

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

COUNCIL MEETING

Held September 1, 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 and Harry Strain, Jesse Mann
ABS – Wayne Lockhart, Jym Longstreth
Phone Conf –Amie Sword
Guest/Other: Scott Santos, Dave Lockhart

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

Elaine McFarland made a motion to approve the August 4, 2020 Meeting minutes Mark Wicker seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,
Harry Strain – yes. Motion Passed 4-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS

The Ashley Wornstaff Library has been awarded \$3,000 from the LSDA and the library plans to use the money for Wifi Hot Spot to provide for residents of the village. The library has been quite but they are getting thru the difficult times.

FISCAL OFFICER

Cheryl Friend made motion to approve the July 2020 bank reconciliation, Harry Strain seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,
Harry Strain – yes. Motion Passed 4-0.**

Cheryl Friend made motion to approve Schedule A Tax Rates – provided by Delaware County Auditors, Elaine McFarland seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,
Harry Strain – yes. Motion Passed 4-0.**

POLICE – Scott went over the police report and discussed the possibility of a kidnapping in the trailer park. To this date and time there have not been any missing children reported. Scott discussed the 2019 and 2020 numbers and the increases incidents. Overdoes and suicides are up. Elaine ask about junk car issues. Scott has spoke to Chris Mickie and Ray Hughes. These guys are working on getting rid of the cars. Did get the motorhome moved off of Main Street. Jim mentioned to Scott about the overtime is up. Scott discussed some options that the county uses. Comp time was an option he discussed. Scott passed out compensatory time and exempt hourly proposal. Also talked about a 3 shift coverage.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS - Jim and Cheryl went to the last meeting at the county. We have one resident still on the loan. It seems a lot of people do not want to this because of all the paperwork.

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PLANNING & ZONING - BZA had a meeting for Greg Clark wanting to put in other trailer back there by his scrap business.

PERSONNEL – Jim is working on the performance appraisals for employees.

PARKS & RECS – Christmas in Ashley has been cancelled. We still want to do the decorating contest with cash prizes. Halloween was discussed.

SAFETY STREETS & ALLEYS – Streets were restriped up town. Gary Hubbard covered the roof on his building again. Says he is going to take down the blinds, but he lost his keys and can not get in. Elementary school called about getting the 55 mph sign moved out passed the pool, but it is not up to us.

NEWSLETTER – Went out with the water bills.

Need someone to attend the Regional Planning Meeting on September 17, 2020. You can do the meeting on the phone. Jesse stated he would attend.

Jim read the update from TJ on the WWTP. Jim will keep up on these updates and what needs done and what he is getting done. Cheryl suggested TJ gets a quote on what needs to be done out there and have a special meeting and get it approved to get these issues resolved. Jim will contact TJ for him to get these numbers together to fix and we will have a special meeting to get it done.

Randy Ford has requested his yearly boot allowance. Cheryl Friend made a motion to approve Randy's \$50 boot allowance, Mark Wicker seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Harry Strain – yes. Motion Passed 4-0.

There was some discussion with David Lockhart on Rotary building North of town and the water lines.

Cheryl Friend made motion to pay the bills, Elaine McFarland seconded.

Cheryl Friend made the motion to adjourn until October 6, 2020, Harry Strain seconded.

Jim Nelson, Mayor

Renee Rarick