



## Report of the Committee of the Whole

Dean Veneman, Chairperson  
 Matt Zacher  
 Tom Rayome  
 Ryan Austin  
 Jake Cattnach  
 Dennis Polach  
 Patrick Delaney  
 Jay Bemke

Date of Meeting: October 26, 2023  
 Reported to Council: November 14, 2023

The Committee of the Whole met at 5:01 p.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2023, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was LIVE on Wisconsin Rapids Community Media (WRCM) Spectrum Channel 985 and Solarus Channel 3, online at [www.wr-cm.org](http://www.wr-cm.org) or via WRCM's Roku app and was streamed LIVE on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page.

All members of the Committee of the Whole were present except for Alderperson Austin who was excused.

1. Call to Order

**Chairperson Veneman called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.**

2. Review and discuss the 2024 Budget

Tim Kriz and Madison Rafter presented information on the proposed 2024 \$86,500 Humane Society contract.

**It was moved by Delaney, seconded by Zacher to contract with the South Wood County Humane Society in the amount of \$26,250. This will cover up to 350 "strays" picked up or dropped off from the city. The city will only accept responsibility for dogs and cats. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 3 nays. Alderperson Rayome, Polach and Bemke voted in the negative.**

Tyler Mickelson, IT Manager, reviewed the 2024 Information System Budget with the Committee.

Jem Brown, General Manager and Jeff Kuhn, Director of Finance from Water Works & Lighting Commission (WWLC) presented the 2024 WWLC Budget.

**It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Zacher to approve the Water Works & Lighting Commission Budget. Motion carried with Delaney and Cattnach voting in the negative.**

Ryan Hartman, HR Manager, reviewed the 2024 Human Resources Budget with the Committee.

Kyle Kearns, Community Development Director, reviewed the 2024 Community Development Budget and Inspection Services Budget with the Committee.

Derek Budgsberg, Wastewater Superintendent, reviewed the 2024 Sewer Utility Budget with the Committee.

Tim Desorcy, Finance Director, reviewed the 2024 Finance Department Budget with the Committee.

3. Adjournment

**It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Zacher to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.**