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COUNCIL MEETING

Held December 6, 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, Chery Friend, Dean Mosier, David Lockhart, Jesse Mann.

Abs – Jim Detter

Guest: Josie Bonnette, Liz Baker, Scott Santos, Ameer Sword, Mike Rarick, Penny & Kyle Bennett, Randy Ford

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

Cheryl Friend made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for November 1, 2022. Elaine McFarland seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,
Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Motion passed 5, 0, 1 Abs.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Ameer passed out a mock up of the sign they want to place coming into Ashley on ST Rt 42 in front of the Dollar General. The Friends of Ashley have the funds to purchase the sign and Plan for Land will install the sign. The businesses will purchase a name plate on the sign. Friends of Ashley would like for council's permission to install the sign. Cheryl suggested we take a look at the zoning book to make sure a sign can go in that location. There are gingerbread houses at the library that you may stop in and vote on. Last day to vote is Saturday, December 10th.

Cheryl Friend made a motion to let the Friends of Ashley put up their sign as long as zoning is good. Dean Mosier seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,
Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Motion passed 5, 0, 1 Abs.**

Jose talked about the flyers on Measles & for the Composting Program.

To follow up on a couple of other things she wanted to share:

- She had a virtual meeting with Jessica Ormeroid, an engineer with ODOT District 6, her email is jessica.ormeroid@dot.ohio.gov I was put in contact with her from Anthony who came and spoke to council last month
 - yesterday 12/6 at 1:00pm and discussed a few different places where there are needed pedestrian safety improvements. I shared with her a list of locations that were discussed last night as well and asked her to keep me updated as the process goes on for if they are able to secure funding. The main areas identified that we talked about were the Mid-block crossing on High Street in front of the post office being a good location for a bump-out, the need for a north/south crossing at Central & High Street in front of the Library, North Grove Street & High Street the sidewalk has a drop off and is missing the ground indicator for visually impaired, and the need for an activated beacon for the crossing in front of the Elementary School. They are exploring the options for extending the school zone on the East end of

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town as well. I don't have a lot of information on timelines, or how the roll out will look- I will keep you posted as I get more info.

- The health district has a lot of office furniture and almost none of it is going with us to the new building- I know there was the discussion about the Police Dept maybe needing new desks and monitors- I don't know if we have any monitors but we for sure have many desks- I would be happy to take pictures of the furniture we have available and send over to see if any of it would fit your needs. I know they really want to start getting some of the furniture out of here. It doesn't even have to be for the Police Dept, if there are other Village departments that need it. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or need anything from me between now and the next meeting!

FISCAL OFFICER

Renee explained the adjustments on the bank rec. Also there are the few checks that have never been cashed from the pool employees. Renee will try again or void and send out new checks with a letter. Cheryl Friend approved the bank rec for October 2022 and Mark Wicker seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Motion passed 5, 0, 1 Abs.

Ordinance 2022-04 Appropriation Ordinance - Renee went over the changes needed to pay bills for the rest of the year.

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

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Motion passed 5, 0, 1 Abs.

Elaine McFarland moved to declare an emergency Mark Wicker seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Motion passed 5, 0, 1 Abs.

Cheryl Friend moved to adopt, Dave Lockhart seconded

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Motion passed 5, 0, 1 Abs.

Ordinance 2022-05 Appropriation Ordinance – 2023 Temporary Budgets

Mark Wicker moved to suspend the rules, Dave Lockhart seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Motion passed 5, 0, 1 Abs.

Dave Lockhart moved to declare an emergency Mark Wicker seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Motion passed 5, 0, 1 Abs.

Cheryl Friend moved to adopt, Elaine McFarland seconded

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Dave Lockhart wanted me to give a break down of the bills that are due to OHM.

The invoices for the Waterline project, right now we owe \$54,261. After that payment is made we will owe them \$174,259. The WWTP we owe \$201,790 and then the balance due will be \$43,510. Once the money has been moved around accordingly to the Ordinance, then Renee will issue the checks.

