

**PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

March 5, 2024
Conference Room #119
5:42 P.M.

Present: Commissioners: Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Coughlin, Betsy Artz, Maurice Groce, David Moore II, Clarkston Morgan, Jessica Ann Tyson and Mayor Stephen Kepley.

Staff present: Deputy City Administrator Shay Gallagher, DPW Director Chad Griffin, City Clerk Dan Kasunic, and City Attorney Jeff Sluggett.

Mayor Pro-Tem Coughlin opened the meeting then asked for a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss a written opinion.

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Artz, to enter into a Closed Session to discuss a written legal opinion which is exempt from discussion or disclosure by state statute as permitted by Section 8(1)(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: All. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.
The meeting was reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

62-B DISTRICT COURT:

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROBLEM-SOLVING COURT DISCUSSION.

62-B District Judge Sterkenburg reviewed the memorandum dated March 5, 2024 considering a partnership with Domestic Violence Action Network for Domestic Violence Problem-Solving Court with funds paid by a grant. The Committee discussed the current workload and morale and how the additional workload would be handled. The Judge spoke on staffing levels, training, turnover and educated the Committee on the difference between Sobriety Court and how Domestic Violence Court would operate. Mayor Kepley stated the discussion will continue at tonight's City Commission Meeting with the intent for any action at the following Commission meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Dan Kasunic
City Clerk

Robert Coughlin
Mayor Pro-Tem