

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## COUNCIL MEETING

Held February 1, 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, Elaine McFarland, Cheryl Friend, Jesse Mann, David Lockhart, Jim Detter, Dean Mosier

Guest: Dean Mosier, Shelia Hiddleston, Jan Silva Sanchez, Ameer Sword, Liz Barker, Ben Cutler -Columbia Gas, Randy Ford, Scott Santos, Zach Thatcher

Abs: Mark Wicker

**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.**

Cheryl Friend and David Lockhart were both sworn in for a 4 year term on council. Congratulations. Monte Smith was also sworn in for a 4 year term on BPA. Congratulations.

### **MINUTES**

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

**Roll Call: Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – abstain.** Motion did not pass. Will present at next meeting.

Cheryl Friend will have to abstain for the January minutes so they will have to be presented at next month meeting.

We heard from all candidates that are interested in serving on council. Dean Mosier, Jan Silva Sanchez, Harry Strain and Jym Longstreth. Jym Longstreth indicated that he should have his new house soon and would like to get someone that will be a long term member. David Lockhart spoke about all candidates and indicated they are all good choices. Jim opened the floor to nominate a candidate.

Jim Detter nominated Harry Strain and Cheryl Friend seconded

**Roll Call: Elaine McFarland – no, Cheryl Friend – yes, David Lockhart – no, Jim Detter – yes.**

. Elaine McFarland nominated Dean Mosier, David Lockhart seconded

**Roll Call: Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – no.**

Dean Mosier won the vote for the new council member for a 4 year term. Dean Mosier was sworn in and will take a seat for this meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS**

Ben Coulter is here to discuss the Columbia Gas project. The pipeline is being replaced due to age and safety measures. Once the main line is in then they will connect the houses to the new lines.

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Amee passed out the annual report. RFQ process to get an architect to get the basement remodeled and add a bathroom downstairs. Friends of Ashley 2022 Events: Outdoor market on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday from 9 am till noon starting in June till October. Still working on “Movies on Main” for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday’s in June, July and August.

Sheila Hiddleson from the Health Department. Talked about the grant for healthy living. March 24<sup>th</sup> is our yearly meeting. There will be an invite via email soon.

Mitch and Jim Nelson discussed about Race Street and the owner wanting to remove guard rail so they can park extra cars and a camper. Mitches decision would not remove the guardrail. There is also a fire hydrant by the guardrail. Cheryl will ask at the fire board meeting. Lots of discussion on this being a one way street. We plow the street. What if someone went down that street and hit someone’s car on the street. Who would be responsible? It is not up to us to find space for them to park 6 vehicles and a camper. They will need to find storage etc. to park some cars. David Lockhart made a motion to not remove the guard rail on Race Street. Jim Detter seconded.

**Roll Call: Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 5-0, 1 abs.**

Zach Thatcher handed out papers to council to review to determine if they want to go into executive session.

Jim Detter made motion to go into executive session. Elaine McFarland seconded.

**Roll Call: Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 5-0, 1 abs.**

Cheryl Friend made motion to come out of executive sessions, David Lockhart seconded.

**Roll Call: Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 5-0, 1 abs.**

### FISCAL OFFICER

Renee indicated she had monthly reports for January, December bank rec. and she indicate that she has completed year end 2021. Everything filed and ready to move on to 2022. YEAH!!

Cheryl Friend approved the bank rec for December 2021 and Elaine McFarland seconded.

**Roll Call: Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 5-0, 1 abs.**

### POLICE –

Fire on Vine Street was a camper. Another report was dead on arrival. Scott was across the street with a vehicle pulled over when he got the call. 17 Vine Street vehicles, 213 Center St, Shonk’s house has been abandoned. 223 Center St. had a report of dumping trash. Looks like the Mickys are cleaning up.

David Lockhart indicated with the levy coming up we need to get some educational materials out to the residents. Scott indicated a new resident in town was willing to help out and he will contact her this week.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS - We had our first meeting with OHM getting the capital projects listed and discussed.

### PERSONNEL –

**Resolution 2021-023** – Updating the personnel handbook. 3rd Reading.

Jesse suggested a motion be made to strike “declaring an emergency” and section 2. Elaine made motion and Cheryl Friend seconded.

**Roll Call: Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 5-0, 1 abs.**

Jim Detter indicated about the policy that we were going to have the employee, at the village expense to drive somewhere to get a test. Jesse indicated that no we would provide them the ride.

Cheryl Friend made a motion to adopt and Elaine McFarland seconded.

**Roll Call: Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 5-0, 1 abs.**

Randy Ford is here to discuss covid pay when he was exposed. Jesse explained the guidelines from the govt. Randy indicated that when he was exposed he called the mayor and he said not to worry about it that we would take care of it. Randy is talking about being out in Jan. and the other employees were out in December when the mayor closed the office. Randy indicated that Mark and Jeff was able to work and they were exposed from the office. You can not get exposure from the office. You need to be exposed by a person. But there are two different things Randy is talking about. Jesse did indicate that the virus is still out there and if the VOA wants to do something for the employees now is the time to set something up. David Lockhart indicated that maybe we should allow 5 day pay for each employee. Cheryl indicated we need to specify hours since the police work 40 and the others work 35. For 2022 only that way we have a clear policy all across the board. Sounds like we have a motion by David Lockhart, and Jim Detter seconded. Jesse ask Randy if he wanted to use this time for when he was not working or use in the future if he would happen to get sick later? He indicated that he needed the pay now. Jesse ask if this satisfies his request and he indicated yes problem solved.

**Roll Call: Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 5-0, 1 abs.**

Jim indicated about the complaints we have received about customer service in the water department. The was a guy that came in with \$480 and the water department refused to take his money cause he was short \$20. Haley told Randy to go shut him off before he came back with the \$20. His water was shut off and a little while later he came back with the \$20, but then he owed \$35 more to have the water turned back on. Jim Detter explained that haley’s customer service needs to be written up and put in her file, so we have documents. It has been brought to Haley’s attention and she stated she would try and do better.

**PARKS & RECS** – I think we a going ahead with the fishing tournament. Elaine indicated she will apply for the grant. It will be last Saturday in April. We will not have an Easter Egg hunt, but we have put a raffle in Feb and March’s newsletter to sign up to win prizes. Easter Bunny will deliver prizes on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Still need 2022 Lifeguards. 16 years and older. Skate park is a project on OHM Engineering list. Ameer indicated that they have applied for the mini grant that the Health Dept was talking about.

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SAFETY/STREETS/ALLEYS – Nothing.

NEWSLETTER – Nothing.

Regional Planning Meeting – Need someone to attend March 31, 2022. Jim will make an inquiry to Mitch and if he doesn't want to go then Jim will go.

After more discussion on the South Street, David Lockhart made motion to table and Elaine McFarland seconded.

**Roll Call: Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes,  
David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 5-0, 1 abs.**

Since Jim Longstreth is no longer on council we need a Vice President for council. Elaine McFarland nominated David Lockhart, Jim Detter seconded.

**Roll Call: Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes,  
David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes. Motion passed 5-0, 1 abs.**

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

Jim Detter made the motion to adjourn until March 1, 2022, David Lockhart seconded.

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Jim Nelson, Mayor

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Renee Rarick