

Committee of the Whole
October 7, 2019

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Mayor Ward. Roll call: Ward, Bacon, Williams, Nault, Wiederanders and Reeths were present. Hayes and Avenson were excused. Staff present: City Administrator VanLieshout, Finance Director/City Treasurer Clarizio, City Clerk/Human Resource Director Reinhardt, Community Development Director Olejniczak, Municipal Services Superintendent Barker, City Engineer Shefchik, Fire Chief Dietman, Assistant Fire Chief Montevideo, Police Chief Porter, Police Captain Brinkman, and Lieutenant/Investigator Henry. Also present: Sturgeon Bay Utilities General Manager Stawicki, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Spittlemeister.

Williams/Bacon to adopt agenda.

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call.
3. Adoption of agenda.
4. Consideration of: 2020 Budget.
5. Adjourn.

Carried.

City Administrator VanLieshout explained that general obligation (GO) debt the City of Sturgeon Bay has is fully backed by city taxpayers. The current GO debt is at a much lower interest rate than it was just a few years ago.

The City needs to find other sources of revenue, but would rather not impose fees for fire calls, medical calls or every police stop. The City historically has done very well with receiving grant money. However, with most grants, they can only be applied for and used for a specific project. Other revenue options were discussed, including the City of Sturgeon Bay pursuing the Premier Area Resort Tax (PRAT). PRAT could be used to fund street replacement and maintenance.

Seasonal wages and health care options were discussed.

Bacon/Wiederanders to recommend to Common Council to approve the 2020 Capital and Operating budget as presented. Carried.

Nault/Williams to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Spittlemeister
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer