

Committee of the Whole
October 3, 2022

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Ward. Roll call: Ward, Bacon, Statz, Williams, Gustafson, Nault, Wiederanders and Reeths were present. Staff present: City Administrator VanLieshout, Finance Director/City Treasurer Clarizio, City Clerk/Human Resource Director Reinhardt, Municipal Services Superintendent Barker, City Engineer Shefchik, Fire Chief Dietman, Assistant Fire Chief Montevideo, Police Chief Henry, Assistant Police Chief Brinkman and Police Captain Hougaard. Also present: Sturgeon Bay Utilities General Manager Stawicki, members of the public and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Spittlemeister.

Williams/Statz to adopt agenda.

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call.
3. Adoption of agenda.
4. Consideration of: ARPA Funds
5. Consideration of: 2023 Revenue Items including Storm Water Utility and Wheel Tax
6. Consideration of: Water Weed Harvesting Program
7. Consideration of: Bayview Bridge Trail
8. Consideration of: Roads
- 8a. Consideration of: Public Art
9. Consideration of: 2023 Budget.
10. Adjourn.

Carried.

Consideration of: ARPA Funds:

The City of Sturgeon Bay does not have eligible ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) uses except to invest in water, sewer or broadband. The City has committed ARPA funds to Alabama Street watermain and sanitary sewer/water for W Spruce extension, along with other projects on the horizon. Bacon/Williams to approve use of ARPA funds for sanitary sewer and water main extensions. Carried.

Consideration of: 2023 Revenue Items including Storm Water Utility and Wheel Tax:

Any municipality can adopt a local motor vehicle registration fee (wheel tax) ordinance. The process would include a public hearing and could be in effect within 120 days after passed. The wheel tax would be for all vehicles under 8,000 pounds with the exception of vehicles exempt from registration fees. Revenue would be based on the amount selected by the municipality for the registration fee. The wheel tax would apply only to vehicles registered in the City.

Another possibility would be to pursue the PRAT Tax again with the State of Wisconsin. It was consensus of the Committee Members to introduce the PRAT Tax at Legislator Days next spring.

A Storm Water Management Plan was developed in 2005 by the City and is necessary for a municipality when population exceeds 10,000. The most recent census currently has the City of Sturgeon Bay under 10,000 for population. The purpose of a Storm Water Utility is to create dedicated funding source that does not compete with streets, parks or public safety. Williams/Wiederanders for staff to take steps to establish a Storm Water Utility for the City of Sturgeon Bay. Carried.

Consideration of: Water Weed Harvesting Program

The water weed harvesting program employees one full time employee and 5 seasonal employees. In the current budget, revenue is not collected to directly benefits shore property owners/other waterway users for

weed harvesting/collection in the bay. The City of Sturgeon Bay submits their weed harvesting plan to WI Department of Natural Resources for approval. This plan must be done at least every 5 years in order for WI DNR to look at and approve permit. Bacon/Nault to accept the Water Weed Harvesting Program in the 2023 budget for Operating expenses in the amount of \$154,405 and Capital expenses in the amount of \$500,500. Carried.

Consideration of: Bayview Bridge Trail

Currently the City has \$17,000, which is 50% needed to pay for final engineering, design and bidding for construction of the under pass on the south side of Bayview Bridge. To help with funding, the City is intending to apply for the Coastal Management Grant. By completing this trail, it would connect the Ahnapee Trail under the Bay View Bridge to the north side for safe passage across the highway. Williams/Statz to approve adding \$17,000 into the 2023 budget to move forward with Bayview Bridge Trail project. Carried.

Consideration of: Public Art

The amount of art located throughout the city is currently valued at \$64,000 for Woolly sculpture, Pelican sculpture and sea grant mural. Most of the art is donated or on loan to the City. For that reason, having a stipend for these artists to cover some of their costs would be to the City's benefit. Also suggested was the continuation of setting funds aside in the Capital budget each year. This will provide available funding to purchase art are when opportunity arises. Gustafson/Statz to add \$14,500 for art to the 2023 budget for Operating expenses in the amount of \$3,000, Stipend expenses in the amount of \$1,500 and Capital expenses in the amount of \$10,000. Carried.

Consideration of: Roads

West Oak Street parking lot is scheduled to be resurfaced next year. Over the past week, Municipal Services monitored the number of vehicles that utilize that parking lot. It was determined that businesses on the west side appreciate that lot. Consensus of the Committee for the West Oak Street parking lot resurfacing to remain in the 2023 budget.

The major street projects in the 2023 Capital budget were discussed.

Consideration of: 2023 Budget

Reeths/Nault to recommend to Common Council to approve the 2023 Operating and Capital Budget. Carried.

Wiederanders/Bacon to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Spittlemeister
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer