

Regular Council Meeting
 07/11/2019
 7:00 PM
 Municipal Building

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

HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to strike discussion of Credit Card Policy Resolution and New Employee Handbook Policies Recommended by Hylant Liability Insurance from agenda. All voted yea.

HOPKINS/HOLLON: Motion to approve minutes from 6/13/19, 6/20/19, and 6/27/19 as presented. All voted yea.

HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to approve bills and adjustments with suggested changes (scratch bill #13 for Core and Main on bills). Roll call was made. All voted yea.

FUND/DEPT	UAN ACCT #	FUND
PARKS CAPITAL OUTLAY	2042-310-500	\$300.00
PARKS CONTRACTUAL	2042-310-300	\$200.00
PARKS OTHER-SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	2042-310-490	(\$500.00)
PARKS CAPITAL OUTLAY	2042-310-500	\$8,500.00
PARKS CONTRACTUAL	2042-310-300	\$1,500.00
ELECTRIC OTHER-CAPITAL OUTLAY (BILLING)	5301-512-590	\$41,500.00
ELECTRIC OTHER-CAPITAL OUTLAY (OFFICE)	5301-514-590	(\$41,500.00)
WATER PRINCIPLE OWDA WTP PH3	5101-850-710-5000	\$.01
WATER INTEREST OWDA WTP PH3	5101-850-720-5000	(\$\$.01)
TOTAL GEN FUND		\$0.00
TOTAL OTHER		\$10,000.00
TOTAL GEN FUND+OTHER		\$10,000.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **SAFETY/SERVICE:** None.
- 2) **FINANCE/PLANNING:** Cindy thanked team members for their diligent work. At the July 10th meeting of the Planning Commission, there was discussion of an individual wanting to build a multi-family apartment building in Orchard Circle. Since this building would consist of 3 1BR apartments it did not meet the current zoning guidelines due to the lot size. The Planning Committee could not approve since it would require a variance and recommended this go before the BZA committee for approval/denial. Discussions with the Sewer and Water Departments were made regarding another individual who wanted to build on Highland Avenue and more information on the matter is being sought. During the July 11th Finance Meeting, a proposal from S&H Consulting on computer equipment and services was reviewed and a decision was made to seek out an additional quote from another company; John stated he is looking into said company and will reconvene with Council. The air conditioning unit in the Planning and Zoning Departments was considered; John is collecting proposals from various companies for maintenance/repair. Decisions are still being made on an engineering firm that can stay within the allotted budget of \$300,000 for the Safe Routes to School Project (Resolution 2019.020). Cindy also mentioned that due to the heavy rains there has been several complaints of water problems. The Mayor is meeting with representatives from Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation to discuss flooding at Fawn Ln. on July 12th, 2019. Expenses incurred for the Village's July 4th parade were reviewed.

Resolution 2019.020, Establishing New Fund 4912, Safe Routes to School Project, for the Village of Blanchester.

HOLLON/HOPKINS: Resolution 2019.020 – Roll Call was made; all voted yea.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Reinbolt - none

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Wayne Clifton – Wayne discussed various ongoing projects. He issued a complaint about a truck that has been moved several times from the same location. John said this issue was discussed with the Zoning Inspector. Wayne issued a second complaint regarding Lakeside Tree Service. He stated that they are failing to adequately clean up their work sites after felling trees. He suggested an ordinance be issued so that tree removal companies are required to have a permit to perform work. John asked that Wayne call him if he experiences further issues.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT:

None.

BPA REPORT:

Ram Reddy – Ram mentioned that the Fancy Street Project bids will be opened on July 15th by 9:30 in the Commissioner’s Office. The brush is being removed from WM Phase 3 project. All systems are normal.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

None.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT:

None.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

John Carman – The Mayor stated he received a letter from CCRPC Chairman Taylor Stuckert regarding OPWC funding opportunities. The deadline to apply is August 8th, 2019. He is planning on meeting with Choice One Engineering on July 12th, 2019 to discuss possible project. The Chamber provided a check in the amount of \$240.00 to reimburse the Village Police Department for the cost of additional security during the July 3rd downtown event. The Mayor stated that these funds need to be distributed to the Village’s Police Fund.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Josh Parks distributed documents to the Mayor with water rates from various entities in comparison to water rates for The Village of Blanchester.

Garland Crawford stated he sent a letter to council regarding instances of flooding at his residence at Fawn Ln. He described various problems said-flooding has created (mold, condensation, etc.) and stated they are a result of a faulty culvert. He went on to say that the culvert must be corrected if he is to avoid subsequent health issues. The Mayor stated he had a scheduled meeting with Soil and Water Conservation and that an engineer would come out to make assessments; he also acknowledged prior awareness of the problems discussed and stated they are due to runoff from the field located behind the properties. There were endeavors to help by Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation who put a mound in the field using grant dollars to prevent water from running into the properties. Crawford believed a box culvert would remedy the problem.

James Constable stated he’d spoken with a local business owner regarding utility rates.

HOPKINS/HOLLON: Motion to adjourn. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Approved: August 8, 2019

Mayor: John M Carman

Attest: Julie Carter