

**CITY OF AMERY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PROCEEDINGS
April 20th, 2023**

The Committee of the Whole of the City of Amery met on Thursday – April 20th, 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.

Family Friendly Workplaces Presentation – Neil Kline, Executive Director of Family Friendly Workplaces, was present to give a presentation regarding his organizations work. Family Friendly Workplaces focuses on promoting better benefits from employers that would help promote the health of families.

Clean Water Fund Administration Agreement with S.E.H. – This agreement is in relation to the upcoming WWTP project. This agreement is needed so that S.E.H. can apply for funding on the City's behalf during this process.

Motion by Van Blaricom; seconded by Thompson; to forward the agreement on to full Council.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried.

Arts, Parks, and Recreation Committee Request for Funding for N. Twin Flags – The Arts, Parks, and Rec. Committee is seeking the Council's blessing to purchase new banner flags to place along N. Twin Lake as the current flags are in extremely poor condition. The flags themselves are within the City's budget and as such the Committee agreed that the Arts, Parks, and Rec. Committee could proceed with the purchase of the flags.

Public Comment/Community Updates – No public comment was heard at this time. Community updates included the upcoming installation of new bathrooms at Soo Line and Michael Park. Both are scheduled for early June. The new electric vehicle chargers are also scheduled to be installed in June. Finally, it was stated that the City should look at new Christmas decorations even though they tend to be very expensive.

Motion by Leonard; seconded by Manor; to adjourn at 6:04 P.M.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Jansen
City Clerk-Treasurer
April 21st, 2023