VILLAGE OF COLUMBUS GROVE

February 10 , 2025

The Village of Columbus Grove met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 7:30 pm at Columbus Grove Council Chambers with Mayor Birnesser presiding. Council members in attendance were Aaron Siefker, Skyler Mayberry, Todd Wolfe and Pete Langhals, Brian Schroeder, and Gretchen Staley. Also attended: Chief William Bowers and Village Administrator Jeff Vance.

Mr. Langhals made a motion to approve the 1-27-25 minutes, Mr. Mayberry seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 1 abstained (Schroeder)

Mr. Langhals made a motion to approve the 1-30-25 special meeting minutes. Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 1 abstained (Mayberry)

Mr. Siefker nominated Mr. Langhals for Council president. Mr. Schroeder seconded the nomination. Nomination carried 5 yeas, 1 abstained (Langhals)

Visitors: Charlie Aguirre, Karlie Aguirre, Aiden Patrick, Denny Meyer, and Aaron Baumgartner

Mr. Baumgartner came to Council to give them an update of the Col grove YMCA. They will be starting on the building on Monday. The cost of the project is a little more than originally quoted. Builders are saying August 1st for completion. Plans are the same. There will be a workout center on the 1st floor and a gymnasium on the 2nd. There will also be spin classes on the 2nd floor and pickleball. There will be staff on hand during the day.

Mr. Meyer came to discuss his interest in the stone lot across from the old fire station. He would like to put in a used car lot. Mr. Vance is going to look into how much we have in the lot and come up with a price for Mr. Meyer.

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

All end of the month reports were given to Council

D.O.R.A paperwork was given to council; council is to look over the information and The Ordinance Comm needs to meet to make some decisions. They are going to meet on the 24th at 7:00 pm

Mrs. Kerns announced that the water sewer system software (fund balance) is going to reach the end of its life. After doing some investigating, she found a software. Government Accounting Solutions, they are also out tax system software. Price for the software is $7550.00 and $3500.00 for the software conversion. This all will work with our readers. Mr. Schroeder made a motion to approve the new software. Mr. Langhals seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay

Chief Bowers reported that Officer Collins is doing well with his transition to the Village.

Mr. Vance rcvd an estimate from ChoiceOne for running the utilities to Sugar Grove Subdivision and the detention pond. $429,307. 1st Phase will be 8 lots, and the developer will be putting in the infrastructure.

Mr. Vance requested to go into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel.

Council spoke of the sewer/ special sewer posting percentages. They are going to try 60/40 split to see if this helps with the sewer fund. The ordinance will be presented the next meeting. Water rates will be closely monitored.

Mr. Schroeder requested an updated Policy and procedure manual, he feels that the vacation and wages and other things need to be updated. Mr. Schroeder also reminded council to think of a solution with the Halker Building.

Mr. Mayberry announced that there was a Joint Fire District meeting earlier in the evening. Fireman have moved in and they will be discussing an open house at their fireman meeting and also discussed elementary kids coming for a walk thru in May.

Mayor Birnesser reminded Council that the Wine Chocolate walk is March 8th from 4 to 7 pm.

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Mr. Schroeder made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Mr. Langhals seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas 0 nay at 8:32 pm

Mr. Mayberry made a motion to leave executive session. Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay (no time given)

Mr. Langhals made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mayberry seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay (no time given)

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