

Regular Council Meeting
02/22/2018
7:00 PM
Municipal Building

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor asked Council if they had any objection to changing the agenda slightly to do new business first.

Corrections to 1/11/18 minutes were explained by the Mayor.

GEPHART/HOLLON: Motion to approve corrections to 1/11/18 minutes. All voted yea.

Correction to 1/30/18 minutes was explained by the Mayor.

SUTTON/GEPHART: Motion to approve correction to 1/30/18. All voted yea.

Minutes from 2/8/18 were presented to Council.

HOPKINS/BAUER: Motion to approve 2/8/18 minutes as presented. All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills were presented to Council.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Cindy introduced Karie Novesl from Hylant who was present to share liability insurance renewal quotes with Council. Cindy stated that the Finance Committee had requested liability insurance quotes from 3 different companies this year. Karie stated the only change that had taken place in the renewal was a 1.5% increase for total of bill, but the total premium was \$37,126, a small decrease from last year. She stated that since 1994 the Village has been customers and she declared her appreciation. She briefly went over the liability coverage insurance specifically to the Village. She stated the Ohio Plan provides \$1 million of coverage for the electric poles and lines which is the maximum and she stated she did not believe the Village would be able to get that coverage from any other liability insurance carrier. She stated the claim was still open from the pending lawsuit. Mayor asked if this would affect the loss ratio, but Karie stated that by this time next year, the lawsuit would no longer be a factor in the advantage score since the loss ratio only reflects 3 years back.

Mayor asked Chief if he had received the Lexipol information from Hylant. Chief stated he had, but since he has a law degree, he had already written the Village PD's policies/procedures. Discussion took place regarding Lexipol's advantages and disadvantages.

Mayor stated the insurance policy expires at the end of February and introduced Resolution 2018.013 to Council.

HOLLON/BYROM: Motion to adopt Resolution 2018.013, a Resolution Renewing the Contract with Hylant Group for Liability Insurance Coverage and Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Agreement. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Mayor introduced Brent Ball from Rumpke. Mayor stated Rumpke had purchased Community Sanitation of Ohio and therefore, the Village was back with Rumpke services as they were previously. Brent stated Rumpke would like to change the pickup day to Mondays instead of Thursdays beginning March 12th. He explained that at the time the Village went into contract

services with Community Sanitation of Ohio, they had not planned to purchase that company at that time. Therefore, when Rumpke did purchase Community Sanitation of Ohio, the Thursday pickup day threw a wrench in Rumpke's truck scheduling. He explained that Rumpke's trucks were already in the Village area on Mondays and switching to Mondays would make service more efficient. Mayor asked if Brent could provide a press release for the residents to better understand what had taken place with Community Sanitation of Ohio and Rumpke's buyout, and Brent confirmed that he would. Lori asked if the Rumpke cans would be returned to the residents who had purchased. Brent said for the time being they were going to service Community Sanitation of Ohio's carts, but they would be switched out to the previous containers at some point. Jewelie confirmed that if Council made the decision to change the day at this Council meeting, the BPA office would have enough time to place a resident notice on the bills scheduled to be mailed in the next week. Brent stated that Rumpke would also be sending residents a notice of this change.

BYROM/SUTTON: Motion to change trash collection day from Thursdays to Mondays for Rumpke pickup. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Chad asked Brent if there was a way to get the main roads done quicker (specifically Highways 28, 133, & 123). Brent stated he would look into it.

Mayor stated that we had been using Ohio Municipal League for the Grant Finder online program. He stated that he had checked with Jewelie and it had not been very helpful in finding available grants for the Village. He questioned if Council wanted to renew it. Mayor stated unless there was a need, the Village would forego the renewal.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor reintroduced Ordinance 2018.005 to Council to be placed on its third reading.

HOLLON/BYROM: Motion to place Ordinance 2018.005, An Ordinance to Vacate Alley Running Perpendicular from Carr Street to Burroughs Street Running in a General North-South Direction Behind Lots 1,2,3,4, & 5 of the Burroughs Heirs Addition, on third and final reading. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Mayor stated that there had been new quotes for the fire extinguishers, but discussion would be tabled until the next meeting and Council had an opportunity to review all quotes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cindy gave reports for both Finance and Planning Committee Meetings. Jon Hill is new Chairman of Zoning and Planning Committee and Ron Johnson will be Vice Chairman.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

None.

