

**MINUTES OF THE PONTIAC CITY COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**August 31, 2020**

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Pontiac City Council was held on Monday, August 31, 2020 at the Eagle Theater, Pontiac, due to COVID-10 restrictions.

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

Agenda

Review of Evenglow Development Variances

Bob Karls presented to Committee the proposed variances requested by Evenglow, the history of the buildings, previous ordinances, zoning matters and the future of Evenglow. Questions were asked of the Evenglow representatives attending, and Ed Lipinski, who lives in the neighborhood of Evenglow spoke to Committee on his opinions.

Fire Department Grants

Fire Chief Campbell explained to Committee that the time to apply for the same grant that was just received to pay for the air apparatus is approaching and discussion on if received, using the funds to purchase an ambulance and (2) cardiac monitors. This will enhance the EMS program within the fire department and provide a back up medical response for the City and surrounding areas. Chief Campbell stressed that this medical response would back up what is already in place.

Chief Campbell then informed Committee that the Departments Ladder Truck is going to have to be replaced. The cost for repairs, which is happening more often because of the age of the truck, were becoming costly.

Central Business District

Presentation and discussion on how the downtown area needs to be built back up as there are more empty store fronts. Ideas that were presented: small 'cabins" for pop up businesses that could then lead to permanent store front businesses; upgrading the Block 59 area to include seating with umbrella tables & chairs, game area, smaller stage or bandstand, string lights and an ice rink. TIF funds can be used for the central business district. Also Committee was informed about a Main Street training program.

Adjournment

On motion duly made and seconded, the Committee of the Whole was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L Dunham  
City Clerk