

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND
Committee of the Whole Minutes

Monday, August 13, 2018 - 5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Village President Czebotar called the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 5:00 pm in Conference Room A of the McFarland Municipal Center.

2. ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL.

Members present: Village President Brad Czebotar, Village Trustee Jerry Adrian, Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, Village Trustee Carolyn Clow (arrived at 5:02 pm), Village Trustee Dan Kolk, Village Trustee Mary Pat Lytle, Village Trustee Shaun O'Hearn.

Village Board members not present: None.

Staff Present: Administrator Matt Schuenke, Police Chief Craig Sherven, and Fire and Rescue Chief Chris Dennis.

Also Present: Amber Gerber, Ken Brost, and Paulette Lewis

3. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

1. Ken Brost residing at 6304 Exchange Street commented on the ordinance requiring a referendum and the need for their to be trust between elected boards and their electorate. Continuing to have a referendum requirement helps to maintain that trust because people like the idea of having a spending limit. Further stated that he was not sure if its evolution renders it obsolete and questions whether or not the limit threshold is accurate; however, the importance is seeking out public input through this process prior to embarking on a major capital improvement.

2. Paulette Lewis residing at 5714 Curtis Street commented that she was interested in what the Committee's discussion on the topic would be and wanted to understand better the issues they have been meeting to discuss. She supports the referendum in some capacity but wanted to learn mor

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

a. Discussion and action regarding minutes of the meeting held on July 23, 2018.

The minutes of the meeting held on July 23, 2018 were approved by unanimous consent

5. BUSINESS.

a. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding consideration to approve and issue a Scope of Services in order to conduct a Public Safety Analysis.

Motion by Village Trustee Carolyn Clow, second by Village Trustee Mary Pat Lytle, to Recommend Approval to the Village Board regarding consideration to approve and issue a Scope of Services in order to conduct a Public Safety Analysis. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

- b. Discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to the Village Board on revisions to Section 23-94 of the Village Code of Ordinances regarding direct legislation ordinance to require a binding referendum for projects requiring a Village expenditure of \$1,250,000 or more.

The Committee of the Whole was presented with the current ordinance as part of its discussion as well as a review of what our comparable communities have for requirements. The Committee talked about the need for the ordinance, the expense limitation, experience in other communities, alternative processes in lieu of referendums, Village Board's role, and specific revisions to the current code requirements. Following discussion the Committee requested Village Staff through the Village Attorney prepare modifications to the current ordinance as follows:

- Add more exclusions for public safety, emergency situations, TID projects, and joint municipal projects.
- Change the spending threshold to 1% of equalized value.

The draft ordinance will be prepared by the Village Administrator and Attorney, and presented for review at the next meeting. More information will also be provided regarding charter ordinance.

6. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. To be determined.

The next meeting is to be held on August 27, 2018 at 5:00 p

7. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village Trustee Jerry Adrian, second by Village Trustee Mary Pat Lytle, to adjourn at 6:45 pm.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin boards in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew G. Schuenke
Village Administrator