

Regular Council Meeting
 10/10/2019
 7:00 PM
 Municipal Building

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

HOPKINS/HOLLON: Motion to excuse Don Gephart from meeting. All voted yea.

Mayor stated there would be a revision to the agenda: 1) Village of Blanchester/Clinton County Agreement 34235 (Safe Routes to Schools project).

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from 09/26/19 were presented to Council.

HOPKINS/HOLLON: Motion to approve minutes from 09/26/19 as presented. All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/ADJUSTMENTS

Bills and adjustments were presented to Council.

HOLLON/SUTTON: Motion to approve bills with requested change and adjustments. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

ADJUSTMENTS 10/10/2019			
FUND/DEPT	UJAN ACCT #		FUND
ZONING CONTRACTUAL	1000-410-300	\$	7.08
ZONING SUPPLIES	1000-410-400	\$	(7.08)
TOTAL GEN FUND			\$0.00
STORM SEWER CONTRACTUAL	4501-640-300	\$	2,750.00
WATER DEPOSITS REFUNDED	5781-599-610-5101	\$	1,000.00
SEWER DEPOSITS REFUNDED	5781-599-610-5201	\$	1,000.00
ELECTRIC DEPOSITS REFUNDED	5781-599-610-5301	\$	2,000.00
DRUG FINE TRUST OPERATING SUPPLIES	2091-110-420	\$	(500.00)
DRUG FINE TRUST TRAINING SERVICES	2091-110-348	\$	500.00
TOTAL OTHER			\$6,750.00
TOTAL GEN FUND+OTHER			\$6,750.00

GUEST SPEAKERS

Mayor explained that the Village had shared on the Facebook page that we had notified the public regarding the Putman Elementary solar panel project. Greg Akers and Brent Boyd from Solar Power & Light were introduced by the Mayor. Greg confirmed they now had a “green light” to get the project started at the high school. He said there had been some hurdles regarding some active sewer lines with the Putman project, but those hurdles had been remedied. Brent explained they had met with Ram Reddy’s personnel to obtain clarity on where active sewer lines were located. The solar panel plans had been changed in regard to the sewer line location information. Matt Johnson had expressed some concerns that the Sewer Department may have difficulty in maintaining the sewer lines involved if needed. Council had handouts displaying the new layout plan. He explained that they have done similar projects in other entities. He discussed the boring (drilling) process for installation. Once zoning has approved, the county can proceed. Mayor stated since the project would be in a residential area, Council wished to give the public a chance to express concerns or ask questions. Brent revealed there would be an 8-foot tall fence installed to protect the panels and required national codes would be followed. Mayor asked if there were any environmental issues associated with the panels. Brent stated that a normal A/C unit would make more noise than the panels. Mayor thanked Greg and Brent for presenting during the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cindy read the minutes for the recent Finance Committee Meeting. She then read the minutes for the recent Planning/Zoning Committee Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor stated he was still waiting to hear from Thor of MVECA regarding the firewall replacement quote and progress. He also stated that the 2020 budget was being reexamined and would be updated soon.

Mayor gave an update on the Safe Routes to School project and expressed the need to enter into agreement with the ODOT engineer, confirming ChoiceOne had already signed off on the document (Agreement 34235). He requested permission to sign agreement.

BAUER/SUTTON: Motion to grant permission to sign off on document. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

Andrew updated Council stating he and Jewellie had been working on the updated credit card policy for the Village. He informed there were 2 models available according to the House Bill: 1) Compliance Officer model; or 2) Control model. He stated he felt that Finance Committee should be the ones that determine which direction to take and advised the BPA should be present for the meeting to better understand the models available and to share ideas. It was agreed a special Finance Committee meeting would be set up prior to the next regular scheduled meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

None.

STREET

Wayne Clifton confirmed that the parking lots were restriped. Mayor voiced the parking lots looked nice. Wayne asked Council for clarification regarding the leaf bagging system. Mayor asked Andrew if an ordinance would need to be created. Andrew confirmed an ordinance is needed to give public notice in the event of the process changing. Wayne stated that it takes four people to do leaf pickup using current equipment. Cindy requested meeting with Wayne during the special Finance Committee meeting regarding the matter. Wayne announced there were residents arguing about storm water issues.

PARKS

Tom Lee reminded Council of the Boo Bash upcoming event. He had requested to close one of the roads by the Municipal Building from 4:30-9:00 PM for said event.

BPA

Ram Reddy announced there was an accidental leak during an ongoing project between Mill Street and Broadway Streets. There was a boil water advisory in which the BPA should receive test results back the following day. Cindy expressed her appreciation for a job well done by BPA employees.

SOLICITOR

None.

FISCAL OFFICE

None.

MAYOR

Mayor reminded everyone of the upcoming American Legion sponsored Village of Blanchester Employee Appreciation Dinner. He reminded everyone there is a Council meeting the same night, so employees could eat prior to the meeting and then attend the meeting if desired.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Constable, 716 Cherry Street, declared he had found some money to repair elevator and revenue for Police Department operations.

HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to adjourn. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Approved: October 24, 2019

Mayor: John M. Cannon

Attest: Julie Cortel