

City of LeClaire, Iowa
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 21, 2023 – 6:08 p.m.
Council Chambers - 325 Wisconsin St, LeClaire, IA

Mayor: _____ Blair: _____ Bloom: _____ Gravert: _____ Long: _____ Salvador: _____
Bockenstedt: _____

Mayor Gerard called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 325 Wisconsin Street. Present: Mayor Dennis Gerard, Council Members Amy Blair, Bill Bloom, Barry Long, City Administrator Dennis Bockenstedt, City Clerk Tracy Northcutt, Police Chief Shane Themas, Fire Chief Shane Bleeker, Public Works Director Mark Dale, Parks & Rec Director Greg Ludwig, and Library Director Melita Tunncliff and City Engineer Leo Foley. Absent: Council Members Sara Gravert & Ryan Salvador.

Discussion Items:

A. Iowa Great Places Update

Denise Bulat, Executive Director, Bi-State Regional Plan Commission, gave an overview of the information attached to the agenda pertaining to the State of Iowa’s “Great Places Plan.” Ms. Bulat indicated that this is a 10-year plan and the next steps will be to identify goals and strategies. Bi-State Staff will continue to keep Council apprised of the progress.

B. LeClaire Community Library Report

Melita Tunncliff, Library Director, presented the slides that were attached to the agenda. Council thanked Ms. Tunncliff and Library Staff for the continued success of the Library.

C. Parks & Recreation Board Member Reappointment

Greg Ludwig, Parks & Recreation Director, indicated that the Parks & Recreation Board met on July 19, 2023, and voted unanimously to reappoint Tim Lovell to the Parks & Recreation Board for a full three-year term to expire August 2026. Mr. Ludwig also announced that Bob Hassler will be retiring at the end of August. Council has no objection to this reappointment.

D. Huckleberry Park & Veterans Memorial Complex Park Master Plan

Greg Ludwig, Parks & Recreation Director, explained that requests for proposals were solicited and Confluence was chosen as the vendor most advantageous to the City. Mayor Gerard noted the misprint of Hollyhock Park rather than Huckleberry, which is the correct park undergoing a master plan. Formal Council approval will come forward at the next City Council Meeting. Council has no objections to this as presented.

E. Other – Council Meeting Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Tracy Northcutt, City Clerk, gave a reminder that the next Council meeting would be Tuesday, September 5, 2023, due to the Labor Day holiday.

Adjournment

Moved by Long, seconded by Blair, to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

Dennis Gerard, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tracy A. Northcutt, City Clerk