



**City of Moorhead
Committee of the Whole
Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2015 at 5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, on January 20, 2015, at 5:30 PM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

1st Ward Council Member:	Mari Dailey	Present
1st Ward Council Member:	Nancy Otto	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Heidi Durand	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Jim Haney	Present
Mayor:	Del Rae Williams	Absent
3rd Ward Council Member:	Mike Hulett	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Brenda Elmer	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Steve Gehrtz	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Chuck Hendrickson	Present

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1. River Corridor Property Sales Policy

Minutes: Staff presented report on City Property acquired along the river available for purchase. Comments received through different open houses, etc., were very mixed. Goals for sales and sales criteria are noted in the River Corridor Master Plan. Based on information in the Plan and guidance from the state, a property sales criteria was established. Currently 18 sites meet the criteria. Staff is requesting guidance from the COW.

Council Member Hulett suggested the option of neighboring properties being able to lease the property next to them. City Engineer Zimmerman outlined the restrictions according to FEMA. In the past, property owners that lease adjoining properties were required to carry liability insurance.

Council Member Elmer needed clarification on the 44 foot threshold. Zimmerman explained the intent of the policy is ensure that if anything is built on the property in the future, it will not present a flood risk. The lease option can be revisited.

Council Member Gehrtz asked if there is currently interest in partial sales of the 18 lots, or does the whole lot need to be purchased.

Council Member Dailey questions the \$3-5 per foot cost. Are there liabilities to abutting property owners if the vacant lots were open to the public for use. Attorney Shockley talked of trespassing laws, which would apply if the lots are marked public or private property.

Council Member Otto question if we sell the property, does the City give up all rights to that property, if there are adjustments to the flood levy, would the City be able to make modifications? If the properties are sold, they will not impede and future improvements, i.e. bike paths. Lease agreements that don't require signatures or exchange of money could be considered.

City Engineer Zimmerman stated the Council would have to adopt a resolution and official policy regarding marketing. Once it has gone through that process, sales could begin.

Council Member Hendrickson reiterated Elmer's suggestion of putting updates on the website.

2. Required Revisions to City Code: Stormwater Management (Title 3, Chapter 8) and General Provisions (Title 8, Chapter 1)

Minutes: City staff updated on the revisions. Impact on general public is not significant. Code needs to be as stringent as MPCA. Zimmerman went through the power point presentation. The revisions need to be adopted by February 12, 2015.

2. City Manager Reports

Minutes: Michael Redlinger, City Manager, provided copies of 2014 Housing Development Hilight and Report that was put on the website. Well surpassed previous reports.

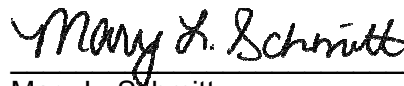
Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

APPROVED BY:



Del Rae Williams
Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary L. Schmitt
Acting City Clerk

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and are available for public review.

Respectfully submitted by:
Mary L. Schmitt, Acting City Clerk