VILLAGE OF COLUMBUS GROVE

September 9, 2024

The Village of Columbus Grove met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 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: Village Administrator Jeff Vance, Chief William Bowers (absent)

Mr. Mayberry made a motion to approve the minutes from 8-26-24. Mr. Staley seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay

Visitors: Denny Myers, Mike Martini, Eric Collar, Ken Wright and Colton Sumney

Mr. Collar came to discuss the issue of turning the alley behind his business one-way. He feels that funneling the traffic thru the alley will dramatically increase traffic and will also create a safety hazard. He will not be able to properly utilize his loading dock. Council will consider this.

Mike Martini would like to have the road closed again on October 12th from 4 to 8 from Sycamore to West St. Council all agreed that this is ok.

Denny Myers came to discuss a house on Plum St, neighbors shouldn’t have to look at the mess that is laying around. He feels that residence should be priority before the Crawford building.

Old Business: Pleasant St. Jeff got grade elevations and would like to try removing the concrete slab, re-grade the slab area to help turn the water away from the residence. If this doesn’t work, the next step would to be putting in a catch basin. Mr, Langhals also suggested grading off the road a couple inches as well. Property Violations- Mr. Siefker made a motion to start with the residence on Plum St with a cap of $15,000. Mr. Vance is to see the quote and make the proper decision on moving forward. If said quote is lower that $15,000, Council will decide at a later date to move forward with other properties. Mrs. Staley seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay

Mr. Mayberry 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. Vance presented a quote from Just Go Dry. $14,900 to power wash the water tower. Mr. Langhals made a motion to accept the quote. Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay

City building lights out front are done, up-lighting ordered for outside and the doors are coming on the 16th. The lights for the dropbox are also ordered.

Mr. Vance would like to publicly thank the Lions Club for donating the money to purchase new swings and frames for around the new playground.

A new diagram of the new subdivision was given out to show the changes, ChoiceOne is still working on this.

A Quote from Lima Security was given to Council for security at the City Building for $15,000. Mr. Mayberry made a motion to approve. Mr. Siefker seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6 yeas, 0 nay

The new electronic sign was discussed on what Council was going to allow for businesses or organizations to have a spot on the sign. Council is going to think about this and discuss at the next meeting.

Mr. Langhals made a motion to pass resolution 2024-07 2025 Budget. Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay

Mr. Mayberry read the 2nd reading for Ordinance 2024-05 12 month moratorium for marijuana. Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay

Mr. Siefker noticed that a globe was missing on a street light by North Main St.

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Mrs. Staley read the 1st reading of Ordinance 2024-06 Making alley a one-way. Mr. Mayberry seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 yeas (Mayberry, Siefker), 4 nays (Schroeder, Langhals, Staley, Wolfe) Ordinance did not pass

Mayor Birnesser commented on how nice the City building and the parks look.

Mr. Mayberry made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Siefker seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay at 9:00 pm

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