

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2013, 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
City Clerk Hathaway

Also in attendance:
Sandra Rodwan, Rodwan Consulting

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

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

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

The first item on tonight's agenda was regarding the **defined contribution plan**. Sandra Rodwan, Rodwan Consulting, distributed and provided an overview of her memo dated September 8, 2013. Discussion ensued regarding possibly closing the plan to new hires, and to evaluate moving from an amortization based on level percent of payroll to level dollar. She stated the expectation is that liabilities will decrease based on 80 active employees and 97 retirees, explaining that until active employees retire, the liability continues to increase.

A concern with closing the plan is that unfunded liability will continue to accrue. If the City were to close the plan and move to level dollar, the amortization becomes less beginning in 2022. Additionally, the City will then be funding the Defined Benefit Plan, the Defined Contribution Plan, and unfunded liability. Initially the City will pay more than the City is paying now, in addition to a newly established fund to provide for new employees.

There was a consensus of the Committee to continue to monitor the plan, that this item remain on the Committee-of-the-Whole and be brought back in January 2015, and that administration provide information regarding what other communities are doing and how their plans are working.

The Chair declared a recess at 8:40 p.m., and reconvened at 8:51 p.m.

City Engineer Lockwood and Director of Public Works Ahee were now in attendance.

The next item discussed was regarding **Stormwater Asset Management & Wastewater (SAW) Grant**. The City Engineer provided an overview. The Mayor asked if the grant is received, whether the City is obligated to do the work. The City Engineer explained that if we take the dollars, and then identify a critical problem, we must use City money to take care of it. The grant is for \$1,100,000 with \$100,000 being the City's portion. The City would be required to put together an asset management plan, and the existing project plan will have already gotten some of the work done. The City's \$100,000 portion would come from the City's water/sewer fund; funds used for additional dollars needed for any critical problems identified would depend on whether work required is storm sewer or sanitary sewer related. Applications will be awarded in April. The City can back out of the grant if funds are not disbursed to the City. The City Administrator stated he has concerns with some of the lines never having been televised and with the condition of the Torrey Road pump station. The Treasurer/Comptroller recommends authorizing the application for the whole project.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Shetler, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that City Council authorize the City Engineer to make application to the DEQ Michigan Finance Authority for the Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW) Grant, contingent upon receiving written verification that we would be under no obligation if it is approved.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:	Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No:	None
Absent:	None

Under New Business:

- The City Administrator reported Lanzo is performing the City's re-lining (sectional liner) project. Complaints have been received over many months, which have included flooded commercial businesses, failure to receive proper notices such as water shut-offs, and completed work not meeting required standards. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick (AEW) met with Lanzo representatives. AEW wants to remove them from the project and bring in another contractor, Liquiforce, which is available to do the work at the same cost. Lanzo is agreeable to being removed. This item is to be placed on the November 11, 2013, Council agenda.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Ketels, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 9:59 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk