

**CITY OF AMERY  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PROCEEDINGS  
May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The Committee of the Whole of the City of Amery met on Wednesday – May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at City Hall. Council President, Eric Elkin called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

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

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: Attorneys Paul Mahler and Lindsey Kohls

**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.

**Resolution 05-2023: Resolution Accepting the Ten Tools of Civility** – This resolution was brought forward in the interest of having civil discourse at all City meetings.

***Motion by Manor, seconded by Leonard, to forward Resolution 05-2023 to full Council.***

**Ayes – 6**

**Nays – 0**

**Motion Carried.**

**City of Amery Meeting Policy** – This policy goes hand in hand with the resolution. It outlines the public comment rules that the Council will have. Mayor, Leonard mentioned that he would like the policy revised so that it is a 5 minute limit per speaker rather than total. The Committee also noted that they would like to see a sign-in process for people coming in for public comment.

***A motion was then made and withdrawn by Leonard.***

***Motion by Flanum; seconded by Leonard to forward the policy to Council with the proposed changes.***

**Ayes – 6**

**Nays – 0**

**Motion Carried**

**Keller Avenue Parking Discussion** – This item was put on the agenda purely for information. Chief Hainzl and Director Mahoney have decided to create a no parking zone in front of the Stems from the Heart building because of the odd angle that the road takes right there.

**Legal Services for the City** – Currently the City does not have a contract for legal services with Bakke Norman. The current fee schedule that is being used is outdated and not comprehensive. Bakke Norman agreed that they would provide an updated fee schedule and contract for the June Council meeting.

**Public Comment/Community Updates** – No public comment was heard at this time.

***Motion by Alderperson, Manor; seconded by Alderperson, Flanum to go into Closed Session at 6:33 P.M. under Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) – Police Department.*** 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, Leonard, Flanum; Manor; Elkin.**

**Nays – None**

**Motion Carried.**

***Motion by Alderperson, Van Blaricom; seconded by Alderperson, Thompson; to reconvene into Open Session at 7:22 P.M.***

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

**Nays – None**

**Motion Carried.**

***Motion by Van Blaricom; seconded by Manor; to adjourn at 7:23 P.M.***

**Ayes – 6**

**Nays – 0**

**Motion Carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Jansen  
City Clerk-Treasurer  
May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023