

CITY OF GALESVILLE

Committee of the Whole

June 14, 2022

Mayor Howe called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Notice of the meeting was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

Present: Mayor Vince Howe; Alderpersons: Kelly Kreger, Tory-Kale Schulz, Linda Skwierawski, Tom Thatcher, Jean Wallner and Tyler Truax. Also present were: Todd Peterson Department of Public Works, Jennifer Hess Clerk, Lucas Teska and Dan Gossman

Dan Gossman from Federal Warning Systems reviewed the current siren system that we have and discussed the upgrades that could be done to the battery backup. Three of the sirens are run off of AC/DC and one is on AC only. The AC only siren would have to be replaced entirely and the other three would be upgraded to DC only. The DC batteries can run continuous for 15-20 minutes. Todd is going to find out if the siren at well 5 is wired to the generator or if it can be. The batteries are usually replaced every 4 years. After further discussion Dan is going to submit a new quote to replace one siren completely and upgrade the remaining two to DC without the disposal costs.

Linda Skwierawski suggested that we remind the community what the different sirens are for. There could be something posted on the website, notice in the paper or posted at city hall.

There are many possible uses for the ARPA funds that the city has been awarded. There is an updated list of categories to tie the expenditures to. There isn't clear guidance on what is or isn't allowed by the city electing the standard allowance for replacing lost public sector revenue.

The city was awarded \$167,051.01 in recovery funds. The first payment was received June 25, 2021 and the final payment will be June 20, 2022. The funds are currently held in the money market account. The funds have to be obligated by 12/31/2024 and spent by 12/31/2026.

There was discussion about projects that could be done around the downtown and Cance Park. The Parks & Sanitation Committee will gather information individually and then meet to prepare a presentation for the council.

The siren and park upgrades are the priority for the use of the funds.

Todd felt he would be able to get the poles for the cameras for free and spoke with Kish & Sons and West Road Electric about installing the power from the bathroom/utility room to the pole. Kish & Sons said it wouldn't be over \$1,500 and West Road \$1,000.

We have bids for installing and maintaining the cameras from MCS for \$7,701.22 that doesn't include the electrician or the monthly internet fee. There are two options from Per Mar Security Services for \$11,041 plus \$24.00 a month to buy it or \$6,662.00 + \$204.00 a month to lease. We currently use MCS for our current services. We would have to include the monthly fees in the Parks budget if we do approve the purchase and installation. ARPA funds could be used for the initial costs.

Tyler Truax made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Tory-Kale Schulz. Motion carried (6-0).