

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE OF THE
PLYMOUTH COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

1. **Call to order and roll call:** Finance & Personnel Committee Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. On call of the roll, the following members were present: Mayor Donald Pohlman, John Nelson, Greg Hildebrand, and Amy Odekirk. Alder. Diane Gilson, Alder. Charlie Hansen, Alder. Mike Penkwitz, Alder. Angie Matzdorf, City Administrator/Utilities Manager Tim Blakeslee, and Director of Public Works Cathy Austin.
2. **Approval of meeting minutes for January 24, 2023 meeting:** Motion was made by Hildebrand/Odekirk to approve the minutes from January 24, 2023. A unanimous aye vote was cast. Motion carried.
3. **Discussion and possible recommendation to Common Council for the use of ARPA funds for Fiber Optic Expansion and Upgrade of Railroad Crossings –** City Administrator / Utility Manager Blakeslee explained the City of Plymouth received money from the American Rescue Plan Act funds. Funds need to be obligated before the end of 2024 and spent no later than 2026. Prior approved projects funded with ARPA include SCBA tanks for the Fire Department and Library air purification and laptops. A 2023 staff goal was to develop an ARPA project plan. Staff developed 2 priority projects. Priority 1 is fiber optic expansion to Well 11, Well 12 and the Sunset Lift Station. Priority 2 is to upgrade the railroad crossings at Highland Ave. and Pleasant View Rd. Nelson asked if the light would be gated. Austin said they will not put in lights anymore without gates. Pohlman stated that this would be a good use for the ARPA funds. Motion was made by Odekirk/Hildebrand. Upon the call of the roll, all voted aye. Motion carried.
4. **Adjournment:** Motion was made by Pohlman/Hildebrand to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous aye vote was cast. Motion carried.