

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH, WISCONSIN**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**5:30 PM, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
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**CITY HALL, 128 SMITH STREET**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Mayor Pohlman called the meeting to order. On the call of the roll, the following were present: Diane Gilson, Jeff Tauscheck, Dave Herrmann, Angie Matzdorf, Mike Penkwitz and John Binder. The following were also present: City Administrator/Utilities Manager Tim Blakeslee, Police Chief Ken Ruggles, Deputy Police Chief Matt Starker, and City Clerk Anna Voigt.
2. **Approve the Minutes from October 29, 2024:** Motion was made by Gilson/Tauscheck to approve the minutes. A unanimous aye vote was cast. Motion carried.
3. **Presentation and Discussion on Laack Block Project:** City Administrator/Utilities Manager Blakeslee introduced the Laack Block Project Team; Lee Gentine, Jennifer Lehrke, Louie Gentine, and Brian Doudna. Lee Gentine started the presentation going over the agenda. Louie Gentine explained the plan is to restore both the Laack building and what was 52 Stafford into a 35 Room Boutique Hotel with a Restaurant/Bar, and a banquet facility. Other possibilities could include a spa and rooftop bar. Jennifer Lehrke went over some architectural renderings. Lee Gentine went over the Economic Impact of the project. Gilson asked if the group if they anticipated problems with parking. Louie stated they are working with the parking that they have. The parking lot improvement on the southeast side along the mullet would be very beneficial to the project. There is public parking to the east and there is street parking available. Mayor added its been a long time goal to do something on the west side of Stafford street similar to the project on the East side of Stafford with the parking. Matzdorf asked if this project will be a phased project or if everything will be opened at once. Lee stated that the anticipated opening date for everything is May 2026. Nelson asked if they are hoping to draw in a different clientele to the downtown area. Louie stated this project could serve as a catalyst for future developments in a way that needs to service the community. They don't envision this to be a super high-end restaurant that the Plymouth community doesn't want to go to. They would like it to be an approachable casual type of an environment that the community can feel good about being at while also serving that market that is coming from other communities. Future development in the downtown area is dependent on this project and how it could cause future entrepreneurs or current business owners to think about how they can invest in their business. Binder asked what kind of architecture the building was considered. Lehrke stated is was considered Victorian architecture and there is really ornate brick work on the upper part of the building. Louie introduced Lola Roeh to talk about the kind of attraction to Historical boutique hotels. Roeh stated there are other historical hotels in Wisconsin, but this one will be a real gem. Matzdorf stated there are a lot of tourists that come to Plymouth and stay at Elkhart and Kohler. She noted this hotel will be important because those room tax dollars will be staying in Plymouth. Louie added this small banquet area will now make it a destination locally.

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