

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SESSION OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL

BLUE GRASS, IOWA

APRIL 22, 2019

The Blue Grass City Council met in special session, as a Committee of the Whole at 7:00 p.m. on the 22nd day of April 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: From those in attendance, 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: Previously, Chief Jahns presented several various Ordinance Amendments that were drafted from several surrounding cities that best fit Blue Grass at a Committee of the Whole meeting on February 28, 2019 at which time the Council reviewed and made various changes asking that together, the Clerk and Chief Jahns implement the revisions and present at a later date.

Chief Jahns presented the revised Ordinance Amendments reviewing each Chapter as follows: Chapter 10.70 Golf Carts; Chapter 10.80 ATV’s; Chapter 10.90 UTV’s reporting very few minor changes to Chapter 10.56 Snowmobiles and requesting that Chapter 10.52 Bicycles be deleted at its entirety. Together, both the City Council and the residents that were in attendance discussed the proposed changes. The collaboration between the Mayor, Council, Clerk, Police Chief and residents that were in attendance was very positive. Council requested that Chief Jahns make the appropriate revisions and have the Clerk prepare the Ordinance Amendments for their first reading at the May 6, 2019 Council meeting.

Comments and future Agenda Items: Strong reported that she had had an inquiry from a resident that wanted to concrete their boulevard. Discussion was held. Mayor Guy agreed to consult with the Public Works Director.

Mayor Guy asked for further comments and/or discussion, since there were no other comments, the Mayor adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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