

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH, WISCONSIN
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
CITY HALL, 128 SMITH STREET**

OFFICAL MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Mayor Pohlman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. On the call of the roll the following were present: Jeff Tauscheck, Angie Matzdorf, Diane Gilson, Mike Penkwitz, Dave Herrmann, Greg Hildebrand and John Binder. Also present were: City Administrator/Utilities Manager Tim Blakeslee, Dave Augustin IT Manager, Department of Public Works Director Cathy Austin, Police Chief Ken Ruggles, and City Clerk Anna Voigt.
2. **Approve the Minutes from May 14, 2024:** Motion was made by Hildebrand/Tauscheck to approve the minutes from May 14. Upon the call of the roll, all voted aye. Motion carried.
3. **Discussion and Recommendation of Replacement Battery Backup System:** City Administrator/Utilities Manager Blakeslee said the Plymouth Utilities Building is beginning to show signs of aging, with components needing repair or replacement. Specifically, battery backup system and charger unit have deteriorated over time and is in need of replacement. This system is crucial as it provides emergency backup power to the Utilities Building and supports the City/Utility network and servers. There are two options for replacing the battery backup system the 4-hour backup is \$90,998.24 and the 8-hour backup, which is the current backup, is \$114,673.28. A majority of the Council agreed that 8-hour backup would be the best option.
4. **Discussion and Recommendation for Floodplain Ordinance:** Director of Public Works Cathy Austin explained that the city was notified by the DNR that FEMA recently updated some of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps and the entire Flood Insurance Study for Sheboygan County. For the City of Plymouth, the Maps remain unchanged and only the Flood Insurance Study for Sheboygan County was updated. In order to continue to be eligible for floodplain insurance under National Flood Insurance Plan, the City's floodplain ordinance must be updated. Unlike the other changes, this change is left up to the Municipality. Municipalities can choose to incorporate ACT 175 or not to incorporate it. If Act 175 is incorporated nonconforming structures are not subject to a cost-based restriction, but are still subject to all other non-cost-based regulations and living space is elevated to at or above flood elevation. If Act 175 is not incorporated no modifications, additions, or repairs can be made on a structure in the floodway if cost exceeds 50% of the present equalized value and if structure in a floodway is substantially damaged by a flood, it must be removed from the floodway. Motion was by Hildebrand/Matzdorf to recommend Council include ACT 175. Upon the call of the roll, Herrmann, Matzdorf, Binder, Penkwitz, Gilson, Tauscheck, and Hildebrand voted aye. Nelson voted nay. Motion carried.
5. **Demonstration of Online Strategic Plan:** IT Manager Augustin did a demonstration of what the online strategic plan will look like when on the website.

6. **Adjourn:** Motion was made by Herrmann/Binder to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous aye vote was cast. Motion carried.