

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## COUNCIL MEETING

Held October 4, 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, Dean Moiser, David Lockhart, Jesse Mann.

Abs: Jim Detter, Renee Rarick

Guest: Jan Silva Sanchez, Ameer Sword, Josie Bonnette, Liz Baker, Kathy Winbourne, Scott Santos.

**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 meeting minutes for September 6. Elaine McFarland seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes. Motion passed 5-0.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS**

Ameer from the library indicated today is the last day to register to vote on the election in November. Forms are at the library if anyone needs them. Including absentee ballots. Touch a truck event at the fire department on 10/15 from 1-3:00. 10/22 is our Fall Fair and Trunk or Treat. We are close to raising out \$1,700 for our business sign for the village. Movie on main street we are looking for sponsors for next year. 10/6 is the next skate park meeting.

Josie is here from the DPHD – has flyers for newborns. We will do home visiting etc. Welcome home bags for mom and baby. Car Seat Inspections and boosters etc. Can do appointments for the inspection too. Drive thru flu and covid clinics. \$100 covid vaccine vouchers. No update on the new DHPD building.

Jan and Gwen met with Jesse. Jesse enlightened us on a lot of things. We are not getting a petition together due to complications and negative things. She still has a lot of concern for speeding in town. It is her understanding we have auxiliary officers that work for the village and ask Scott if this was true. Scott indicate that yes we have 3 auxiliary officers. And she ask Scott if they are fully certified? Yes they are Scott indicated. If we have auxiliary officers during the day or in the evening why are they riding around in with Scott/Zach. Why can't they be sitting around in different cars to slow traffic down. Scott indicated two of them can be but we normally have them with a paid officer because they are volunteering their time they are only work 16 hours per month. They are full time officers somewhere else. The other one is just getting road cleared so he will be able to ride by himself. Jan indicated that just for gas price issues, can't they be sitting on the east side or the west side? The speeding has gotten really out of hand. Scott indicated the officers are busy working on investigations so they are tied up doing that. Once they get caught up they can get back to the speeders. We can do our paperwork in our cars now so we can be seen out. There is speeding all around town per council members. Jan indicated to take a cruiser and park it at the EMS station, just to slow down cars. Scott indicated we did that at the State Parks and we had cars vandalized. Scott indicated he has gotten a lot of speeders in the school zone. We have heard that officer

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Thatcher stops at the EMS station a lot and eat lunch. No big deal, but he needs to park his car out front instead of out back of the building.

Jim Nelson indicated that the Lusby's property has sold and the new owners are in the process of cleaning up. Residents in the area are also helping. Jim has sent several letters to Gary Hubbard about his building up town. Gary has indicated that he wants to board the building up. Jim has noticed that the roof is caving in and that is not going to be good for either neighbor. Jim is going to talk to Gary tomorrow and see exactly what his plans are. Cheryl ask if there might be any kids from the school that would be interested in painting something on the building. Kathy stated she is starting a art class with the kids. She will get with them to see if they can come up with an idea. Kathy wanted some ideas to see if there is anything around town they could paint that they could be proud of.

### **FISCAL OFFICER**

Cheryl Friend approved the bank rec for August, 2022 and David Lockhart seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes. Motion passed 5-0.**

Cheryl Friend wants Renee to check on an outstanding check on 5/31/22

**POLICE** – Scott went over the September report. Issue on Labor day on South Street arrested on warrant and transported to hospital. We had a hit skip crash on Franklin Street. Dog got loose and was on the roof of a house. Jesse asked about the poisoning of cats, first thought it was Lusby's stuff sitting out but it was another person that we are still looking for. Went to Dale Lipps retirement. Scott has been approached by several businesses that want to donate to the police department. Loren Poole is setting up some kind of carnival at the end of October. Jesse ask Scott if he received anything from Detter's group he is involved in? Scott indicated yes he has coloring books, give away badges, stickers ets.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS** – Jim has a draft from OHM for everyone to review. He will send an electronic copy to everyone.

**PERSONNEL** – Dean indicated that Allison is doing a phenomenal job. Cheryl ask if her background came back. Yes it came back good.

**PARKS & RECS** – Fishing Event is Oct. 22 from 9-12:00. Legion donating food. Sargent donated. Jim ask if we received the ODNR grant? No we have not heard back from them.

**SAFETY STREETS & ALLEYS** – We had an interested person for the zoning position, but it did not pay enough money so he wasn't interested. Jim indicated we are working on finishing up the mowing. The brush is all cleared out at the park. They are changing out water meters that is being brought up at the BPA meetings.

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**NEWSLETTER** – Good job.

Need someone to attend the next Regional Planning Meeting October 27, 2022. Jesse will attend.

Cheryl ask if we got the roof fixed at the sewer plant. Jim indicated we have gotten the go ahead from insurance company. We are supposed to be on their schedule.

Jesse talked about the letter from Gwen. Lots of valid concerns from the meeting with Jesse, Jan and Gwen. Jesse indicated we need to address one issue at a time. Hopefully we will see some results from police department. Cheryl has brought up the issue about no one being at the school zone in the morning. Dean indicated that the lights comes on at 8:30am. Jan brought up the fact that Scott takes his kids to school at 8:30 so he can not be here at our school zone when the lights come on. It was mentioned we need to get the lines painted at the school. Josie indicated she is involved in safety routes to school. Kathleen brought up the walk to the park. Back to the school issue, Gwen concern about the police at the school at 8:30 is due to the speeders. Kathleen indicated there is NO ONE at the crosswalks in the morning. Jim stated we will get the crosswalk repainted. If you notice a street light out, please contact Dean and he will get it called in.

Elaine McFarland made motion to pay the bills, David Lockhart seconded.

Elaine McFarland made the motion to adjourn until November 1, 2022, Mark Wicker seconded.

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Jim Nelson, Mayor

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Renee Rarick