

Regular Council Meeting

02/28/2019

7:00 PM

Municipal Building

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

**SUTTON/HOPKINS: Motion to excuse Gary Bauer. All voted yea.**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from 02/14/19 were presented to Council.

**HOLLON/SIMPSON: Motion to approve minutes from 02/14/19 as presented. All voted yea.**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Bills were presented to Council.

**HOLLON/SUTTON: Motion to approve bills as presented. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to place Ordinance 2019.010, Unlawful Parking of Motor Vehicles, on second reading. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

Mayor stated that Council should start seeing some progress on the Fancy Street project soon. He stated that Safe Routes to School project has also had some correspondence recently. Mayor also thanked Bob Morgan for turning in a letter of interest for filling the Council seat vacancy.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Reinbolt announced he would like to hire another part-time police officer. There had been a couple of interviews that had already taken place and an eligible candidate was looking for a part-time job, Tyler Smith. Chief requested to hire Tyler Smith at Step B, \$14.21/hour, by March 15th. He confirmed background check had almost been completed.

**HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion made to hire Tyler Smith as part-time officer at Step B. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

Chief stated he'd also like to request to buy one more cruiser and to auction off the unused cruisers later in the year to recoup some of the cost. The cruiser's cost is \$10,100 + \$400 for delivery (total \$10,500). Mayor asked if funds were available. Fiscal Officer stated that only \$10,000 had been budgeted in PD operating fund capital outlay, but the remainder could be adjusted from another account line.

**HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to purchase used cruiser not to exceed \$10,500. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

**STREET**

Wayne Clifton discussed recent pothole repairs and noted the weather conditions weren't the best for these type of repairs. He then discussed the leaf pickup changes and the poor condition of the leaf machine due to

aging and deterioration. Mayor asked if Safety had discussed it; Reilly confirmed they had, but no decisions had been made. Council requested Wayne get a price for a new leaf machine. Discussion took place as to various options. Wayne stated he wanted to check with Fiscal Officer regarding how much money would be remaining after upcoming projects. Cindy stated she would like Wayne to try for grant funds for Dudley Road again. Wayne stated he would try to get pricing on the requests mentioned.

**PARKS**

None.

**BPA**

Ram Reddy reminded Council that in December 2017, the sewer rate increase was approved by Council. At that time, Council had stated that a proposed 2019 sewer rate raise would be revisited by Council. A 15% sewer rate increase went into effect in August 2018. This proposed 10% rate increase could go into effect on March 1<sup>st</sup>, and back charges would be applied to customer's accounts. Several Council members expressed displeasure with the proposal of rate increase back charges being applied to residents' bills and common consent was to only apply rate increase going forward after effective date.

**HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to approve rate increase to sewer rate March 1st. Roll call was made. All voted yea. (Motion did not pass. See Solicitor's comments below.)**

Solicitor stated he believed the sewer rate increase must be made by ordinance. Mayor stated it would probably be the first Council meeting in April before all 3 readings were made. Fiscal Officer was asked to draft ordinance for next Council meeting.

**SOLICITOR**

Solicitor confirmed the Village had been dismissed from the pending alley court case.

**FISCAL OFFICE**

None.

**MAYOR**

Mayor stated the Boy Scouts of America troop 913 was asking for donations to purchase flags which must be ordered by April 30<sup>th</sup> (\$30 for 3x5). There was discussion to see if Council wanted to purchase any for the Village. Mayor stated he would purchase 3 himself. Richard stated that American Legion had been supplying flags out front. Cindy stated if anyone wanted to give a direct money donation to contact the Boy Scouts. Mayor stated there is usually an annual flag retirement ceremony on the Village lawn. Reilly stated they would discuss it further. Chad stated he had one he had purchased from the Boy Scouts some time back, which was still in excellent condition and noted the flags were of excellent quality.

Mayor specified the Village building had issues with the exit signage. He stated that Russ Kidd confirmed they should be working from a fire code. Russ suggested possibly changing them to LED to allow the batteries to last longer. It is unclear if the exit signage issues are stemming from a building electrical issue or from battery issues.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

James Constable, 716 Cherry Street, complained about document errors. Mayor stated the minor errors had already been corrected.

Richard Weiss stated between 502 and 508 East Center Street there were multiple potholes and requested the section be repaved and resurfaced.

**HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to adjourn. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.**

Approved: 03/28/2019

Mayor: John M. Carrigan  
Attest: Justin Kidd