

**MINUTES OF THE PONTIAC CITY COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**August 14, 2019**

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Pontiac City Council was held on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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: Alvey, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

**Agenda**

**Study Long-Term Revenue Issues**

Bob Karls presented to Council basics of the revenue issues that will be facing the City in the coming years. Discussed was the Sewer Plant project, along with the EPA loan, sewer rates, funds received from the State, local taxes and fines, user fees, sales tax revenue and other possibilities for increasing revenue. It was the consensus of the Council that plans for a referendum for a sales tax increase be brought to a committee for further discussion on to what the increase would be on (no drugs, groceries & titled vehicles), the amount of increase and educating residents on the need and what the increase could be used for as in street maintenance. Also noted was how important the census will be in 2020.

**Study New Illinois Cannabis Law & City's Role**

Discussion on the upcoming January 2020 law allowing Adult Recreational Cannabis use in Illinois and what would/could retail sales be in Pontiac  
Council decided that the information given by the State and the Municipal League regarding zoning and ordinance issues and medical sales use will be reviewed in depth at a committee meeting and then brought before Council for consideration.

**Adjournment**

On motion duly made and seconded, the regular meeting of the City Council was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L Dunham  
City Clerk