

## **Committee of the Whole**

**February 29, 2016**

**6:00 p.m.**

Council members in attendance: Barry Porter – Mayor, Pamela Kamm, Al Delgado, Jim O'Reilly, Keith Desserich, and Jenni McCauley

Staff members in attendance: Lynn Tetley – City Manager, Terry Vanderman – Community Development Director, Rusty Herzog – Police Chief, Megan Statt Blake – Assistant Community Development Director, and Emily Supinger – City Solicitor

### Recreation Center Renovation Project

Ms. Tetley provided an update on the recent Recreation Center Renovation project bid. A summary of the results were provided along with a recommendation to allocate additional funding for the project when it is rebid in the next month or so. The project bid results came in substantially higher than the project estimate, which requires the project to be rebid. The total project cost is expected to be approximately 1.3 million, with currently just over one million in appropriated capital funds for this project. Additional funding was requested, not to exceed \$350,000. It was suggested this funding be made available as a loan from the equipment replacement fund. The funds can be repaid with increases in Recreation Center revenue and energy savings. This will be a forthcoming approval request to City Council for the contract and the need for an additional appropriation. No action was requested at this time.

### Gap Analysis and Discussion of Service Needs for Wyoming Youth

Ms. Tetley asked City Council a series of provided questions to assess needs that exist for families and children in the community in order to identify any gaps or needs in service exist. Feedback from members of Council was captured and shared with local stakeholders.

### Sidewalk Snow Removal Discussion

A discussion was held regarding whether the City can or should require residents to clear snow from their sidewalks. Ms. Supinger reported that it was previously thought the City should not require citizens to clear snow on sidewalks due to the potential for residents to incur personal liability for a poor snow removal effort resulting in a slip and fall. This legal precedent has largely been in cases where it could be shown the attempt to remove snow and ice truly resulted in a more hazardous situation than previously existed. These are very difficult cases to prove liability of the homeowner. However, it is still a possibility for the homeowner to be held responsible for injuries. The liability for clearing sidewalks by the City creates an even larger exposure for responsibility, not to mention the associated expense to clear sidewalks. Currently eighteen Ohio cities require residents to clear the public walks in front of their homes. Council decided to take no action on the discussion matter.

### Board and Commission Project Summary Sheets

Ms. Tetley provided this information via email.

### Miscellaneous

City Council agreed to set future Committee of the Whole meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

### Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Delgado to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m., seconded by Mr. Desserich. All ayes by roll call.

Approved:

Barry Porter, Mayor