

Regular Council Meeting
11/14/2019
7:00 PM
Municipal Building

Gary Bauer, Don Gephart, Chad Hollon, Reilly Hopkins, Richard Simpson and Cindy Sutton were present. Mayor John Carman presided over the meeting.

Mayor stated there would be a revision to the agenda: 1) Strike E. (Resolution 2019.041) under New Business.

HOLLON/BAUER: Motion to accept agenda with suggested revision(s). All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from 10/24/19 were presented to Council.

HOLLON/SIMPSON: Motion to approve minutes from 10/24/19 as presented. All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/ADJUSTMENTS

Bills and adjustments were presented to Council. Jewelle inquired if Council wished for #7 on bill list (Dwyer) to be paid from Fancy Street Fund or Storm Sewer Fund. It was agreed by common consent to pay from Fancy Street Fund and then transfer this amount from Storm Sewer Fund to the Fancy Street Fund as appropriated at 10/24/19 meeting if needed.

ADJUSTMENTS 11/14/2019

FUND/DEPT	UAN ACCT #	FUND
ELECTION EXPENSES	1000-735-345	\$ (500.00)
L/B SUPPLIES	1000-730-400	\$ 450.00
OTHER FINANCING USES (MISC FEES)	1000-990-990-0006	\$ 50.00
ZONING SUPPLIES	1000-410-400	\$ (50.00)
ZONING CONTRACTUAL	1000-410-300	\$ 50.00
ELECTION EXPENSES	1000-735-345	\$ (686.31)
INDIGENT BURIALS	1000-230-690	\$ (500.00)
BANK FEES	1000-990-990-0005	\$ 1,186.31
L/B SUPPLIES	1000-730-400	\$ 500.00
TOTAL GEN FUND		\$500.00
SOLID WASTE SALARIES	5601-561-100	\$ (25,000.00)
SOLID WASTE CONTRACTUAL	5601-561-300	\$ 25,000.00
TREATMENT PLANT RESERVE TRANSFERS OUT	5741-910-910	\$ 2,879.83
ELECTRIC DEPOSITS	5781-599-610-5301	\$ 3,000.00
STREET LIABILITY INSURANCE PREMIUMS	2011-610-353	\$ (817.18)
STREET CONTRACTUAL	2011-610-300	\$ 817.18
BROADWAY PROJECT CAPITAL OUTLAY	4907-800-555	\$ 176,375.00
TOTAL OTHER		\$182,254.83
TOTAL GEN FUND+OTHER		\$182,754.83

HOLLON/SIMPSON: Motion to approve bills as presented and adjustments. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

GUEST SPEAKERS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cindy read through recent Finance Committee meeting minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor drew Council's attention to the IT project quote comparison between S&H and MVECA. He explained that the comparison is not exactly "apples to apples" as there were some substitutions made by both companies on the quotes. He confirmed Thor from MVECA stated

he could work to get some numbers lowered if needed. Mayor provided Board of Election's recommendation for MVECA with recent work being completed in their offices. Mayor stated the urgency for getting the Firewall project portion progressing as soon as possible. Chad stated he'd like to have until the next meeting to review the comparison.

Mayor reintroduced Ordinance 2019.030 to Council.

HOLLON/SUTTON: Motion to place Ordinance 2019.030, 2020 Permanent Appropriations, on second reading. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Ordinance 2019.035 was reintroduced to Council. Mayor stated there had been some concerns from residents stating that raising the speed limit would only allow the drivers to speed more.

HOPKINS/HOLLON: Motion to withdraw Ordinance 2019.035, Ordinance to Change the Speed Limit on Columbus Street. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2019.037 was introduced to Council.

SUTTON/GEPHART: Motion to adopt Resolution 2019.037, Resolution Allowing Fiscal Officer to Process 2020 Transfers from the General Fund to Fund the Police Operating Fund. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Resolution 2019.038 was introduced to Council.

GEPHART/HOPKINS: Motion to adopt Resolution 2019.038, Resolution Allowing Fiscal Officer to Process 2020 Transfers in Order to Pay Water Bond Debts. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Resolution 2019.039 was introduced to Council. Tom Lee asked if Jewelie could explain to Council and to the public why this resolution was needed. Jewelie explained the last 2 audits had mandated that the Village show the entire amount (even the nonspendable portion) of the Curless Trust Fund on the Village's accounting books. This new fund would be considered a Permanent Fund, meaning it would not be allowed to be budgeted. The existing Curless Fund for interest only, would remain intact and would continue to be budgeted as needed or desired by the Village. The new Permanent Fund would inflate the appearance of the Village's overall cash balance, but this inflated amount is prohibited by Curless Trust Fund agreement from being expended by the Village.

HOLLON/SUTTON: Motion to adopt Resolution 2019.039, Resolution Establishing New Fund 4951, Curless Trust Permanent Fund, for the Village of Blanchester. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Resolution 2019.040 was introduced to Council.

HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to adopt Resolution 2019.040, Resolution Allowing Fiscal Officer to Close Existing Village of Blanchester Payroll Checking Account and Distribute Remaining Balance. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief stated all officers had completed Taser training in which the training cost of \$6,700 was paid by the Trust at 100%. Kayla Martin was proposed as a potential officer. Chief stated he'd like to hire Kayla contingent on her passing state and psychological exams.

HOPKINS/HOLLON: Motion to hire Kayla Martin at Step B of current pay scale full-time effective once proposed contingencies are met. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

STREET

Wayne Clifton stated he believed the curb repair should be paid from the Storm Sewer Fund. He gave an update on the Fancy Street project and curb repair. He explained a jet vac had

come and cleaned up the debris. Wayne made complaint that contractors should be adding cleanup to future contracts. He gave update on leaf pickup, stating the Street Department had completely made its way through town about 6-7 times to date. Wayne reported on first salting of the roads during recent snow and said during the salting the spreader broke down. The Street Department then spread salt manually with shovels. Council thanked the Street Department.

PARKS

Tom Lee wanted to thank the Mayor and Council member, Cindy Sutton, who showed up to help with the Boo Bash event. He announced Trunk or Treat had been moved inside due to the weather. Tom thanked Street Department for blocking off street for the event. He announced the upcoming Breakfast with Santa would be 12/7, 8-11AM.

BPA

None.

SOLICITOR

None.

FISCAL OFFICE

None.

MAYOR

Mayor reminded everyone the Chief was holding an auction 12/7/19. If other departments had auction items, Mayor announced the departments needed to send information to Chief. Deadline to add auction items is 11/15/19.

Mayor displayed the ChoiceOne Charity Cup trophy and spoke about the recent Charity Cup event. He stated that he, Ram and Reilly had attended the event and had won the trophy this year. The goal for donations was \$10,000, but over \$20,000 was actually achieved.

Mayor stated that the 2017-18 Village of Blanchester audit was now available to the public. He proclaimed this was a good audit, with no findings for recovery. He thanked the Fiscal Office for their hard work to clean up existing problems with past audits.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

GEPHART/HOPKINS: Motion to recess to executive session pursuant to 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official inviting Solicitor, Mayor and Fiscal Officer. Roll call was made. Recessed at 7:34 PM.

Roll call was made. Council resumed at 8:08 PM.

No action was taken.

HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to adjourn. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Approved: December 12, 2019

Mayor: John M. Carran

Attest: Julie Cortel

