VILLAGE OF COLUMBUS GROVE

May 20, 2024

The Village of Columbus Grove met in regular session on Monday, May 20, 2024 at 7:30 pm at Columbus Grove Council Chambers with Mayor Birnesser presiding. Council members in attendance were Skyler Mayberry, Gretchen Staley, Aaron Siefker, Todd Wolfe and Pete Langhals, and Brian Schroeder. Also attended: Chief William Bowers.

Mr. Mayberry made a motion to approve the minutes from the 4-29-24 meeting. Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay

Visitors: Ken Wright

Old Business: An example of Ottawa’s D.O.R.A ordinance was given to Council and they briefly spoke of points that applied or didn’t apply to our Village.

Mr. Schroeder 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.

Mr. Schroeder made a motion to hire Abby Beuscher and Sara Henige for concession stands at $10.10 an hr. and approved a raise for Kylee Longworth $0.60. ($10.70 an hr). Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay

Mr. Langhals approved the money transfers from the general fund to streets, clean up and police fund. Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay

Chief Bowers gave council his end of the month reports. Chief Bowers presented new computers for the cruisers. Mr. Schroeder made a motion to approve the purchase and payment from the computer fund. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay

Chief Bowers presented part-time police officers raises for 2024. Matt Lanuto $18.00, Steve Stechschulte $22.00, Steve Binkley $22.00, Sean Hiler $27.50. Mrs. Staley made a motion to approve raises. Mr. Siefker seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6 yeas, 0 nay

Chief Bowers requested to go into executive session to discuss real estate, and also discussed employee parking only in our parking lot. Council is ok with this

Mr. Vance is waiting for the ramp at the city building to get started. A well pump went bad at the water plant, cost is $8500.00 to fix and $3500.00 to inspect. This was pulled and inspected 10 years ago.

Rubber laid at the new playground, needs to cure for 48 hours. Thursday will be the grand opening at 5:30 at hall Ave park. Pickleball court, we are waiting for the concrete to cure. 1st part of June, we will be able to paint and set up the nets.

All banners will be going up this week, Memorial day parade is Monday the 27th @ 10:30

Mr. Vance is checking with ChoiceOne for grants, for the new housing development.

Mr. Vance asked to meet with the personnel committee after the council meeting.

Mr. Langhals made a motion to approve the 2nd reading Ordinance 2024-04 Amending UTV, slow moving vehicles ordinance. Mr. Schreoder seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6 yeas, 0 nay

Mr. Langhals commented on the watering bags in the trees, and the stop sign at Cross & High street, trees need trimmed. The new cross walk looks good

Mr. Schroeder commented how nice Hall Ave Park was looking.

Mr. Mayberry asked Mr. Vance to take care of the dead trees on West Sycamore St

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Officer Niese asked Mr. vance to look into more or bigger signs for the hours of the parks.

Mr. Siefker asked that Mr. Vance sprays for mosquitos at Hall Ave Park and to fill the hole down at the compost facility.

Mayor Birnesser commented on how nice the park looks

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

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

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

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