

**WAUSEON CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026**

Present: Police Chief Kevin Chittenden, Fire Chief Phil Kessler, Councilor Chamberlin, Jamie Giguere, Tom McWatters, Heather Galbraith, Sarah Heising, Jan Tropf, and Brandi Galbraith, WRA members: Dana Frost and Brock Nagel

Committee of the Whole was called to order by Council President Chamberlin at 7:15 a.m.

**Committee Reports:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Legislation**

- Resolution 2026-5 Lease Postage Meter to \$170 from \$140 - emergency

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Legislation**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Legislation**

**Chief Kevin Chittenden**

- Safety City applications, June 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> 9:30-11:30am and 1- 3:00pm
- New patrol car
- Meeting 2/26/26 for radio consoles
- Met with superintendent of Transportation and bus drivers about grant for installing a panic button

**Chief Phil Kessler**

- Discussions about food truck permits.
- Zoll monitor training started 2/24/26
- Working with Tom on cost recovery
- Civic Agenda is almost ready to be published onto the city website
- Council flooring should be done by Monday hopefully
- Attended a discussion in Lima 2/24/26 about the 2025 Fire Code and International Building Code
- Fire Department Contract expires April 1<sup>st</sup>
- Follow up of EMS funding, discussion was had due to Levy and distribution of funds from the County

**Jamie**

- Wants to apply for a loan that has zero interest for the cost of the GAC
- Received an email from Jim Hoops office for grant application for funding for Recreation Trails
- TIF funding came in 1<sup>st</sup> \$11,797, owed by Ben Glecker \$4,747
- Finance Committee meeting March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30
  - o Quarterly investments
- Increase budget for IT services because users will have to have a two factor ID to log in.

## **John Arps**

- Up to 13 watermain breaks
- Cutting down street trees, total of 41
- Water meters in shelter houses
- Road salt on back order due to river frozen and can't be brought in via barge

## **Tom**

- No Resolution needed to Approve Proposal by Arcadis for Design work for the GAC project just a new terminology
- Proposal Design plan will cost \$397k

## **Danny**

- Wants to continue to thank everyone for the scriptures, encouraging emails and prayers!!!
- He has a functional office at his home now
- Inspections are doing good in person and via video
- Builds are past drywall and being finished
- 9 projects not finished and 3 belong to Tim Dennis projects

## **Mayor**

- Tucker Fredericksen will be in town to finish bid information.
- Attended a Township trustee meeting for buyer for the Senior Center
- Maintenance for the Senior Center - \$26,000
- Township wants to accept buyers because it is too expensive to keep up the maintenance for the Senior Center, discussion was had.
- Interviews Wednesday for Public Service Director

## **Shane**

- Councilor Steve Schneider has passed, and a flower arrangement will be sent on behalf of City Council
- Discussions are to be had about filling the vacant seat but not anytime soon

## **Jan**

- Pool reservations are coming in
- The Bargain Bin was sold and if there are any changes it needs to go through Pride and Preservation asking if a general letter to be sent to new owners
- 8 vendors secured for July and more coming in
- Finished swimming pool brochure in Spanish

## **Ryan**

- Will attend a bid meeting for replacing valves and documents for planning
- THM sampling

## **Sarah**

- Sidewalk replacement evaluations for bad sidewalks

## **WRA**

- Brock Nagel and Dana Frost presented council with a presentation for The Wauseon Regional Sports & Arts Campus.
- It will be a great place for families and mostly the children and teens of Wauseon and surrounding areas.

### **Adjournment**

With no further discussion the staff meeting was adjourned at 8:15 am