

**CITY OF AMERY  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PROCEEDINGS  
February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The Committee of the Whole of the City of Amery met on Wednesday – February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at City Hall. Council President, Sarah Flanum called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor, Chad Leonard; Council President, Sarah Flanum; and Alderpersons, Sharon Marks, Rick Van Blaricom; Mykaela Thompson; Mike Manor and Eric Elkin.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Administrator, Patty Bjorklund; Clerk-Treasurer, Ben Jansen; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Taylor Larson; Police Chief, Steve Hainzl; Fire Chief, Chuck Frohn; Library Director, Heather Wiarda and Public Works Director, Jeff Mahoney.

Others Present: Members of the Public.

**Department Head Reports** – Reports were heard from City Administrator, Bjorklund; Clerk-Treasurer, Jansen; Police Chief, Hainzl; Fire Chief, Frohn; Library Director, Wiarda; Public Works Director, Mahoney and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Larson.

Discussion was had on moving up an agenda item, specifically public comment to take place before closed session.

***Motion by Van Blaricom; seconded by Leonard; to swap items 5&6 on the agenda.***

**Ayes – 6**

**Nays – 0**

**Motion Carried.**

**Resolution 02-2023 – STARS Application Resolution of Support** – This resolution pertains to the STARS application that the City is submitting to attempt to build the sidewalk mentioned in the Safe Routes to School Program. Specifically it would allow the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to submit on the City's behalf.

***Motion by Leonard; seconded by Manor; to recommend passage of Resolution 02-2023 to the full Council.***

**Ayes – 6**

**Nays – 0**

**Motion Carried.**

**City Insurance RFP** – Administrator, Bjorklund and Clerk-Treasurer, Jansen have put together this RFP to seek proposals for Liability Insurance. With the new City Center the City's insurance costs have gone up and City staff thought that it would be a good idea to see if there were better rates available. This RFP would not go to full Council as it would be due on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

***Motion by Manor; seconded by Elkin; to approve the RFP as written.***

**Ayes – 6**

**Nays – 0**

**Motion Carried.**

**Safe Routes to School Discussion** – Aside from the Grant Application the City is also working with the School District on this plan. The City will be requesting that the School District pays for half the cost share for the project.

**Public Comment/Community Updates** – City Hall will be closed on February 20<sup>th</sup> for President's Day.

***Motion by Manor; seconded by Thompson to go into Closed Session at 5:34 P.M. under Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) – City Administrator, Police Chief, and Mayor.*** Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

**Roll Call Vote**

**Ayes – Marks, Van Blaricom, Thompson, Flanum; Leonard; Manor; Elkin.**

**Nays – None**

**Motion Carried.**

***Motion by Van Blaricom; seconded by Thompson; to reconvene into Open Session at 5:43 P.M.***

**Roll Call Vote**

**Ayes – Marks, Van Blaricom, Thompson, Flanum; Leonard; Manor; Elkin.**

**Nays – None**

**Motion Carried.**

***Motion by Van Blaricom; seconded by Elkin; to adjourn at 5:44 P.M.***

**Ayes – 6**

**Nays – 0**

**Motion Carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Jansen  
City Clerk-Treasurer  
February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023