

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## COUNCIL MEETING

Held February 2, 2021

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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, Cheryl Friend, Elaine McFarland, , David Lockhart, Harry Strain, Jesse Mann

Abs: Jym Longstreth

Guest: 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**

Elaine McFarland made a motion to approve the Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes, Mark Wicker seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker - yes, Elaine McFarland - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 5-0 abs.**

Cheryl Friend made a motion to approve the Jan 13<sup>th</sup> Special meeting minutes, David Lockhart seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker - yes, Elaine McFarland - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 5-0 abs.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS**

Mitch is absent. Jim Nelson indicated that we have received a building permit for Extreme Motors to add on to a building.

### **FISCAL OFFICER**

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

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker - yes, Elaine McFarland - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 5-0 abs.**

### **Ordinance 2021-001– 2021 Permanent Budget**

One change to be made that was discussed in the Finance Meeting that just met at 6:00 p.m. in the police department, instead of transferring \$100,000 to that account, we will need to transfer \$142,000 for the new police vehicle.

Mark Wicker moved to suspend the rules, Elaine McFarland seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker - yes, Elaine McFarland - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 5-0 abs.**

Cheryl Friend moved to declare an emergency David Lockhart seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker - yes, Elaine McFarland - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 5-0 abs.**

Mark Wicker moved to adopt, Harry Strain seconded

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We reviewed the Village officials and went over some of the changes. Kathy Winbourne has accepted the position of BPA member. She still needs sworn in. Mark indicated that his wife may be interested in getting involved with something that is open. Not for sure which one she is interested in.

**POLICE** – Scott Santos mentioned his report looks a bit different. We are on the new records management for the new monthly report. Scott also explained some of the traffic stops etc. Scott also talked about the unemployment identity fraud. If anyone suspect this please have them see the Ashley Police department and a report can be filed. Jim ask Scott if he has a bid for a new police vehicle yet. He is working on it. Scott indicated the warranty between AllState and Par on the extra equipment.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS** - Jim with check with county about grants for paving streets.

**PLANNING & ZONNING** – 414 E Taylor variance was approved – tear down house and put a mobile home installed.

**PERSONNEL** – Randy is off on medical and will be returning Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**PARKS & RECS** – Elaine explained the raffle ticket for the easter egg hunt for prizes. Hoping to get Easter Bunny to deliver prizes. These prizes are left over from last year. Jim mentioned maybe the Food Pantry would take some of the eggs with candy in them. She will check with them. Jesse mentioned Family Promise and People in Need both would take some eggs as they make easter baskets to give away.

**SAFETY STREETS & ALLEYS** – Water leak was fixed over by Wayne Lockharts. This was a hard leak to find. Mark has been putting in lots of hours doing snow removal.

**NEWSLETTER** – Bills and newsletters went out.

Jim talked about the fact that TJ is back to submitting reports late. If we need to hold his check then we need to talk about it. Renee indicated there is an update in your packet from TJ you can read at your convenience.

Next regional planning meeting is Feb. 25 – Jesse Mann volunteered to attend.

Renee wanted to think David Lockhart for getting with Shari Baker and getting the information on the difference between a renewal levy and a replacement levy and the money we would receive. We can not put the police levy on in May so we have to wait till November, so we need to discuss the way we want to go, replacement vs renewal.

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

Harry Strain made the motion to adjourn until March 2, 2021, Elaine McFarland seconded.

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Jim Nelson, Mayor

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Renee Rarick