

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SESSION OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL

BLUE GRASS, IOWA

FEBRUARY 28, 2019

The Blue Grass City Council met in special session, as a Committee of the Whole at 7:00 p.m. on the 28th day of February 2019, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Mississippi Street, pursuant to law, with Mayor Larry Guy presiding, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of reflection. The following Council members were present: Brad Schutte, Lisa Smith, Emilyne Slagle, Bonnie Strong and Donna Kinzer. Police Chief Garrett Jahns was also in attendance.

MAYORAL COMMENTS: Mayor Guy announced the following: “We would like to welcome all of you to your Blue Grass City Council meeting. We hope the meeting will be informative and beneficial. We do ask that you silence your cell phones and/or pagers. We want to hear from you but we ask that you wait to be recognized. Please state your name and address and make your comments brief. In an effort to keep the meeting on task, please limit your comments or concerns to several minutes. Please allow the person speaking to finish uninterrupted. Thank you”.

PUBLIC FORUM: No one was in attendance; therefore, there were none.

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

The Mayor presented the topic to be open for discussion and opened the meeting.

Chapter 10.70 Golf Carts; Chapter 10.80 Off-Road Vehicles ATV/UTV; Chapter 10.56 Snowmobiles and Chapter 10.52 Bicycles: Chief Jahns reported that he had previously gathered several various Ordinances from surrounding cities and put together changes that he felt best fit Blue Grass and presented them to the City Attorney who then reviewed and put in his recommendations as well. He reviewed the proposed changes by each Chapter as follows: Chapter 10.70 Golf Carts: added “Purpose” and “Definitions” revising the “Operation of Golf Carts Permitted” and “Prohibited Streets and other Restricted Areas of Operation”; added “Exemptions”, “Operation” which include equipment and hours of operation and permits, “Insurance” and “Violation and Penalties”: Chapter 10.80 ATV’s: added “Purpose” and revised the “Definitions” and “Location Restrictions for ATV’s”; added “Exceptions”, “Permits”, “Other Authorized Uses”, “Equipment”, “Operation” which include hours of operation and permits; revised “Negligence” and “Accident Reports” adding “Violation and Penalties”: Chapter 10.90 UTV’s: entire Chapter added as follow: “Purpose”, “Definitions”, “Basic Specifications”, “Operation of UTV’s Permitted”, “Location Restrictions for UTV’s”, “Equipment”, “Hours of Operation”, “Speed”, “Traffic Code”, “Permits”, “Accident Reports”, “Violation and Penalty”, “Annual Review”, “Repealer” and “Severability Clause”: Chapter 10.56 Snowmobiles: added “Purpose” and “General Regulations” revising “Hours of Operation”, “Places of Operation”, “Exceptions” adding “Location Restrictions”, “Negligence”, “Accident Reports”, “Violation and Penalties”, “Annual Review”, “Repealer”, “Severability Clause” and “When in Effect”: Chapter 10.52 Bicycles: Chief Jahns requested that the entire Chapter be eliminated. Questions and revisions were made accordingly. The collaboration between the Mayor, Council and Police Chief was very positive as the Council agreed that some of the Ordinances were too vague; therefore, needed further clarification. Chief Jahns agreed to follow up on several of the questions and make the requested changes and resubmit for further review.

Mayor Guy asked for further comments and/or discussion, since there were no other comments, the Mayor adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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