STREET

Wayne mentioned Planning Committee's discussion to close the alley next to the Village parking lot between Broadway and Wall Streets so the parking lot could be widened and easier to plow. The parking lot is currently too narrow.

Wayne stated that he would like to be involved in the fire extinguisher quotes as well. Mayor stated he would like to have all Department Heads involved in this process.

PARKS

None.

BPA

Jim stated that there was dialogue published both in the newspaper and Facebook regarding increased billing for the electric department. Jim stated that there has been some miscommunication in the paper stating the lesser rate by a competitor. He stated that this is

the energy portion only of the bill and doesn't include the "hidden fees" by this competitor which increases the overall billing total. He stated that the BPA with all fees included is around 11.5 cents/KWH which is comparable to the competition. He reminded everyone that the past few months has presented harsh winter weather which causes temporary increases in personal billings. Jim stated that anyone with a question could call the BPA office. Chad stated that people look at their bill and call it their electric bill, but the billing is inclusive of all utilities combined. He thanked Jim for his explanation.

Mayor introduced Mike McCarty as candidate for County Commissioner who passed out a candidacy flyer to Council. He spoke to the audience and to Council about what he would like to accomplish if elected as County Commissioner. One of his main goals is to help those who have overcome drug addiction to get back into workforce. Mayor asked for clarification when Mike had stated "he would be a full-time commissioner and not a part-time commissioner". Mike stated he is very dedicated to making County Commissioner his full-time job.

James Bowling announced that he was also running for County Commissioner. He stated he was from Blanchester, and he desires for Clinton County to grow and he cares about this county. He stated he wants "all the voices around the Courthouse to be heard". He stated he did not have any personal agenda, just the desire to serve. James listed his 3 main focuses if elected: Job growth/infrastructure, fiscal responsibility, and drug problems in the county and state.

Mayor stated that Council was aware that the 2018 permanent budget needed to be passed. He introduced Ordinance 2018.012. He asked if there were any questions and if everyone had the time to review the budget that was presented.

Mayor went through totals for each fund for the budget. He read through Ordinance 2018.012. Questions were discussed briefly and answered.

SUTTON/BAUER: Motion to suspend rules and place Ordinance 2018.012, 2018 Permanent Appropriations, on emergency reading. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

GEPHART/HOLLON: Motion to adopt Ordinance 2018.012, 2018 Permanent Appropriations. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

SOLICITOR

None.

FISCAL OFFICE

Jewelie requested executive session to discuss employment of public official.

GEPHART/HOLLON: Motion to adjourn to executive session. Roll call was made and Council adjourned to executive session at 8:06 PM. All voted yea.

Roll call was made. At 8:22 PM Regular Council Meeting resumed.

Don stated that no action was taken.

MAYOR

Mayor gave updates on the Natureworks grant for Dewey Parking lot as well as updates on CBG grant and OPWC grant applications.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor briefed the audience regarding the Public Comment Policy regulations.

Dwayne Dearth, Chamber of Commerce Board member, announced the Chamber is in the process of setting their current year budget, and inquired about the parade ordinance for 2018. Mayor stated he could obtain a copy of this ordinance. He mentioned there is a

reduction/discount in fees for those within the Village. Chief stated that it was an assemblage ordinance, and he stated if they had budgeted about \$2,000 it should be fine. Dwayne stated that they only had \$1,000 available to budget.

James Constable, 716 Cherry Street, complained he had left a voicemail and his call was not returned. Mayor stated that his office phone was having issues and apologized for the inconvenience.

Wayne questioned Council regarding the fees involved with the July 4th parade. Mayor stated that he was unsure how Chamber raised funds for events, but fundraisers should probably be put into place. Mayor stated that due to the changes in national and local society, this ordinance was put into place to help deter those who may want to create problems within public assemblies. Chad stated that there was 4 months to try to raise \$1,000 or to try to remedy the issue with Council. Chief stated that there were also street department and BPA department fees within the ordinance, so potentially the cost may be greater than what was previously mentioned.

HOLLON/BYROM: Motion to adjourn. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Approved: 03/08/18

Mayor: John M. Cannon

Attest: Julie Castel