

CITY OF PLYMOUTH, WISCONSIN
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
CITY HALL, 128 SMITH STREET

OFFICIAL 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 and John Nelson. Also present were: City Administrator/Utilities Manager Tim Blakeslee, HR Specialist Leah Federwisch, Deputy Police Chief Matt Starker, and City Clerk Anna Voigt.
2. **Approve the Minutes from December 12, 2023:** Motion was made by Gilson/Tauscheck to approve the minutes from December 12, 2023. A unanimous aye vote was cast. Motion carried.
3. **Discussion and Recommendation of Changes to Municipal Code Sec. 2-1-9 – Residence of Employees:** City Administrator/Utilities Manager Blakeslee explained the current residence of employees states a distance not greater than 15 miles from the nearest corporate boundary of the city. Given the recruitment market for new employees, it is more difficult to find quality candidates with these boundaries. Providing a waiver will allow staff the opportunity to make limited exceptions if needed. Tauscheck stated he didn't have a problem with the idea, but prefers increasing the radius vs the waiver. With the waiver it depends if you're going to have a set amount. He gave an example of what if someone was 40 miles and the next person is 42. Blakeslee explained they thought of that also. The reason they went with the waiver route is because some employees need to be in a close radius. They are trying not to give different standards for different departments. Nelson is concerned with the possibility of favoritism. He stated he almost rather have no requirement. Blakeslee stated some of the employees need requirement like DPW should be in a 15-mile radius, and Electrical operation staff really needs a 30-minute response. Tauscheck, suggested starting with the waiver and to come back if it needs to be changed.
4. **Discussion on Creation of an R6 Zoning District in Chapter 13:** City Administrator/Utilities Manager Blakeslee explained the development of a Comprehensive Housing Strategy was one of the key initiatives as part of 2023 Strategic Plan. In addition, the 2022-2042 Comprehensive Plan noted that over 1,000 new housing units will be needed in the City in the next twenty years. Mayor Pohlman asked how this is in comparison to other communities. Blakeslee answered that this would make us pretty comparable to surrounding communities. Nelson stated this would help draw developers to the City. Consensus from the committee was to recommend staff prepare an R6 Zoning Code amendment for Plan Commission and Common Council.
5. **Adjourn:** Motion was made by Tauscheck/Matzdorf to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous aye vote was called. Motion carried.