

**City of LeClaire, Iowa**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, June 19, 2023 – 6:18 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers - 325 Wisconsin St, LeClaire, IA**

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_ Blair: \_\_\_\_\_ Bloom: \_\_\_\_\_ Gravert: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Salvador: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bockenstedt: \_\_\_\_\_ Laserfiche: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor Gerard called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 325 Wisconsin Street. Present: Mayor Dennis Gerard, Council Members Bill Bloom, Sara Gravert, Barry Long, City Administrator Dennis Bockenstedt, City Clerk Tracy Northcutt, Fire Chief Shane Bleeker, Public Works Director Mark Dale, Parks & Rec Director Greg Ludwig, and City Engineer Leo Foley. Absent: Council Members Amy Blair and Ryan Salvador

**Discussion Items:**

**A. Tourism Board Appointments**

Dennis Bockenstedt, City Administrator, stated that Cindy Bruhn, Tourism Manager, submitted the following names to be appointed to the Tourism Board: Wayne Walley to replace Sara Sampson for Retail, Julie Perez Collins to replace Rich Henning for Restaurant, Tammy Danielsen renewing for Retail and Connie Allen to replace Brandon Nichols for Non-Profit. Council has no objections to these appointments as presented.

**B. Tourism Manager Contract**

Dennis Bockenstedt, City Administrator, explained the City of LeClaire has had a contract with Community Success Initiative annually since 2018. Discussion was held regarding extending the contract without going through the bid process. Garrett Burchett, Co-Owner of Mississippi River Distilling Co, and resident of 1125 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St, LeClaire, indicated that the contract term of one year was designed to match the budget cycle. There has been conversation to look closer into the Tourism Budget line items but Burchett didn't speak on behalf of the Downtown Businesses. Council does not object to renewing the contract.

**C. Deer Bowhunting Packet**

Dennis Bockenstedt, City Administrator, gave an overview of the bowhunting program. Council does not object to the packet.

**D. Urban Renewal Area Application – 504 N. Cody Road**

Dennis Bockenstedt, City Administrator, gave an overview of the Urban Renewal Area Application for 504 N. Cody Road. Council has no objections to the plan as presented.

**E. Wisconsin & Jones Rail Crossings**

Dennis Bockenstedt, City Administrator, explained the plan for the one-way streets for the rail crossings at Wisconsin and Jones Streets. The grant application is due July 1, 2023. Garret Burchett, 1125 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St, LeClaire, expressed his opinion that the quiet zone study should be done first and upon receiving those results, discussion on one-ways could ensue. Rita Farro, Buffalo Bill Museum, read an email sent to the City Council member opposing one-way streets at the Wisconsin and Jones Street rail crossings. Suzette Kremer, 543 N Cody Road, stated that the City Council could pass an ordinance indicating that train parking on the tracks is prohibited and that would stop the trains from parking within City limits. Dennis Bockenstedt, City Administrator, indicated that staff would move forward with submitting the grant and creating an RFP for the Quiet Zone Study. Council does not object to this plan.

**F. Other**

Tracy Northcutt, City Clerk, gave a reminder that the City Council meetings in July would be the second and fourth Mondays of the month instead of the first and third Mondays.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Long, seconded by Bloom, to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

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**Dennis Gerard, Mayor**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tracy A. Northcutt, City Clerk**