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POLICE – Scott went over November report and explained some of the calls. Jim stated he knows he ask this monthly but what is going on with Rays cars? Well he says they are sold and they will be going soon. 17 Vine street is looking good. Jim stated there are over 300 tires on that lot and they are trying to find a way to get rid of them. Jim ask t-he chief about some supplies he has requested. Chief stated he wanted to give a list of the things he needs. Jim ask the chief if he was aware of the extra money for police departments. Chief indicated we do not qualify.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS – OHM is seeking funds for our water and sewer projects.

PERSONNEL – Raises for employees. Cheryl indicated that Renee has put in 3% in the temp budgets. Cheryl has indicated that the Consumer Price index at 7.7% which the 3% is a little shy. But Cheryl indicated that we stick to the 3% and maybe look at it again next year. It was also stated that we made a commitment to the Water Clerk for a \$1.00 raise. Cheryl indicated not to go higher than the 3% that was put in the appropriations. David made a motion effective Jan 1, 2023 increase the employees pay 3% and plus the \$1.00 to the water clerk above this 3% at her 6 month anniversary date. Cheryl Friend seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Motion passed 5, 0, 1 Abs.

2022-017 Employee Pay Raises for 2023

Mark Wicker moved to suspend the rules, Dean Mosier seconded.

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Dave Lockhart moved to declare an emergency Dean Mosier seconded.

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PARKS & RECS – Christmas in Ashley went well. Haley did a good job. Elaine ask where the bunnies came from that they passed out. Ameer indicated that someone donated the bears and someone made the hats that said Ashley Police departments. Cheryl ask Elaine if there is anything they need to expend at the pool to let Renee know so she can add it to the permanent budget. Dean mentioned he was working on getting the skimmer fixed. If it is not fixable a new one will cost \$4,000. Renee will add to the budgets.

SAFETY STREETS & ALLEYS – Cheryl ask Randy about the lights on the poles. The xmas lights on the poles need to be replaced for next year. We need to think about ordering new ones. Renee will write up a work order to get the length of the lights and how many we need.

ZONING – We are still looking for a zoning person. We will share the expense with Marengo.

NEWSLETTER – Let Renee know if you or someone you know want to put something in the newsletter. We want to put in the newsletter to thank everyone for their help in this event.

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There is no update from TJ. Randy has indicated he can not get ahold of him. He needs to get ahold of him for Joe Clause information on tying into the storm line behind Rusted Nail.

Renee indicated that she spoke to Ted at Rinehart. Ted indicated that all insurances go up according to the usage. If we switch to United Health they are going to have increases as well. If we do not like United Health we can not switch back to Medical Mutual. My opinion is to stay with Medical Mutual. Only difference in coverage it would cost the employees \$1,000 more. Cheryl suggested that we keep medical mutual and show employees what it cost the village to cover them. Renee will print up the raises for employees and show them the amount of insurance is being paid as well.

2022-018 Medical Mutual Employee Insurance

Elaine McFarland moved to suspend the rules, Cheryl Friend seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Motion passed 5, 0, 1 Abs.

Dean Mosier moved to declare an emergency David Lockhart seconded.

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Cheryl Friend moved to adopt, Dean Mosier seconded

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Sean Miller from Emergency Management sent this to be approved by council.

2022-019 Homeland Security & Emergency Management

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

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Motion passed 5, 0, 1 Abs.

Dean Mosier moved to declare an emergency David Lockhart seconded.

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Cheryl Friend will attend the December 22nd Regional Planning Meeting.

Jim indicated there is a letter from the new company that bought Waste Away. They are called Innovations. We will not see any changes, just the name. Renee stated their contract expires at the end of 2023 so it will go out for bid.

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

Dave Lockhart made the motion to adjourn until January 3, 2023, Mark Wicker seconded.

Jim Nelson, Mayor

Renee Rarick