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COUNCIL MEETING

Held February 4, 2020

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The Council convened at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Office. Mayor Jim Nelson called the Council session to order with the following members present:

COUNCIL: Jim Nelson, Mark Wicker, Elaine McFarland, Cheryl Friend, Jym Longstreth, Jesse Mann. ABS – Wayne Lockhart, Harry Strain.

Guest: Alyssa Burcher, Liz Barker, Scott Santos and George Holden, Ameer Sword, Kathy Winbourne – Modern Expressions, Nicole Potts, Betty Brown, Marcella Durfey.

The audience and council were reminded to silence all cell phones. The audience was informed that they were to state their names any time they wanted to talk during the community comments and requests section of the meeting or at any other time during the meeting.

Council was reminded to state their names when making a motion and when they seconded the motion. The person making the motion would write the motion down so it could be read again prior to a vote and then the written motion would be given to the Fiscal Officer for the record.

MINUTES

Cheryl Friend made a motion to approve the January 7, 2020 Meeting minutes, Mark Wicker seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth - yes, Motion Passed 4-0, 2 Abs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS

TJ is here to give council an update on the 229 Lift Station. Pump was delivered Dec. 2, 2020. KBZ Electric and still do not have it back. TJ also got a quote for a new pump and to repair the existing pump for the back up pump. TJ wanted to clarify he can order the parts for the second pump. Yes that is correct. The pumps in the front lift station are still giving us problems. Have been working with the engineers. The pumps are shutting down and clogging. Those are two septate problems especially during heavy rain events. The solution for this problem may be incorporated in the next phase of the project. The settling tanks. Has been able to get the tank working correctly. It still needs to be adjusted. Can not shut down to one clarifier. He has been ask to do some shimming and reinstall everything. TJ would like to do this as soon as we get some drier weather. Next thing is basic maintenance, would like to put the bearings on a 3-5 year replacement. Talked about a pump puller created from a trailer to take it to where it needs to go to pull pumps. Roof needs to be replaced as soon as possible. Mark and TJ will work on that as soon as the weather warms up.

Marcella and Betty are here to talk about a neighbor on Barton Street. The guy bought a semi and he runs it thru their yard. Ever since Scott talked to the guy things have gotten worse. Jim Nelson mentioned that the right away is 40 feet. Jim Nelson informed Marcella that if this continues then she needs to contact the police for further action. Jesse explained to Marcella that the 40 feet starts at the center of the road towards her property. It may seem to be part of her property but actually it is the right away. Someone will go out an measure it tomorrow.

Alyssa has some information on the Corona Virus, what it is etc. Since the Police assist the EMS there is a flyer for them to protect themselves. Alyssa also had some flyers to post about washing your hands. There was a lot of discussion regarding the virus and things that we could possibly do if necessary.

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FISCAL OFFICER

Cheryl friend made motion to approve the January 2020 bank rec. Mark Wicker seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth - yes, Motion Passed 4-0, 2 Abs.

2020-002 - 2020 Permanent Budget Ordinance. Renee received the official certificate from the auditors so these are the adjustments. Read by Jesse Mann.

Cheryl Friend moved to suspend the rules, Jym Longstreth seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth - yes, Motion Passed 4-0, 2 Abs.

Elaine McFarland moved to declare an emergency Cheryl Friend seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth - yes, Motion Passed 4-0, 2 Abs.

Cheryl Friend moved to adopt, Elaine McFarland seconded

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth - yes, Motion Passed 4-0, 2 Abs.

POLICE – Scott went over the monthly report. Jim Nelson ask about seeing more or less drugs in the village. Scott mentioned that we have not had any overdoes recently. Looking at hiring 4 auxiliary Police officers. They will work 16 hrs per month with a paid officer. This will allow to have a second officer in the car with our officers. They will purchase their own uniforms etc. Lauren Hale resigned and Morgan has picked up her hours.

2020-003 –Auxiliary Police Officers Read by Jesse Mann.

Cheryl made a motion to amend section 5 & section 6, change the word Resolution to Ordinance. Elaine McFarland seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth - yes, Motion Passed 4-0, 2 Abs

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Jym Longstreth moved to declare an emergency Elaine McFarland seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth - yes, Motion Passed 4-0, 2 Abs.

Jym Longstreth moved to adopt, Elaine McFarland seconded

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Scott would like to purchase body armor for Morgan, PT officer. Cheryl made a motion to purchase body armor (up to \$250) and Mark Wicker seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth - yes, Motion Passed 4-0, 2 Abs.

