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COUNCIL MEETING

Held March 3, 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, Wayne Lockhart and Harry Strain
ABS – Jesse Mann

Guest: Kelsey Wicker, Shelia Hiddleson, Alyssa Burcher, Liz Barker, Ameer Sword, Scott Santos, George Holden, Zach Thatcher and Joe Clase.

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 Feb 4th, 2020 Meeting minutes with the correction of Lubsy's, Mark Wicker seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth - yes, Wayne Lockhart – yes, Harry Strain – yes. Motion Passed 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Sheila Hiddleson is here from the Health Department to clear up any confusions on the Coronavirus. We have no confirmed cases in the State of Ohio. We had 7 people tested and they were all negative. We want everyone to be prepared for their families and pets. She gave us an household checklist and she talked about the needed things for 2 weeks incase of a quarantine. There is no need to panic. There are a couple of websites that has some great information. The health department has been working with businesses, EMS, and police departments etc. and the most updated information.

Ameer would like to offer an incentive for the summer reading program and would like to give them a day free to the pool. She will get with Elaine for the details. She would also like to thank Renee for putting the levy information in the newsletter. Census is coming up and if anyone needs access to a computer the library is available.

Carol Lee Conklin wants to pave the rest of Main street. There are 3 residents that want to go together and pave and wants to know if the Village will plow it once it is paved. Wayne wants us to make sure it is done to county specifications. We will need to check to see if the Village excepted that road as part of the village. Mark mentioned the alley beside his house has some pot holes and he would like to fix them. The Village is responsible for taken care of it . We have the materials and Jim will have the guys to take care of it.

Newsletter – Renee will put a reminder about holidays that effect trash pick up days. No signs in the right away.

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Mitch would like to schedule a zoning meeting. The date was determined to be Thursday, March 5th at 5:00 p.m.. There is a question on the zoning book about the trash cans. We are thinking of putting an ordinance together and not under prohibited uses. We can discuss at the next meeting.

FISCAL OFFICER

Renee will check on the two checks that are old and have not been cashed.

Cheryl Friend made motion to approve January, 2020 bank rec., Elaine McFarland seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth - yes, Wayne Lockhart – yes, Harry Strain – yes. Motion Passed 6-0.

POLICE – Scott went over the police report. Commented on the counterfeit ring has been broken. Federal charges have been filed. There has been a lot of report on scams. Scott is putting together a class on scams to present to anyone who would be interested. Scott has requested to put a Police Beat in the newsletter each month. (Information on what the police are doing) Zach Thatcher will be returning to the VOA police department as an axillary officer. Working on background checks etc. for other possibilities. Jim Nelson swore in Zach as axillary officer. Congratulations Zach.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS - We received an application from OHM to complete to add the \$37,000 to the EPA loan that is due to OHM so we can close out the project at the WWTP. Jim is completing an application for CDBG funds available for paving.

PLANNING & ZONING – Zoning Meeting, March 5th at 5:00 p.m.

PERSONNEL – Jim wanted to know if there is anything resolved in stuffing the water bills? Renee talked to Haley but there was nothing resolved. Cheryl suggested to get envelopes preprinted with our address on it. It wouldn't save anytime but just would just be nice.

PARKS & RECS – Getting ready for Easter Egg Hunt. Fishing event is May 2. Fish will be here on Friday May 1st. Elaine wants to get everyone together on Friday, April 10th at 1:00 to get things together to take to the park.

SAFETY STREETS & ALLEYS – Jim commented on a complaint from John Davis today. He is upset that council did not accept to fix the drain in the back alley. John is going to take legal action against us and he will be out tomorrow to talk to everyone not to vote for the two levies we have on ballot.

NEWSLETTER – Went out with the water bills. The meeting with Source Point and residents. Residents want more information in the newsletter. This was a very good meeting. Everyone still wants a skate park. There is a meeting with the Health department next Tuesday regarding a grant for a skate park.

It is Jesse's turn to attend the next Regional Planning Meeting. Renee will send Jesse an email.

We need to vote for Council President. Elaine put out a motion to elect Jym Longstreth as council President. Cheryl Friend seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth - yes, Wayne Lockhart – yes, Harry Strain – yes. Motion Passed 6-0.

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Mark Wicker – Citizen Corps. Local Council. Cheryl was going to bring the Local Council information up to the Fire Board. They were not interested in it at this time.

Jim Nelson indicated we need to get Larry Wigton over to look at the lot across the street and give us a price so we can offer to the guy at the Woodshop. He would like to build a 20,000 square foot building.

Randy came in at closing time and indicated there is a leak at the new house on West High. They will need to dig up the meter bar tomorrow.

Jim Nelson talked about the increase in the water bills. We have been flooded with phone calls with some very unhappy residents.

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

Wayne Lockhart made the motion to adjourn until April 7, 2020, Harry Strain seconded.

Jim Nelson, Mayor

Renee Rarick