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COUNCIL MEETING

Held January 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, Jesse Mann, David Lockhart, Jim Detter
Guest: Josie Bonnette - DGHD, Dean Mosier, Penny Bennett, Danie Detter, Liz Barker
Abs: Jym Longstreth, Harry Strain

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.

Jim Detter was sworn in as a new council member to serve a 4 year term. We have one position still open on council. Dean Mosier and Jym Longstreth are here and are both interested in the position.

MINUTES

Elaine McFarland made a motion to approve the 12-7-2021 meeting minutes. David Lockhart seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker, - yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – abstain. Motion did not pass. Will present at next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Jim mentioned to Mitch about a sign that a new business wants to put up on High Street. Jim Nelson also about a house that sold at Race Street and they want to take the guard rails down to have more parking. It was mentioned that the guard rails were put there for a reason so we don't know if we want to take them down. Mitch indicated that he was reading the minutes from December and is concerned about what she said about the Hughes. He wanted to check on the permits for this addition. He does agree about the trashy places around this town. It is pretty bad. There is so much trash around this town. If we get this new ordinance done can we use this to do something. Jesse said well we will see. Honesty Mitch doesn't see a new ordinance doing anything. Penny Bennet would like to speak on the campers. She just moved in on west Taylor Street and she can verify that there are people living in campers in a couple of places around town. Jim Nelson talked to Clark at the scap place and he will take all scrap metal and he would even go pick up the stuff.

Josie is here from the Health Department. There is a meeting on parks on Thursday. Covid guidelines have changed. When she gets publication she will distribute to us.

Amee from the library is not here but has given us information to pass along. library is currently out of CoVid tests? We received a shipment of 294 kits last Wednesday and all were gone within 24 hours. We have reordered and are waiting for our request to be filled. At this time, the kits arrive and leave very quickly so it is best to contact any library distributing before you arrive to verify if kits are in stock. The test kits are a hot commodity.

Beginning Wednesday, January 5th and for the following 5 Wednesdays, the library is partnering with OSU 4-H Extension Office and DACC to provide a coding class for 3rd to 5th graders. We have 9 participants who will learn how to code Sphero Bolts.

There will also be a Friends of Ashley meeting on January 25 at 7pm.

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FISCAL OFFICER

Mark Wicker approved the bank rec for November 2021 and Elaine McFarland seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker, - yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 4-0.

Appropriation Ordinance 2022-001 – Permanent Budget for 2022

We went over the temp budget last month and there are a few changes but not much has changed.

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

Roll Call: Mark Wicker, - yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 4-0.

Jim Detter moved to declare an emergency David Lockhart seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker, - yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 4-0.

David Lockhart moved to adopt, Jim Detter seconded

Roll Call: Mark Wicker, - yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 4-0.

POLICE – Scott indicated that there wasn't much to report. Waiting to serve the Luby's. Not sure if anyone is living at the Shonk's. Haven't seen anyone there.

There are some invoices here that the chief would like to order some equipment. The patrol rifle is need in case we have any active treats. There are bags and cases and things we need for equipment that goes in the cars. There are some equipment to open car doors that are locked when someone locks their self out when warming up vehicles. There is little no money in the budget for these items, is why Jim wanted to bring it in front of council. As the budget is very tight for 2022. Scott stated that what he sees in his budget is not enough to purchase these items and unless we are going to make these a supplement purchases he would withdrawal these items. Jim Detter mentioned that as much as he would like to see the police department get these items we should hold off until we see if the levy passes.

Mark made a motion to modify the galls invoice to remove the active shooter bag and riffle case and go with the galls invoice. Jim Detter seconded. We are not going to do anything with the Vance invoice at this time.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker, - yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 4-0.

Resolution 2022-001 – Resolution to Proceed Police Levy

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

Roll Call: Mark Wicker, - yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 4-0.

Elaine McFarland moved to declare an emergency Jim Detter seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker, - yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 4-0.

David Lockhart moved to adopt, Mark Wicker seconded

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS We are still working with Verizon on the tower put on our water tower. We are waiting to hear back from them. Jim wanted to know where the money from Verizon would go. Renee indicated that it would go into the general fund.

PERSONNEL – We have some updates for the employee handbook and this is the second reading.

PARKS & RECS – Thinking about having a fishing tournament this year. Elaine will work with Renee to apply for the grant. Just wondering what to do with the Easter Egg hunt. Last year we did a raffle ticket in the newsletter and they turned them in and we drew names to win Easter baskets. If we ordered pizza for the fishing tournament maybe we need to have a couple of people hand out pizza instead of the way we used to serve it. We need lifeguards. Renee will put in the newsletter.

SAFETY/STREETS/ALLEYS – The guys have been working on 229 West. Odot came in and jetted it, then we jetted it and we called in Tom Dew to help dig. There is a lot of water down there and with the evening temps dropping it has been turning to ice. Odot has been salting this area.

NEWSLETTER – Nothing to report

We are having a water reading issue. The cord on the reader is broke. So we had to estimate this month.

We need a volunteer to attend the Regional Planning Meeting January 27, 2022. Jim indicated that it was his turn to attend. Jesse ask Mitch if he had any interest in the RPM. He would like to attend.

Ordinance 2021-009 Establishing Junk & Nuisance Vehicle – 3rd reading

Jim Detter moved to adopt, Elaine McFarland seconded

Roll Call: Mark Wicker, - yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 4-0.

Resolution 2022-002 – Prosecutors Agreement

Jim Detter made a motion to change to Delaware city Prosecutor. David Lockhart seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker, - yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 4-0.

David Lockhart moved to suspend the rules, Jim Detter seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker, - yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 4-0.

Mark Wicker moved to declare an emergency Elaine McFarland seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker, - yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 4-0.

Elaine McFarland moved to adopt, Mark Wicker seconded

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Resolution 2022-003– John Hines Contract

The reason this is back in front of council is because John wanted to make some changes. The length of time and the amount of pay has changed. So, because of these type of changes this will need to be approved by council again.

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

Roll Call: Mark Wicker, - yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 4-0.

Mark Wicker moved to declare an emergency Elaine McFarland seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker, - yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 4-0.

Elaine McFarland moved to adopt, Mark Wicker seconded

Roll Call: Mark Wicker, - yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 4-0.

Some discussion to vacate a portion of South Street. Mark indicated that Cheryl Friend was doing some research on his property and is not here. Mark would like to hear what Cheryl came up with. Mark made a motion to table till Cheryl is here next month. Elaine seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker, - yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 4-0.

Discussion on open council position. Dean Mosier and Jym Longstreth are both here and are both interested. Harry Strain has also indicated interest. David indicated maybe we need to put this out to the residents to see if anyone is interested.

David Lockhart made a motion we put on FB, the 5 locations and the VOA website. If they could submit their name by Friday, January 28th and have them attend the Feb 1 council meeting. Mark Wicker seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker, - yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 4-0.

Elaine McFarland made motion to pay the bills, Mark Wicker seconded.

Jim Detter made the motion to adjourn until February 8, 2022, Elaine McFarland seconded.

Jim Nelson, Mayor

Renee Rarick