Motion made by Foos, second by McConnell to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Appearances: Richard Gerstein and Jon Erickson, Friends of the Mill Pond, made a presentation to the Council regarding dredging of the Dartford Mill Pond.

Boards, Commissions, Committees Minutes: Motion made by Foos, second by McConnell to received Reports from Fire Commission – 11/27/2024, Board of Zoning Appeals – 11/4/2024; Human Resources – 11/11/2024 and 12/18/2024, Park & Recreation – 12/18/2024, Plan Commission – 12/9/2024. Motion carried.

Committee & Department Head Reports: Jon McConnell gave an oral report regarding the Park & Recreation/Tree Board. Mark Wilton gave an oral report regarding the Ad Hoc Committee on Economic Development and Revitalization. Jason Reysen gave an oral report for the Police Department. Jason Carley gave an oral report for the Public Works Department.

Microphones in council chambers: A tech person was in today to check the speakers for the council room. There is nothing wrong with the speakers. Problem may be that those participating on Zoom do not turn up the volume on their devices prior to participating in Zoom meetings. Volume on Zoom does not go any higher than the volume set on the device being used. If the volume on the speakers in the council room are turned up, it may cause feedback.

Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Food Trucks Ordinance: Matter is tabled indefinitely.

Chief Highknocker Statue donated by George King: Picture and plan for the Chief Highknocker statue will be presented to the Park & Recreation Board by Steve Siders. A limestone base stone has been picked out. Cost has gone up and is now estimated \$80,000. George will deposit more funds to cover the cost. It is also proposed to plant three river birch trees behind the statue and stone plaque.

First Floor Ordinance: Ad Hoc Committee on Economic Development has been working on this ordinance to provide limitations on the use of first floors in the downtown area, i.e. prohibit first floors from being used as short-term rentals and reserve for retail businesses. There was

discussion about whether real estate offices should be allowed on first floors. Matter will need to be referred to the Plan Commission for their input, and then put it to a public hearing. Information could be put in the city newsletter which is planned for the end of January.

Reports: Motion made by Foos, second by McConnell to receive December 2024 Reports from Clerk-Treasurer, Police Department, Fire Department, First Responders, Building Inspector, and January 2025 Report from Librarian. Motion carried.

Remembrance of Destina (Dusty) Walker: Destina (Dusty) Walker who had served on the City Council passed away December 29, 2024. She was remembered for her dedication to the City.

Correspondence: Council was in receipt of correspondence from Nancy Wells regarding praise to the Department of Public Works during water main break on December 26, 2024.

Motion made by Foos, second by McConnell to recess. Motion carried. (5:44 pm) Meeting was reconvened at 5:55 pm.

2025 Referendum Presentation: Adam Ruechel, from R.W. Baird & Company, made a presentation to the Committee on a 2025 Operating Referendum Discussion. He explained the current financial position of the city along with the reasons and the need to do a referendum on the April 1<sup>st</sup> Spring Election.

Motion made by Utecht, second by Foos to adjourn. Motion carried. (6:30 pm)

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Barbara L. Dugenske, Clerk