

MINUTES
Committee of the Whole

The Committee of the Whole met on Thursday, May 26, 2011 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 30 West Central Street, Chippewa Falls, WI. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President CW King.

Committee Members Present: Mike Hanke, Brian Flynn, CW King, Jane Lardahl, Bill Hicks and George Adrian

Absent: Chuck Hull

Also Present: Mayor Greg Hoffman, City Clerk Rae Buckwheat, Police Chief Wendy Stelter, Finance Manager/Treasurer Lynne Bauer, Main Street Director Teri Ouimette.

1. Discuss City's employee residency policy

Motion by Hicks/Hanke to refer the residency policy to Committee #2 with a recommendation to amend the policy to allow current employees who are promoted into department head positions to be grandfathered in without mandatory City residency. For newly hired employees, the residency requirement would still be in effect. **The motion passed on the following roll call vote: Aye: Hanke, King, Lardahl, Hicks, Adrian. Nay: Flynn**

Motion by Hanke that any new full-time hires for the City would be required to reside within the City of Chippewa Falls within 90 days. **Motion died for lack of a second.**

2. Discuss schedule for Council meetings and the possibility of having one Council meeting per month during the summer.

Motion by Flynn/Adrian to recommend that the Council meet once a month during the months of June, July and August, unless there is pressing business. **On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

3. Discuss issues associated with sidewalk permits.

The Committee discussed various concerns about sidewalk permits. It was suggested that regulations be established that would include the following: 1) Define where items can be placed on the sidewalk so that curbs and pedestrian walkways will be unobstructed and 2) Establish consistency between dates for placing items on sidewalks.

Teri Ouimette, Main Street Director, expressed support for sidewalk permits but also felt there should be perimeters and guidelines for businesses to follow.

Police Chief Wendy Stelter suggested that guidelines include bringing the signs in off the sidewalk after closing hours.

The Committee agreed by consensus to refer the sidewalk permit issues to Committee #3 for discussion and recommendation.

4. Adjournment

Motion by Hanke/Adrian to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Submitted by: Rae M. Buckwheat, City Clerk