

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SESSION OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL

BLUE GRASS, IOWA

FEBRUARY 15, 2018

The Blue Grass City Council met in special session, as a Committee of the Whole at 7:00 p.m. on the 15th day of February 2018, at the Blue Grass Public Safety Building, 606 W. Mayne Street, pursuant to law, with Mayor Larry Guy presiding. A pledge of allegiance and a moment of reflection were recognized. The following Council members present: Brad Schutte, Donna Kinzer, Lisa Smith and Bonnie Strong. Absent was Council member Emilyne Slagle. Also in attendance: City Attorney William McCullough, Fire Chief Brian Seamer, Fire Township Trustees and/or Representatives: Blue Grass Township: Dave Martz, Kenny Freund and Erika Platt; Fulton Township: Dennis Price, Rick Reissen and Keith Martz and Buffalo Township: Jeremy Kramer.

Mayor Guy commented to the audience that the topic to be discussed at this meeting was intended for discussion only and that no action would be taken as this meeting was a Committee of the Whole session only. The meeting was opened for discussion.

ANNUAL FIRE TOWNSHIP MEETING REF: CONTRACT RENEWAL: Introductions were made. Fire Chief Brian Seamer reviewed the Fire Department's "Fire & Rescue Stats" for 2017 as follows: total of 386 year-to-date calls for service with the majority of calls being "Rescue and Emergency Medical Service Incident" totaling 249 calls; total of property and content loss estimating at \$1,239,001.00; the Department had logged approximately 1,300 training hours in 2017 commenting that in 2018 there are more State mandates on training; therefore, the Department will have an increase in training hours in 2018 and that the Department had responded to 7 structure fires with one being on Christmas Day which resulted in several fatalities. Chief Seamer said that the Department, in conjunction with the American Red Cross are pushing to make sure everyone has a working fire detector in every home. Seamer gave a brief synopsis of the Department's vehicles and gave an update on their condition. The Clerk gave a brief overview of the Fire Township Funds reporting a balance of \$32,576.94 as of December 31, 2017 and a current balance of \$253,710.00 on the Fire Truck Note. McCullough reminded the Trustees that their 3-year Contract was up for renewal March 1, 2018 asking if there were any questions or comments. There were none; therefore, the Contract would then be presented to the City Council at their March 5, 2018 Council meeting for approval.

Mayor and Council thanked everyone in attendance asking if there were any further discussion and/or comments. There were none; therefore, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Attest: Ann M. Schmidt, CMC, City Clerk/Financial Officer