

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## COUNCIL MEETING

Held November 3, 2020

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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, Jym Longstreth, David Lockhart and Harry Strain, Jesse Mann

ABS – Wayne Lockhart, Elaine McFarland

Phone Conf –Amie Sword

Guest/Other: Scott Santos, Liz Barker, Mitch Richard

**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 Nelson stated that he has received the resignation from Wayne Lockhart and Dave Lockhart has put in his resignation from the BPA committee. Dave Lockhart has indicated that he would like to take the opening position.

Mark Wicker made a motion to appoint David Lockart to opening position on council. Cheryl Friend seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes , Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes,  
Harry Strain – yes. Motion Passed 4-1 Abs.**

Jim Nelson swore in David Lockhart as new council member. Welcome David! We are happy to have you.

### **MINUTES**

Cheryl Friend made a motion to approve the October 6, 2020 meeting minutes, Jym Longstreth seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes , Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes,  
Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 5-1 bs.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS**

Sung Lee is here to discuss a new phone system for the Village of Ashley. Several advantages to a new upgraded system. Jim indicated that we are having issues with voice mail. Renee stated that the caller doesn't even get thru to the village recording. If there are too many people on the phone at the time someone calls in it won't come thru. It states that the person you are calling has a voice mail system but it is not set up. Sung went over the cost of the new system. Cheryl ask if it would include the pool and the WWTP. No it would not. The pool does not have high speed internet. Jim ask Scott if a new phone system would help their department. Yes it would be nice to have their phone forwarded to their cell phones. Jim indicated we would need a contract from Sung and the lawyer would take a look at it and we can go from there.

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Cheryl make a comment on the BPA meeting minutes on an employee that states an issue with the fire department while flushing fire hydrants. We need to work together while the fire department does this task. It is alarming that is written in the BPA meeting minutes. We are here to serve the community and when someone points fingers its disturbing. When the fire department is doing it wrong why isn't this employee out there to assist the fire department??

Amy indicated that they received the grant for the Hot Spots. We have 10 available to be borrowed. We also have 2 down spouts that have broken tiles. When this gets fixed we are hoping it will solve the water they get in the basement.

### **FISCAL OFFICER**

Jim talked about revenue coming in and if it is being effected due to the covid. It doesn't seem like there has been any type of shortage. We are waiting to receive the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Real Estate, but we should be receiving it soon.

Cheryl Friend made motion to approve the September 2020 bank reconciliation, Mark Wicker seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes , Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes,  
Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 5-1 abs.**

**POLICE** – Scott went over the October report. Scott also took care of two junk motor vehicles. Jim Nelson ask where was the armed robbery? Scott indicated it was a the school that some guy reported that he was held up by a guy with a gun and stole his phone. Kinda of a weird situation. There were two Halloween events. One Friday and then Trick or Treat on Saturday Everything went ok.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS** - The only thing we have going on is trying to get money for the WWTP. Renee indicated we have a resolution for it.

**PLANNING & ZONNING** - Mitch wants to get together and have a zoning meeting and get the zoning book finished. Meeting scheduled for Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

**PERSONNEL** – Jim Nelson sent all employees reviews to Jym Longstreth for his review. Jym Longstreth indicated that on the bottom of the BPA meeting minutes about raises. Jesse indicated that if we want to discuss we will need to go into executive session.

**PARKS & RECS** – Everything is put away out at the pool and we have mowed probably for the last time this year.

**SAFETY STREETS & ALLEYS** – The state came in and filled in the hole with black top. They will come back in warmer weather and finish black topping.

**NEWSLETTER** – Great newsletter. Lots of information.

Next regional planning meeting is November 19<sup>th</sup> – Cheryl Friend stated he would attend.

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Update from TJ – Renee read what TJ submitted. Waiting on parts from fabricators so he can install pumps. Has everything taken apart and ready in the lift station but has to have part to get it put back together correctly.

Jim Nelson talked about a complaint he received from an older lady that was very upset with the increased water bills. She indicated that her and her husband have limited their bathing thru the week. Jim discussed the water increases we are expecting to see in the future. Jim is concerned that some of the residents can't afford these continued increases. Jim indicated that he gets a lot of these complaints. David Lockhart indicated that people do not come to the meeting to complain about the increases they come when they need extensions to pay their bill. Jesse ask if we bill residents at 1,000 gal, what if we billed at 500 gallons. Cause if people are trying to cut back, they can't cut back enough to make a difference. Cheryl wants Renee to check with Haley on how many tiers we have in the billing system.

Jim stated that the insurance rates went up 21%. The county went up 10% and their employees pay a % of that rate.

### **Resolution 2020-003 – Renewal of Medical Mutual**

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

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes , Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes,  
Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 5-1 abs.**

Jym Longstreth moved to declare an emergency Harry Strain seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes , Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes,  
Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 5-1 abs.**

Jym Longstreth moved to adopt, Cheryl Friend seconded

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes , Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes,  
Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 5-1 abs.**

### **Resolution 2020-004 – 2021 Prosecutors Agreement**

Mark Wicker moved to suspend the rules, David Longstreth seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes , Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes,  
Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 5-1 abs.**

Cheryl Friend moved to declare an emergency Mark Wicker seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes , Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes,  
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Cheryl Friend made a motion to amend Res 2020-005 Where it says Phase 1, change to Phase 2a  
Mark Wicker seconded

### 2020-005 Prepare and Submit Application OPWC

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

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes , Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes,  
Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 5-1 abs.**

David Lockhart moved to declare an emergency Mark Wicker seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes , Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes,  
Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 5-1 abs.**

Jym Longstreth moved to adopt, Harry Strain seconded

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes , Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes,  
Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 5-1 abs.**

Cheryl made a motion to go with an increase of 2% effective Nov 1 for pay date of November 17<sup>th</sup>. Mark Wicker seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes , Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes,  
Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 5-1 abs.**

### 2020-006 Employee Raises

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

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes , Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes,  
Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 5-1 abs.**

David Lockhart moved to declare an emergency Mark Wicker seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes , Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes,  
Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 5-1 abs.**

Jym Longstreth moved to adopt, Harry Strain seconded

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes , Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes,  
Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 5-1 abs.**

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

Jym Longstreth made the motion to adjourn until December 1, 2020, Harry Strain seconded.

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Jim Nelson, Mayor

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Renee Rarick