VILLAGE OF COLUMBUS GROVE

June 10, 2024

The Village of Columbus Grove met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 7:30 pm at Columbus Grove Council Chambers with Mayor Birnesser presiding. Council members in attendance were Skyler Mayberry, Gretchen Staley, Todd Wolfe and Pete Langhals, and Brian Schroeder. Also attended: Chief William Bowers. Aaron Siefker was absent.

Mr. Schroeder made a motion to approve the 5-20-24 meeting minutes. Mrs. Staley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay

Visitors: Ken Wright

Mr. Schroeder made a motion to approve the bills. Mr. Langhals seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay

All end of the month reports were given to Council

Mr. Schroeder made a motion to renew a CD at 9 months for 4.89%. Mr. Langhals seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay

Chief Bowers requested to go into Executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel.

Mr. Vance announced that Dave King has resigned and will be done as of the 1st of July. Mr. Vance asked to hire Jeff Gertsen to replace Mr. King @ $13.60 an hr. Mr. Mayberry made such motion. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay

Mr. Vance also requested to hire Evan Wehri @ $10.50 an hr. Mr. Schroeder made such motion. Mr. Mayberry seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay

Mr. Vance spoke of the alley off of Cross St that comes up behind the post office. There is an issue with trucks destroying yards when pulling into the alley. A large cement block was placed at the corner to help prevent this, but it isn’t working. Mr. Vance requested making the alley a one way. Council asked that letters be sent to the residents that this will affect to get their feedback.

Mr. Vance requested a Building Review committee meeting, as the old car wash building on Sycamore Street is a hazard and is owned by CSX. Mr. Vance has been told many times the the building was going to be demolished and would like to see it come down before the SR 65 project gets underway. There will be a high curb and there will be no access to the building.

Hall Ave Park, the pickleball courts will be painted the week of the 24th, paint needs to cure at least 3 days. Schnipke concrete will be back in Aug to finish up the walking paths, they have other commitments to get to first.

Mr. Vance met with ODOT last week, they have sold the SR 65 project and are targeting to start in August, pre-construction meeting coming soon.

Mr. Schroeder commented on how wonderful Hall Ave Park looks.

Mr. Mayberry made a motion for the final reading on Ordinance 2024-04 Amending Ord 2019-02 -adding a penalty section. Mr. Langhals seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay

Mr. Mayberry made a motion to adopt 2024-04 Amending Ord 2019-02 -adding a penalty section. Mr. Langhals seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay

Mr. Mayberry wanted to remind everyone of the Alumni Party at the Columbus Grove Swimming Pool on Friday June 15th. Mr. Mayberry thanked all who are involved in making this event possible.

Mrs. Staley asked about the sub-division, and asked Mr. Vance to look into a grant that might be available per Mayor Birnesser.

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Mr. Wolfe thanked Mr. Vance for putting up the flagpole in Hall Ave Park. Mr. Wolfe talked to the Eagles women’s auxiliary and they are going to donate a flag for the pole.

Mr. Wolfe also wants to address the cats in town, asked council to look into it.

Mayor Birnesser thanked Council and Ken Wright for the wonderful job they did on panning and executing the new playground equipment. He gets all kinds of compliments on it.

Council talked about adding additional equipment for toddlers, Mr. Wolfe added that the Eagles has money to give away. Mr. Vance requested a rec board meeting for Monday June 24th at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Vance also spoke to council about the soccer fields, Mr. Vance wants to offer the space to them.

Mr. Mayberry made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays at 8:19 pm

Mr. Mayberry made a motion to leave executive session. Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays at 8:21 pm

Mr. Mayberry made a motion to approve a conditional offer of employment to Austin Macke @ $23.50 an hr. Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays

Mr. Schroeder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mayberry seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays @ 8:22 pm

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