

MINUTES OF THE PONTIAC CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
March 16, 2023

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Pontiac City Council was held on March 16, 2023 at City Hall.

Mayor Alvey called to order the meeting at 6:00 P.M.

The City Clerk was directed to call roll, and the following members of the Council were present: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Bradshaw, Clark Gabor and Wille.

Also attending: Mayor Alvey, City Administrator, City Clerk, Scott Cranford, Barb Howard, Jerry Causer, Jim Melvin and Andrew Henderson.

Agenda

Cemetery

Jim Melvin, Cemetery Sexton, gave Council an update on the past year at the City Cemetery. They have finished tearing down the McDowell house which now gives the City an additional 288 grave spaces. They are continually cleaning and repairing grave/grave stones/markers from the Civil War era. There were 38 burials last year and staff is working on digitizing all burials past and present.

This coming year the department is planning on fixing the area around the sidewalk on Block 59. They also plan to revamp some walkways at the cemetery that are not used to open up some more grave spaces. Jim's equipment needs are: a new pick up truck and a gator. He suggested some increases are needed for burials, such as \$1,500 for a grave space.

IT

Andrew Henderson, IT Director discussed what has been done the past year. He completed many wiring projects to set the City Garage and out buildings up on better WIFI. The Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Golf Course are now updated with WIFI. The inventory and billing systems now work with each other and are the same through the City. He also set the City Council Chambers up for video streaming and is working on a plan for better audio.

The planned projects are to work on security, including email security. May need to get additional software for the security, which could be required also by City's Cyber Insurance. Has asked in budget for new servers at Police Department and City Hall. The Police Department will definitely need a new server to keep up with the coming mandatory body cams.

City Administrator

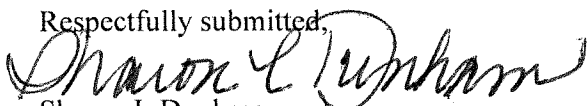
Jim Woolford discussed TIF districts and plans for TIF I projects. Those proposed are: City Hall Parking Lot, Public Safety Bldg Parking Lot and Old City Hall Roof. There are quite a few ADA projects such as Eagle Theater. Staff plans to put together a ADA Plan to show where all needs are. Possible additional projects are the Chautauqua Park Pavilion and downtown sidewalks.

Discussion on the definite need to go over agreement with Pontiac Car Museum. Also there will be a need for a new trolley and further discussion on a fuel farm at the airport.

The Finance Committee will meet next Wednesday, the 22nd to go over salaries. The budget will be publicized, a public hearing will be scheduled for before the City meeting on the 27th and then budget needs to be approved before the end of the month.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,


Sharon L Dunham
City Clerk