Scott would like to increase his budget approximately \$13,000 for the year when he hires a new Part Time officer. Cheryl Friend made a motion to approve the increase for wages in the police department. Mark Wicker seconded.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS – Jim Nelson went to a meeting last week and there is money available and we are going to complete the application to complete to see what kinds of roads we can get paved. Cheryl Friend went to the regional planning committee meeting and they extended out an invite if we had any properties we need assistance with to call them. She immediately thought of the Luby's.

PLANNING & ZONNING – The Woodsmith is still interested in the property across the street to build a 20,000 square foot building for a new plant. Cheryl mentioned that we previously wanted to make a skate park across the street, but Cheryl also thinks we need more parking for downtown.

PERSONNEL – Jym Longstreth had a concern that Haley dropped off several envelopes and water bills to Renee and Jim expecting something to get them done. After discussion there seems to be an easier and faster way to get them done. Renee will ask Haley if it is possible to get the bills printed a few days earlier to have a few extra days to stuff the envelopes and get them out.

PARKS & RECS – Elaine is getting ready for Easter Egg hunt April 11, 2020. Ameer indicated she has a person doing community service hours that could help. Kathleen talked about the park and the entrance. She realized they have been working on this issue for 5 years. Josie will generate an email to get some people involved to discuss this issue and a plan to take care of it. Elaine also mentioned the fish will be delivered the day before the fishing tournament which is Saturday, May 2nd.

SAFETY STREETS & ALLEYS – Jim Nelson wanted to talk about John Davis wishes to have a storm drain and line installed in the alley behind John Davis's rental. A couple of council members ask how many years has John lived there and is just now noticing this is an issue? Cheryl mentioned this is the same issue that we are dealing with Dollar General about the flooding coming from their lot, that we are not responsible for, as it is Dollar General issue. Jim has spoken to Wayne Lockhart and Wayne mentioned that the property is elevated due to a storage building that was put on the property and John put in tile back there and it broke the natural flow of water. Jim mentioned that it would cost approx. \$1,400 to fix this issue. It was stated that we do not need to get involved with this issue or we will have people from everywhere wanting us to put in storm drains in their back yards.

NEWSLETTER – Went out last month. Lots of good information.

Jim Nelson offered to attend the February Regional Planning Meeting.

Jim Nelson talked about the safety Council meetings that Renee, Haley and himself take turns attending this meeting. They serve lunch that is \$15 per meeting and Jim would like to have council approve to pay for us to eat lunch at the meeting. We save approx. \$8,000 per year by attending this meeting. Cheryl made a motion to approve to pay lunches to attend the meetings. Elaine seconded.

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R2020-001 Mark Wicker to sign checks – Remove Helen and add Mark.

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Elaine McFarland moved to declare an emergency Cheryl Friend seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth - yes, Motion Passed 4-0, 2 Abs.

Jym Longstreth moved to adopt, Cheryl Friend seconded

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth - yes, Motion Passed 4-0, 2 Abs.

O2020-004 Rumpke Trash increase to Residents.

Cheryl made a motion to change the word Jan to Feb. in section 2. Mark Wicker seconded.

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There was discussion on the Lusby's for the \$432 they owe us. Jim asked Jesse if it is possible to file it on their taxes, Jesse's reply is "No". Can we put a lien on their property, Jesse's reply is "No". Cheryl ask if we could take them to small claims court? We could but they probably would not pay it anyway. Jesse indicated we could stop their trash and when it piles up we could call the Health Department. Jim Nelson will draft a letter to the neighbors and see what their opinion would be.

Mark Wicker discussed the Citizen Corps Council Registration thru FEMA. Cheryl Friend will take this to the next fire board meeting.

Amee wanted to mention for the record that she really hopes we get a skate park. The kids use her parking lot to ride their skateboards cause they just don't have any other place to go.

We need a place for the recycle bins that used to be located at the school. They do not want the bins back at their location so we need to find a new spot.

Jesse talked about the lawsuit with Thomas and Marker. Thomas and Marker is wanting to bond over. Jesse does not want this to come back on us. Then Jesse can go to the judge and get out of it. Jesse mentioned that we received a letter from the state of ohio that we have not filed a form for 3 years that we paid the taxes. So they just came up with an amount that we owe. Renee went back to those years and filed the appropriate reports. So that should wipe out their amounts and it should take care of everything.

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Cheryl Friend made motion to pay the bills, Mark Wicker seconded.

Elaine made the motion to adjourn until March 3, 2020, Cheryl Friend seconded.

Jim Nelson, Mayor

Renee Rarick