

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

COUNCIL MEETING

Held September 5 2023

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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, Penny Bennett, Cheryl Friend, Dean Mosier, David Lockhart, Jim Detter and Jesse Mann

Guest: Jan Silva Sanchez, Michele Mosier, Josie Bonnette, Chad Wagon, Kathy Winbourne, Scott Santos, Mike Wisoki

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 August 1, 2023, and Mark Wicker seconded.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS –

Amee from the library. We had a 37% increase in our summer reading program. We had over 70 people attend the Library birthday, including two county commissioners. Linda Thomas, Fiscal Officer will be retiring and Amee will take over that position. We are going to have a “Meet the candidates” on October 11th at 6:30 pm. Friends of Ashley Aug movie night we had over 50 attend. Fall Fest is scheduled for November 4th.

Josie his here from the Health Department. This month is recovery awareness month at the strand. There are 4 movies about addiction and recovery awareness. The Health District is hosting CPR training. Must sign up to attend. Mosquito fogging flyer was sent out. West Niles was detected at the Elm Valley so mosquito fogging will take place. Picnic tables have been ordered for the new park across the street.

FISCAL OFFICER –

Renee indicated that Joe Pennington was just in and dropped of 2 checks from the American Legion. One is for \$300 to help cover the guys putting up road closure signs and having the dump truck uptown for the trash. There is another check for the Buckeye Valley Food pantry for \$944.05. This is awesome.

Renee went over the bank rec. and stated she voided the check to Columbia Gas and will reissue.

Cheryl Friend made a motion to approve the bank rec for July 31, 2023, and Dean Mosier seconded.

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

Resolution 2023-012 – Accepting the Amounts and Rates from Delaware County Auditors

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

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

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Mark Wicker moved to declare an emergency Dean Mosier seconded.

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

David Lockhart moved to adopt, Dean Mosier seconded

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Penny Bennett – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,
Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter - Yes Motion passed 6-0**

POLICE – Scott indicated they are both continuing training. We had several at the corn show. We raised some money for the food pantry from the dunking machine. We made several traffic stops and gave citations. We do have an investigation for the cows in the park. Fight on Maplewood drive.

Jan Silva has a couple of concerns about the police department. There have been a couple of times where she saw Scotts kids in the police car. Scott indicated that he has brought them up for movie night but his fiancé brings them. During the Memorial Day parade, he had his kids in the car. What do you do when there is an emergency? Penny ask what is that any different than the fire department having an event? Jan noticed that Zach was not here all weekend. Scott indicated that he took the weekend off.

Jim Nelson indicated we have a resolution here to promote Zach to Corporal.

Resolution 2023-013 – Promoting Zach Thatcher to Corporal

Cheryl indicated that this was brought to the finance committee and it was indicated to give him a \$1 raise and make this effective July 1, 2023. Mark Wicker indicated he would like to accept finance proposal.

Penny Bennett seconded.

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

Penny Bennett moved to suspend the rules, and Mark Wicker seconded.

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

David Mosier moved to declare an emergency Mark Wicker seconded.

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

Penny Bennett moved to adopt, Jim Detter seconded

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Penny Bennett – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,
Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter - Yes Motion passed 6**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS – We went to a meeting at the Library with a speaker Andrew Brenner gave us a brief overview about having a billion dollars for infrastructure. He indicated a lot of this money is going to the chip factory. He also indicated that real Estate taxes could go up 23% for Delaware County.

PERSONNEL – Dean indicated we are currently taking applications for a Maintenance employee due to an employee retiring November 30th. We have not received any applications.

Resolution 2023-014 – Giving Employees an additional raise for 2023

Dave Lockhart made a recommendation to change the effective date to September 1, 2023. Seconded by Cheryl Friend. **Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Penny Bennett – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,**

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

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Cheryl Friend made the motion to strike the second “whereas” seconded by Mark Wicker.

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

Penny Bennett moved to suspend the rules, and Mark Wicker seconded.

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

Jim Detter moved to declare an emergency David Lockhart seconded.

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

Penny Bennett moved to adopt, Mark Wicker seconded

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POOL – Kathy Winbourne is here to give us an overview of our pool season. We had 1,581 visitors this year at the pool. We had no guards on Labor Day weekend. We had to close early on Monday. Parking seemed to be an issue with pool visitors. May want to look at this next year. All the safety straps on the boards are getting frayed and will need to be replaced before next year as they will not pass inspection. The guard chair could use to be replaced. We had a guard get hurt climbing down from the chair. A few of the lawn chairs are broken, the skimmer is totally broken and can’t be used. Dean indicated he has it in his truck to take it in to be repaired. New year we may want to look into swim lessons and yoga. We sold 27 passes and had several private parties. Jim thanked Kathy for all her help with the pool. Jim indicated we have a community service guy and helped with getting the pool winterized and everything put away.

ZONING – Signs for gas station. Cheryl raised the concern about a lighted sign. There are two versions with the change. The calls that Jesse made they specified that the bulbs used in the signs are used in all 50 states. The new section 2 is indicated: No changeable copy sign shall exceed a brightness of .3 foot candles about ambient light as measured using a food-candle (Lux) meter at a re-set distance.

Ordinance 2023-003 Change to zoning Code – 2nd Reading.

Have a neighbor concerned about boundary lines. A resident selling their house and there is a piece of property that is a separate lot and they are trying to sell together. Money is available to tear down some properties. Grass issue behind the storage units. The owner is the railroad. Trying to get ahold of them is almost impossible. Jesse seen a railroad person and talked to them about it and they came out and took pictures so hopefully this will get done. Jesse gave the owner of the storage buildings an update.

The next regional planning meeting is scheduled for September 28th. Jim and Cheryl indicated that they would attend.

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

Jim Detter made the motion to adjourn until October 3 and Penny Bennett seconded.

Jim Nelson, Mayor

Renee Rarick