

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

June 30, 2020

**Due to Wisconsin “Stay at Home” order, this meeting was conducted via WebEx
Conference Call**

MINUTES

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM. Alderpersons present were via WebEx: Diane Gilson, Jim Wilson, Amy Odekirk, John Nelson, Charles Hansen, Jerry Matzdorf, Bob Schilsky and Greg Hildebrand. Also present via WebEx was City Attorney Crystal Fieber, Interim City Administrator Cathy Austin and Chamber of Commerce Mary Hauser.

- 1. Road America Special Event – Parade of Cars & Concourse d’Elegance, July 24th – 25th:** Alderman Charles Hansen began the discussion questioning on if the committee can make a motion to rescind the approval of the event to the council. City Attorney Fieber answered the question by stating that the committee could vote to make a recommendation to the council, however, can not vote on the item. Alder Hansen questioned how the Chamber of Commerce and Road America will address the issue of social distancing, masks and hand sanitizing. Chamber of Commerce Mary Hauser said that the Plymouth Advancement Association will be handing out donated supplies which will include masks and hand sanitizers to the attendees of the event. Mary also stated that hand sanitizing stations will also be available. Alder Hansen also asked how the insurance would be covered. Attorney Fieber said that Road America will be required to provide the City of Plymouth with the certificate of insurance for the event. Alder Hansen asked who would be liable for COVID if an employee or attendee contracted the virus due to the event. Attorney Fieber said that city employees would be covered through workers compensation and that an attendee would need to be able to prove that they contracted the virus by attending the event. The city also has a hold harmless agreement that Road America will sign to protect the city. Alder Hansen questioned on who would be in charge of cancelling the event if that was determined. Mary Hauser stated that Road America would be the organization to cancel the event. Interim City Administrator Cathy Austin mentioned that Sheboygan County Administrator Adam Payne expressed concerns as the event goes against Sheboygan County Safe Restart Plan/Guidelines. Alderman John Nelson stated that he has received several comments/concerns from angry citizens regarding the approval of the event. Alder Nelson expressed concerns for possible higher COVID cases because of the event. Alderman Matzdorf expressed that he has received numerous comments in support of the event by citizens. Alderman Hildebrand stated that he received two telephone calls in non-support and four telephone calls of support for the event. Alder Hansen moved to make a recommendation to rescind the approval of the event to the council, Alder Nelson seconded the motion. Further discussion by the committee continued. Alder Matzdorf mentioned that if people are concerned about contracting the virus by attending the event that they should not attend the event. Alder Nelson mentioned that he is concerned that by having the event that the case results of the virus could increase. Alder Odekirk mentioned that she is in agreement with Alder Nelson and that there will also be alcohol consumption at the event and that this may also contribute/alter individuals social distancing decisions. Alder Odekirk also stated that the decision to approve the event goes against the Sheboygan County Health Departments guidelines.

A call of the roll on the recommendation to rescind the approval of the event to the council concurred, Aye: Nelson, Odekirk and Hansen. Nay: Hildebrand, Matzdorf, Wilson, Schilsky and Gilson. 5 to 3, recommendation to rescind approval to the council failed.

Motion made by Matzdorf/Gilson to adjourn. Motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Sabrina Dittman, Clerk