

05/27/2021

Regular Council Meeting

7:00 PM

Meeting held via Zoom teleconference and streamed live on the Village of Blanchester Facebook page

Gary Bauer, Harry Brumbaugh, Don Gephart, Chad Hollon (entered meeting later after being excused), Reilly Hopkins, and Richard Simpson were present. Mayor John Carman presided over the meeting.

HOPKINS/BAUER: Motion to excuse Chad Hollon. All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from 05/13/2021 meetings were presented to Council.

HOPKINS/BRUMBAUGH: Motion to approve minutes from 05/13/2021 meetings as presented. All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/ADJUSTMENTS

Bills and adjustments were presented to Council.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Susan Jacobs, Blanchester American Legion Auxiliary, was present to deliver information regarding the Poppy Proclamation. Susan explained that the traditional Poppy Proclamation was not able to be held during 2020 due to COVID restrictions, so there would be a drive-through donation for the poppies at the Municipal Building. She stated all donations collected are used to help pay for veteran's mortgages, eyeglasses and bedding for needy veterans, VA food pantry donations, etc. Mayor read through the proclamation and designated May 28, 2021 as Poppy Day. He thanked Susan for sharing with the Council.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2021.012 introduced by the Mayor. Reilly requested additional time to review the ordinance. Katie mentioned as prosecutor that the fees are so low there is no incentive for residents to adhere to the fees. She advised to bring the fees up to the rest of the county's standards. Reilly expressed an interest in what was discussed by the committee. Discussion took place as to what the changes were. Common consent was to table the ordinance.

Mutual consent by Council to table Ordinance 2020.012 to allow time for Council to review.

Resolution 2021.013 was introduced.

HOPKINS/BRUMBAUGH: Motion to place Ordinance 2020.013, To Establish Benefits for Employees Responsible for the Safety and Security of the Citizens of the Village of Blanchester, on first reading. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FISCAL OFFICE

Jewelie mentioned the 2019-2020 onsite audit had been completed and had gone smoothly. Mayor announced he had heard very good things about the audit from the auditors present. He expressed his thanks to the Fiscal Office and to Jewelie and Sacha for their diligence and hard work.

MAYOR

Mayor announced the bid had been opened for the Fayetteville Road and Paul Daniels would be meeting with the county soon to receive more cost details. He stated the sidewalks were being updated around the perimeter of the new UDF which would be an improvement to the area.

HOLLON/SIMPSON: Motion to recess to executive session to consider the employment of a public employee or official pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §121.22 (G)(1), for the fiscal department/position. Roll call was made. All voted yea. Council recessed to executive session at 7:33 PM.

Roll call was made. Meeting resumed at 7:48 PM.

Mayor explained that Jewelie had submitted her letter of resignation with the Village. He commended her work while employed and wished her the best in her new career endeavor.

HOPKINS/BAUER: Motion to accept letter of resignation from Fiscal Officer, Jewelie Casteel. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Mayor informed Sacha that Council would work with her to make sure there would be a smooth transition and to find someone qualified as soon as possible to fill the position.

Reilly recommended a committee to form a Fiscal Officer search. He requested recommendations for Council member from Safety and Service Committee members. Reilly accepted their nomination. Harry volunteered to be the Council member from the Finance Committee. Reilly, Harry, Ram, James, and Mayor agreed to be part of the committee by common consent.

HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Approved: Jane 10, 2021

Mayor: John M. Eamon

Attest: Sacha Schell