

**WAUSEON CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
THURSDAY, February 29, 2024**

Council President Stickley called this meeting to order at 7:15 a.m. in Council Chambers. Present were Councilors, Simon, Schneider, Tijerina, Heising, and Chamberlin.

Councilor Stickley was absent from the previous staff meeting. The Clerk of Council read over the staff meeting notes.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Director of Public Service, Keith Torbet gave a report for his department. IAC has announced they will be laying off 175 people. The ODOT state route 2 project has been pushed back to 2028. He told council that the water line project for Fulton Street will start in April.

Chief Chittenden gave a report for his department. Ed Weideman is coming back as a full-time patrol officer, his start date will be March 11, 2024. The retired 2012 Dodge Charger is being donated to Four County Automotive Technology Class. He also explained that the Police Department and the Fire Department participated in a safety event at the high school.

Chief Kessler gave a report for his department. The contracts for Dover and Clinton Township have been signed. He explained his participation in the Wauseon High School safety drill.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman of the Finance Committee, Councilor Schneider gave a report from the previous Finance Committee meeting on February 19, 2024. The committee will be presenting two recommendations.

Recommendation to appropriate the funds needed for the JAG Grant.

Recommendation to purchase a camera footage storage cloud-based system for the Police Department.

Chief Chittenden answered any questions that council had regarding these two recommendations.

Council discussed one topic from that Finance Committee Meeting that was tabled. The topic was about the Biddle Park ball fields. At the meeting Director of public service, Keith Torbet presented quotes for the renovation of the two north ball fields at Biddle Park. Councilor Chamberlin and Councilor Schneider are wanting to add additional ball fields for a total of eight fields. They would like to see Biddle Park hosting tournaments. The committee is undecided on action at this time.

Councilor Tijerina exited the council chamber at 7:47 a.m.

Councilor Heising exited the council chambers at 7:56 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.



Korin Miller, Clerk of Council



Harold Stickley, Council President