

Regular Council Meeting

10/25/2018

7:00 PM

Municipal Building

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

SUTTON/GEPHART: Motion to excuse Lori Byrom from meeting. All voted yea.

HOLLON/BAUER: Motion to accept agenda as presented. All voted yea.

Minutes from 10/11/18 were presented to Council.

HOPKINS/SUTTON: Motion to approve minutes from 10/11/18. All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills were presented to Council.

HOLLON/GEPHART: Motion to accept bills as presented. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

GUEST SPEAKERS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning Planning commission: Cindy reported that a zoning meeting had been held on 10/24/2018. She and those in attendance had discussed the use of metal shipping containers and will work with Andrew, who is looking into ordinances to address this matter. There was also discussion on how to deal with signage not being removed from buildings and/or properties when a business and/or business owner leaves the village or moves to a different property.

OLD BUSINESS

The Mayor stated that several meetings back (June 14, 2018), United Food Commercial Works Union (UFCW) had requested through Leroy Addis of the Blanchester Food Pantry to put a non-perishable food box outside the police station; the box would serve as an extension to the food pantry so that needy citizens had access to food 24 hours a day. Photos had been sent of the aforementioned unit and Council was pleased with how it looked. UFCW expressed a desire to place the unit in its agreed-upon location on Saturday, October 27th, 2018 at 12:00 PM, including a list of acceptable items that citizens and organizations could donate to the unit.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2018.037, 2019 Permanent Appropriations, 2nd Reading

BAUER/HOLLON: Motion to put Ordinance on second reading. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Ordinance 2018.038, An Ordinance of the Village of Blanchester, Authorizing the Development of Customer-Owned Renewable Generation within the Village's Electric Service Territory, and Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2nd Reading

HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to put ordinance on second reading. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

The Mayor stated he had met with Amy Shockton along with Ram Reddy, Wayne Moore and Wayne Clifton on several Grant opportunities for the Village. They went over different options, discussing a \$500,000 Critical Infrastructure grant that would require a 10% match. Nick Selhous from Choice One engineering met with the Utilities and Street Departments to re-evaluate the Fancy Street Project and provide an estimate. Following the meeting, the estimate was submitted and it was determined that the Village's portion for the 10% match would be approximately \$55,583.00. The BPA and Street Departments agreed to split the cost of the match. The Mayor specified that Council would need to authorize him to provide a letter to Amy Shockton regarding our commitment to the matching funds. He also mentioned that he is scheduled to meet with the County

Commissioners next Wednesday (October 31st, 2018) to request they apply for the grant on behalf of the Village.

HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to authorize Mayor to submit letter to provide funds for match. All voted yea.

Don Gephart declared that all paperwork had been completed for Boo Bash. He mentioned that there had been a \$206.00 fee for an electrical inspection for Boo Bash and that the Mayor worked with county commissioners in waiving said-fee. Don thanked the Mayor for his efforts.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Reinbolt stated that two years ago, Officer Kristin Jeffers received an OSHA certification for Workplace Violence and that she participated in three training sessions with Blanchester Local Schools personnel. The training sessions saved the school a considerable amount of money and now the superintendents are moving forward in their efforts to arm school staff. The Chief advised that they move cautiously.

American Showa contacted the Chief and inquired as to whether he would be willing to offer the same training to them in an effort to increase safety at their plant and he obliged. Officer Jeffers will be conducting a 6:30 am session with individuals on American Showa's midnight shift, a 2:30 pm session with individuals on the day shift, and a 10:30 pm with individuals on the afternoon shift.

The Chief indicated that a part-time position is open in the Police Department and that potential candidates have been interviewed. Eli Kibbee, a candidate from Morrow, OH who is 22 years old, has undergone a physical but still needs to have a psychological evaluation. The Chief requested permission from Council to hire Mr. Kibbee.

HOPKINS/HOLLON: Motion to hire Eli Kibbee as a part-time officer for the Blanchester Police Department. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

The Chief remarked that the budget surplus for the Police Department was around \$12,500.00. He proposed the purchase of another squad car and requested permission from Council to make this purchase for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

HOLLON/BAUER: Motion to purchase additional police cruiser at a maximum of \$10,000. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

STREET

Wayne Clifton discussed the railroad at Church St. He stated that work was completed on only one rail. When this section of the railroad was dug up, all the ties were gone. The railroad itself was cracked and needed two new rails in one section.

Wayne went on to say that the Village usually gets a contract from Morton for road salt in July. He called repeatedly and got no answer, then finally got a contract last week. Morton stated there was a salt shortage of 100 tons and they also raised the price to \$20 per ton. Wayne said he was going to call and contest the Village's contract based on Morton's stated shortage and their price increase.

Out of a total of 18 road repairs that need to be conducted, only ten have been completed. Wayne said that with winter on the approach, inclement weather may begin to interfere with the completion of remaining repairs. Chad stated the lack of street signs in specific areas and asked Wayne to expedite the restoration of these street signs.

PARKS

None.

BPA

None.

SOLICITOR

None.

FISCAL OFFICE

Sacha Schell, Fiscal Officer Assistant, presented 10/25/18 adjustments to council.

HOLLON/BAUER: Motion to accept adjustments as presented. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

MAYOR

The Mayor stated that he has been working with commissioners and that Ram will try to meet with him as well. He welcomed Wayne Clifton to be a part of this meeting. The Mayor has also been asked to be at a public meeting and provide an official letter so that funds can be acquired to move along projects and repairs along on Fancy St.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Constable discussed Ordinance 2018.037.

HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to adjourn. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Approved: 11/08/2018

Mayor: John M. Cannon

Attest: Julie Cristel