

A Special Workshop Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held Monday, October 4, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Trobeck at 6:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Stacey Withee, Brent Milhiem, Dustin McNees and Lauri Krueger. Absent: None. Also present: City Manager, Aaron Mitchell; and Fire Chief, Brandon Weber.

A. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. ARPA FUND PROJECT OPTIONS

City Manager Mitchell announced that the new finalized reporting guidelines for projects has been moved from October 31, 2021, to April 2022. He stated that the City had received the first half of the payment in the amount of \$209,000. He outlined the following as possible options: Water Department – water source; Sewer Department - extension of sewer service on east Allegan Street; non-profit donations; and parks and recreation. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the various options outlined by City Manager Mitchell. City Manager Mitchell also answered questions of the Commission regarding other suggested uses of the funds. WWTP Superintendent Keyzer was in attendance to answer questions of the Commission regarding the extension of the sewer service and a potential need for a water treatment plant. Various scenarios were discussed.

2. UPCOMING CITY ADMINISTRATIVE PROJECTS

City Manager Mitchell commented that he had recently attended a session regarding branding. He suggested that the City look at the following: City Seal, City Mission Statement, City Slogan, and the updating of the City’s Master Plan. A discussion took place regarding the uses of the various branding items. Mayor Trobeck stated that the Planning Commission will be working on the Master Plan. She also commented that the recent MML Convention was great.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

None.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner McNees, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. CARRIED – 6:51 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk