

VILLAGE OF COLUMBUS GROVE

March 14, 2022

The Village of Columbus Grove met in regular session on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 7:30 pm at Columbus Grove Community Center with Mayor Ken Wright presiding. Council members in attendance were Brian Schroeder, Todd Wolfe, Pete Langhals, Skyler Mayberry, Aaron Siefker, and Gretchen Staley. Also attended: Village Administrator Jeff Vance, and Police Chief Sean Hiler.

Mr. Langhals made a motion to go into executive session re: Legal council, legal matters. Mr. Mayberry seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay at 6:32 pm

Mr. Mayberry made a motion to leave executive session. Mr. Siefker seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay at 7:27 pm

Visitors: Josh Busher, Adam Manley, and Shay Schroeder.

Mr. Schroeder made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2-28-22 meeting. Mr. Langhals seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 1 abstained (Siefker)

Mr. Mayberry made a motion to approve the bills. Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay

All end of the month reports were given to Council.

Ms. Kerns asked Council to transfer \$42,723 from the General fund to the Mayors Court fund to pay for the new cruiser. Mr. Langhals made such motion. Mr. Siefker seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay

Ms. Kerns presented the numbers for the new year's employee medical insurance renewal. Currently the monthly charge is \$5880.51 per month, new monthly renewal charge is \$6168.45. Council agreed to re-new with Medical Mutual. Mr. Mayberry made such motion. Mr. Siefker seconded the motion.. Motion carried. 6 yeas, 0 nay

Chief Hiler reported that an anonymous letter was received regarding a house on E Sycamore st. Cars and trash, parking issues. Chief Hiler has been working on getting the renters to comply with ordinance issues.

Mr. Vance announced that for the 2nd year in a row, we did not get the grant for the new playground equipment. Mr. Vance is to check with Choice One to see if there is any other grants out there to help us pay for the equipment.

The Lions club and the Fire Department have picked a date for the June Jubilee. It will be held on June 18, 2022. Council needed to approve the Mayor to sign the liquor license for the event. Mr. Schroeder made such motion. Mr. Langhals seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 1 nay (Mayberry)

Mr. Vance received a quote for the City Building ramp and repairs. Engineering fee is \$5300.00 with Choice One and the project is \$43,000.00. The sign is a separate cost and the front door is not yet included. This will be covered by ARPA money from the government. Other ideas for projects were waterlines down alleys, playground equipment and walking paths. Projects that will help improve the health for our community.

Mr. Mayberry made a motion to move forward with the city building ramp and repairs. Ms. Staley seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay

Mr. Vance reported that the brick building out to the sewer plant is in bad shape and needs to be repaired. He received 2 quotes from 5-Angle Construction, one to apply drive-it to the existing brick, the cost is \$18,690.00, and the 2nd option was to apply metal siding at \$31,140. He explained that in years past the Village workers re-tucked the brick. Council asked Mr. Vance to get a quote from Lee Construction to professionally tuck the bricks.

The EPA conducted an inspection on the water treatment plant. Mr. Vance is requesting a Ordinance and Environmental Committee meeting on March 28th at 7:00 pm to discuss the issues and changes that need to take place.

There is a big grassy area at Hall Ave Park that people use as an overflow parking area. Mr. Vance asked if he could stone the area as it gets muddy and asked to stone the front grass area of the pool parking lot. Council agreed to adding stone to these areas.

The Good Shepherd Church is wanting to place a sign on E Sycamore St and Elm St. Council agreed that Mr. Vance and Chief Hiler need to meet with them with a mockup sign and go over the situation to see if the sign is feasible.

Mr. Vance previously met with the Building committee to come up with a plan for a new salt shed. They agreed to place the salt shed back by the dump and to incorporate housing for dirt and for stone. There will be a pad poured and a top placed over the pad with 5 bays that are 12x12. The building itself will be around 20 x 60 ft. The quote for such building will be around \$60,000. Council would like to see a diagram next meeting of what it might look like and where he would like to place it.

Mr. Vance found a ball diamond groomer on an online auction site that he would like permission to bid on up to \$6000. Council agreed

Mr. Vance talked to Mr. Verhoff regarding the soccer fields. Mr. Verhoff would like to keep the soccer field where it is. They are going to bring in some dirt and have the field re-seeded at their cost.

The Safe Routes to School grant has been submitted and Mr. Vance updated Council on some upcoming projects that he will be working on this spring and summer. The Roofs on the pool building are needing replaced, the Gazebo roof, and aerator at the water plant, streetlights around Memorial Park, and the stumps ground on S. Broadway with sidewalk repair.

The building inspection report has finally been received for the Halker building, council asked Mr. Vance to speak to our Village solicitor to see what the next step is in the process of complying with the building inspection.

Parking on Village right-away was once again discussed. A resident of the community has asked Mr. Vance to place some stone on the right-away for extra parking in the front of their house. Council agreed that a Rec Board meeting needs to be scheduled to handle this matter and any in the future, council feels that guidelines need to be set up for this situation.

Mr. Vance asked to go into Executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss real estate.

Mr. Schroeder asked Chief Hiler for an update with the security cameras, Chief says the system has been ordered, just waiting for them to come in.

Mr. Siefker was approached by a member of the community to have softball added to our website as a sport offered in the community.

Mr. Langhals made a motion to go into executive session to discuss real estate. Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay at 8:37 pm

Mr. Mayberry made a motion to leave executive session. Mr. Langhals seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay at 8:42 pm

Mr. Schroeder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Langhals seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay at 8:43 pm

Clerk

Mayor