

## City of Reedsburg Meeting of the Committee of the Whole May 5, 2014

Present: Mayor Dave Estes, Alderpersons Dave Knudsen, Phil Peterson, Calvin Craker, Brandt Werner, Megan Cowan, Jason Schulte, David Moon, Bill Finnegan.

Absent: Jim Heuer.

Also Present: Ken Witt, Tim Becker, Craig Douglas, Sue Ann Kucher, Steve Zibell, Matt Scott, Brian Duvalle, Brett Schuppner, Press.

Mayor Estes called the Committee of the Whole to order at 7pm in the Reedsburg Common Council Chambers.

Brian Duvalle led the evening discussion. Development of a Mission Statement was first on the agenda. The result was "Connecting opportunities and providing exceptional services for a vibrant community".

Goals for the year were ranked with the following votes:

- 10 Lower Taxes
- 10 911 Calls
- 10 Industrial Initiative
- 9 Retail Development
- 8 Road Maintenance
- 5 Jobs
- 5 Recreational Facilities
- 5 City Buildings
- 4 MATC & Community Partnership
- 4 Service Level
- 4 Business Promotion
- 3 River
- 3 Library
- 2 Promote Residential Growth

Lower taxes is one of the top priorities for the Council. 911 calls currently all go to the County and are then forwarded to the City. This represents about 2% of the total emergency calls received, but that does create a short delay in emergency response. Industrial initiative is about creating more development, similar to additional retail development. Road maintenance can be done with additional funding.

Aldersperson Werner brought up and would like to discuss further at the City Council meeting, the transfer of dispatch to Sauk County. \$250,000 per year could be saved on labor expenses and

used for other projects. The County dispatches all the other communities in Sauk County and would provide the same service to Reedsburg at no additional charges.

Moved by Finnegan and seconded by Knudsen to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Witt  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer