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COUNCIL MEETING

Held March 1, 2022

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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, Chery Friend, Jesse Mann, David Lockhart, Jim Detter, Dean Mosier

Guest: Liz Barker, Josie Bonnette and Sean Root on Conf. Call.

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 December 7, 2021 meeting minutes, January 4, 2022 and Feb 1, 2022. Elaine McFarland seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – Abstain, Dean Mosier – yes. 5 – 1 abstain

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Sean is on the conf. call for this council meeting. The meetings for Capital Improvement planning Meetings are under way. Our second meeting will be March 8, 2022. First secession went well. Second meeting Scott will bring on two engineers. OPWC Grant request results, we scored 128. Did not score enough to receive a grant. Water loan, we will need to get the design under way to make us score higher. If we have the design ready then apply for the grant, we will have a better opportunity. Looking at 2 grant programs in 2023. WWTP Design Kick off meeting March. Nomination Aug 31 for construction.

Mitch is not here but the only thing we are still waiting on are the drawing for new sign at GreyHawk. We have received their permit money, but nothing on the drawings. Mitch has indicated that the temporary banner must go as it is not a permanent sign.

Cheryl ask a question about the camper on West High, if someone is living in it. Yes there is someone living there. She indicated that it is in the historical district and that's not allowed in that area. The address there is 220 W. High Street. There was lots of discussion on sanitation etc. Jim will get with Mitch on the zoning there. Jim also indicated you can not share a sewer line. We will discuss at next meeting.

Renee talked to Rocky today and he could not attend the meeting. He is using Comer street as a drive way between him and his neighbor. Liz indicated that it needs to stay open. She has 3 acres that backs up to his property. She didn't know if it could potentially be developed in the future. Jim indicated that our sewer lines run to the back of this property. We need to speak to adjoining neighbors before we make any decisions. Mark Wicker indicates that the future growth of the village we need to keep that street as a street. Mark wants to make a motion to keep Comer street. Cheryl seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, David Lockhart – abstain, Jim Detter – abstain, Dean Mosier – yes. 4- 2 abstain

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Josie is here from the Health Department. Talked about new guidelines on wearing mask in public. We are at a medium level, which you can wear if you want. WIC has a new FB page and doing more to outreach. Mini grant available and Ameer submitted on behalf of the village for benches for the new skate park. Renee ask how many grants will they give away. Josie indicated it depends on what projects are submitted. If we can give away 2 then that would be what they would hope to do. Jim indicated he received his 4 covid test kits in the mail.

FISCAL OFFICER

I have the bank rec for January 2022. The adjustment is for 2 bounced checks.

There is a payment for OPERS showing on the bank statement that shows outstanding. Renee made the payment our system but not on the OPERS website. So it did not get processed. The report was sent but not the payment. We did get a \$9.35 charge for the payment being late. It has been processed and will come off next month.

Cheryl Friend approved the bank rec for Jan 31, 2022 and Mark Wicker seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,
Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 6-0,**

Cheryl ask about the utility deposit account to make sure Haley's number and my number match. Renee indicated that we got procedures for this new task but with Haley gone it did not get completed. Haley is back and her and I will be going thru what was not done to see how far off our number is. Renee will report this number in April.

Renee went over the Appropriation Status. On page 4, there is a negative number in the Coronavirus fund and that is where we paid Randy for the 4 days he was off. I have not appropriated any money in this account and when I do a new Ordinance then I will make this change. Page 6 there are two OPERS account in 5101 and there is money being taken out of the second account and we don't use that account. There was a payroll update from UAN and I don't know if there was a change for this and if there was I do not know what it was for. Renee will get with UAN and see if maybe there was an error somewhere.

Renee presented council with an updated Village of Ashley Officials 2022. Please review and let Renee know of any changes. Mark Wicker indicated he wants to use a village email. Jim Detter has his new village email. Dean has indicated he would take Jim's place on Personnel.

POLICE - Zach is here and went over report. Wanted to highlight that we received a guilty verdict on the vine street property for the ordinance of junk motor vehicles. Chief found a male face down in the snow, unconscious and he was taken to Grady where he was treated and released. There was a hit skip on the electric pole next to our building. We are investigating threats made at the BV middle school. I do not know the outcome of this. There is a purchase order that needs to be approved by council. Cheryl ask about the handcuff keys and the reason we need new ones. There are request for uniforms and are there any pants in that size we have in the police closet. These are pants we wear to training vs. full uniforms.

Jim Detter made a motion to approve this PO, Mark Wicker seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,
David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter –yes, Dean Mosier – yes. 6 - 0**

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS – We are working with Sean Root securing funds for upcoming projects.

PERSONNEL – Covid Pay. Jesse indicated that we discussed and passed this last month but thought incase there is any confusion we would pass a resolution to be official.

Resolution 2022-0004 – Covid Pay

Cheryl Friend moved to suspend the rules, Mark Wicker seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker, - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, Jim Detter – yes Motion passed 6-0.

Elaine McFarland moved to declare an emergency Jim Detter seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker, - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, Jim Detter – yes Motion passed 6-0.

David Lockhart moved to adopt, Dean Mosier seconded

Roll Call: Mark Wicker, - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, Jim Detter – yes Motion passed 6-0.

PARKS & RECS We will be delivering Easter baskets on Saturday, April 16th. Waiting on \$150 from fire department. April 30th is the Fishing event and we have applied for the \$500 grant. Sergeants will be donating money to buy trophies. We will be doing certifications at the Cardinal Pool. They can go out and practice for \$5.00.

SAFETY/STREETS/ALLEYS –Jim did get in contact with a contractor about 229 West to lower the pavement, but they backed out cause they did not want to damage the road. We are kinda back to square one trying to figure out where the water is coming from. Jim would also like to re-stripe downtown. That hasn't been done for 3 years. It cost approximately \$4,000 for a contractor to come in and do. Cheryl indicated that there are several lights out down town. Jim will have Mark get pole numbers to get them called in.

NEWSLETTER – Nothing.

Jim Detter indicated that the Chief will be having a meeting on the Police Levy. Wanted to make sure there are not more than 3 council members attending. Talk was they might have formed a pac.

Jesse indicated that he would attend the RPM March 31, 2022.

We received an update from TJ on WWTP.

South Street. Jess indicated that we have tabled this and can't be discussed until someone makes a motion.

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Verizon Tower Lease. They have found a couple of liens on the property across the street. We seem to think this is from the previous fiscal Office did not file state paperwork. We went thru this for Federal and now we have these liens from the State. Renee has contacted the collectors and they did not seem to have a lot of information on why we owe. Jesse would recommend a motion to give Renee permission to go ahead and pay this to get these liens taken care of. Cheryl indicated that she would not pay it blindly. Jim Detter indicated that it needs paid but needs paid to the proper authority. Jim Detter made a motion to table the payment of the liens until Renee can get more information, Mark Wicker seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker, - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, David

Lockhart – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, Jim Detter – yes Motion passed 6-0.

Jesse went over the Verizon contract and all the red flags. Some minor and some that are very costly to the village. This contract makes the village liable for several things and could cost the village a lot of money. After all the discussion we have determined we do not want to follow thru with this contract with Verizon. Jim Detter made the motion to not continue with this contract, Mark Wicker seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker, - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, David

Lockhart – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, Jim Detter – yes Motion passed 6-0.

Cheryl Friend made motion to pay the bills, David Lockhart seconded.

Jim Detter made the motion to adjourn until May 3, 2022, Mark Wicker seconded.

Jim Nelson, Mayor

Renee Rarick