

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

PRESENT: Mayor Novitke  
Council Members Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Shetler

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Fincham  
Treasurer/Comptroller Irby  
Director of Public Safety Pazuchowski  
City Attorney Chip Berschback  
City Clerk Hathaway

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Shetler, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, taken in order of appearance.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler

No: None

Absent: None

Discussion ensued regarding the City's **EMS Services**. Kolby Miller, Chief Executive Officer of Medstar provided a presentation and overview on the company's services and operations. Administration stated that privatizing ambulance services would be a cost savings in the amount of \$322,000 per year; and if these services are not privatized the general fund would have to absorb an additional \$135,000 to operate. The Treasurer/Comptroller stated that \$210,000 would not be collected by Accumed. Mr. Miller, the City Administrator and Director of Public Safety confirmed that ambulance services would operate as they do currently and that the level of service would also remain the same.

Mr. Miller stated fees are lower than the City now charges, and that Medstar will waive uninsured costs if a hardship is demonstrated. A contract with Medstar will have an effect on five employees, of which four previously worked for Medstar, and they will be given first consideration for employment. The plan would be to continue housing the ambulance at City Hall, lease the quarters and equipment following an assessment.

Due to the savings to the City, the City Administrator, Treasurer/Comptroller, and Director of Public Safety all recommended the City change to Medstar. Other area communities, including Grosse Pointe Farms (contracted since the 1990's), Harper Woods, Eastpointe, and Hamtramck recommend Medstar. Services will continue as currently required through the Mutual Aid Agreement.

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The Director of Public Safety stated that calls will be handled as they are now, Public Safety will continue to perform as first responders and then medics, and Medstar would allow for more ambulance availability rather than staffing engineering on fire trucks.

The Mayor requested administration to provide a one week turnaround for a proposal. This item is to be placed on a Committee-of-the-Whole in one to two weeks.

Under Public Comment, the following individuals were heard:

Robert Figurski  
Labor Representative for POLC

Sally VanRaemdonck  
2142 Fleetwood

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 9:13 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway  
City Clerk