

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

June 25, 2025, 5:00 PM

Present: Ann Bonikowske, Alice Brown, Jim Roenz, Mary Eck, Mark Lehrer, Aaron Timm, Mayor Mike Frazier. City Employees: Josh Smith, Logan Hass. Audience: Dwight Schanak.

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM on June 25, 2025 at the Manawa Municipal Building by Mayor Mike Frazier.

Moved Eck/Timm to approve agenda of June 25, 2025. Carried.

Meeting with Dwight Schanak: Committee met with Dwight who is the owner of the hydroelectricity company at the dam. Mary said that the City is probably not going to pursue hydroelectricity with the new dam. Dwight explained that he owns all the equipment and nothing below the hydro equipment. Dwight said that there could be issues if you have an overflow dam. Can increase up to 7 feet above water level when there is lots of water. Elevation would always change unless you have gates. Gates help with the flow. Banks along the river would change with an overflow dam. A moderate gate reads over the computer and can change ever 15 minutes. Hydroelectric at the dam you could earn \$90,000 a year if you dredge below. It could produce up to 260 kw. If you have automated gates, you would need cameras to monitor and people to monitor it. Montello in 2012 and Pardeeville in 2008 got money from the State for their dams and they are both hydro. If you have no powerhouse better have good aprons. Gates have to be automated and there has to be power to run gates. City crew will have to be trained on everything. Need deicing to keep everything thawed out. Be aware of design. If no powerhouse needs good aprons and good concrete base. Otherwise, will be hiring a contractor every 15 years to fix. The Manawa Dam had too small of gates that is why there was a problem. City of Nashua in Iowa went through a lot. 20 years after they put in a new dam they had scouring issues. They even have water over the dam days.

Keglers outdoor event: Keglers is wondering if it is ok if they have a DJ outside under the tent after the parade from noon to 6pm on Saturday July 5th. Moved Eck/Bonikowske to allow DJ outdoors under tent at Keglers on Saturday July 5th after parade. Carried.

Moved Brown/Bonikowske to adjourn at 5:50 pm. Carried.

Logan Hass, City Clerk