

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

COUNCIL MEETING

Held October 5, 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, Elaine McFarland, Cheryl Friend, Jym Longstreth, Harry Strain, Jesse Mann, David Lockhart

Guest: Rebecca Swank, Randy Ford, Reese Parmer, Scott Santos, Robert Agriesti

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

Mark Wicker made a motion to approve the 9-7-21 meeting minutes. Elaine McFarland seconded.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Rebecca Swank is here from Grace Enterprises and owns 224 W. High Street. The tenant was Ray Hughes. Rebecca brought pictures of 220 W. High and 216 W. High that Ray owns. 220 W. High is running a scrap business out of his property. They told Rebecca that they don't live in the house due to its condition, they live in the camper behind the house. The property is full of junk and has turned it into a business. 216 is on a land contract with Ray Hughes. Ray does not own the property but he has moved all his junk down to this other property. The property is full of old cars and trailers and equipment and there are two junk cars in the front yard. The porch is full of junk. Ray is giving everyone the impression that he is going to fix that property up and move in. But he is in the process of purchasing another house outside of Ashley. Rebecca's thoughts are that he is going to bail on this property and use it for a storage place and move into the house in Sunbury. Scott indicated he has charged Ray twice with these junk cars. Cheryl also mentioned that this house is listed in the historical district. Rebecca ask if Ray has been fined. No he has not been fined. June 3, 2019 we received a code violation of junk accumulating at 224 W. High. Scott indicated that was his first attempt in getting Ray to clean up. Scott indicated that he would contact the Health Department regarding the residents at 220 W. High living in the camper in the back yard. Harry is concerned that we have been dealing with these junk cars for years. Harry wants to know when are we going to do about it? Jim indicated that is why he got with the chief and Jesse to get something in place to do something about these junk cars and trash. W High should have had letters sent. Scott will check and get letters out. The construction going on there really needs to have a permit for what Ray is doing there. Jym ask if we need to get code compliance involved in this property? Cheryl indicated that yes we need to do this. Jim Nelson indicated that he would call code compliance on the property at 216 W. High. Rebecca is going to leave her info she has collected as she no longer needs.

Jim Nelson discussed Rob Ferguson from Verizon about putting a tower on top of our water tower. They want to put 5G on the water tower to help with better signal. They thru out an offer if they put their tower on ours they would pay us approx.. \$1,650 per month. We are looking at a 20 year contract. Jesse indicated that there is no need for 5G. 4G would be enough. Verizon's engineers would investigate the tower to see if this is really what they want. Once the study is done it will come back to council for final approval.

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Mitch is not here this evening. Jim Nelson will call code compliance on the Ray property.

This gentleman bought the Conklin home on East Taylor. He loves Ashley and enjoys living here.

FISCAL OFFICER

Renee indicated there are several checks not cashed and three of them are made out to the police.

Cheryl Friend made motion to approve the bank rec for August 31, 2021, Elaine McFarland seconded.

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

Resolution 2021-014 – Accepting Amounts and Rates from Auditors

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

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

David Lockhart moved to declare an emergency Mark Wicker seconded.

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

Jym Longstreth moved to adopt, Elaine McFarland seconded

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

Resolution 2021-015 – Add new fund for Coronavirus Fund

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

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

Elaine McFarland moved to declare an emergency Harry Strain seconded.

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

Jym Longstreth moved to adopt, Mark Wicker seconded

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

Appropriation Ordinance 2021-008

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

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

David Lockhart moved to declare an emergency Mark Wicker seconded.

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

Jym Longstreth moved to adopt, Harry Strain seconded

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POLICE – Scott went over police report for September. It is a new design that has all calls that come in the office. It is new from Delaware County and will cost the village \$600 more per year. There is a buddy walk for down syndrome October 16. We will have the cars out and it will help raise money for down syndrome research. The 29th is the Halloween walk for the buckeye valley school students. Delaware Manor Halloween party and they want us to bring a car or two for their party. Trick or Treat is 5:00 – 6:30 pm.. Nov 1 thru the 5th crisis intervention training. It will teach us tools to us for mental illness. We have one person that is interested in taking the full time spot. She is currently in the academy and will graduate in November and then she will be in training with us for 3 months. We have an officer on administrative leave, once the investigation is complete we can proceed. Right now we are short staffed. We are still waiting on new car. We are looking at sometime in November.

PERSONNEL – Jym ask how we are doing with Randy being gone. Jim N. indicated everything seems to be doing well. They guys are getting everything completed. Randy is here and indicated he will be running out of vacation and will need to sign up for FMLA. Renee will get with Randy on the paperwork.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS – We still have a couple of grants outstanding and have not heard anything back from them yet. One if for the WWTP and one for the Waterline Project.

PARKS & RECS – We are going to start early to get lifeguards. Elaine would like to offer the training be paid by the Village. If they don't stay with us then they will have to reimburse us. A resident ask how much a lifeguard gets paid. This year we paid \$11.25 but she thinks it was a little high. Next year we are looking at \$10.00 per hour. We have a meeting scheduled for a new skate park.

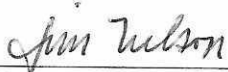
SAFETY/STREETS/ALLEYS – The guys got the pool and pool house closed down for winter. The guys now have a routine every Friday they mow the park area and clean the bathrooms for the weekend. They guys have been cutting trees around stop signs and alleys. Jeff has been up town cleaning up the sidewalks. We have a new way of upgrading our signs. Instead of a new sign we are purchasing overlays and it is half the price. They guys finished up meter readings yesterday and will be mowing the rest of the week. Cheryl ask if there were any issues when they flushed the hydrants and Jim indicated he received a couple of calls for brown water. Fire Department inspection: The guys are working on the things that are required from the Fire Department.

NEWSLETTER – Lots of information. New business in town. Dairy Barn has sold again.

Regional Planning October 28 – Jim said it was his turn to attend.

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

Jym Longstreth made the motion to adjourn until Nov 2, 2021, David Lockhart seconded.



Jim Nelson, Mayor



Renee Rarick