

Regular Council Meeting
05/10/2018
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.

Mayor discussed Resolution 2010.006 regarding regular agendas for Council meetings and presented a new drafted agenda for Council's review. Mayor explained that the difference is that the agenda is more specific and lists out the speakers separate instead of being lumped in New or Old Business. The new agenda could also list out the resolutions and ordinances being presented to Council at each meeting.

HOPKINS/HOLLON: Motion to adopt new agenda for Council meetings as presented. All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from 4/26/18 were presented to Council. Chad stated that the portion on page 1 should state that Don's statement read was a personal commentary and not a reflection of the Council's view as a whole.

HOLLON/BYROM: Motion to approve 4/26/18 minutes with suggested change. 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cindy read the minutes from the last finance meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor gave update on railroad crossing fixtures on Broadway.

Ordinance 2018.020 was reintroduced to Council by Mayor.

HOLLON/BYROM: Motion to place Ordinance 2018.020, an Ordinance Authorizing the Continued Provision of Free Electric, Water and Sanitary Sewer to Both the Blanchester Public Library and the Blanchester-Marion Joint Fire District, Affirming and Ratifying Past Provision of Electric, Water and Sanitary Sewer to the Same, on its third and final reading. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Ordinance 2018.021, Income Tax Ordinance, was tabled.

Don stated that the Village of Blanchester was turned down for the recycling grant. Wayne asked if the recycling containers beside Kroger had been moved. Don stated they would be moved across from the post office and there would be video cameras in place, and if someone is abusing the recycling containers at this location, they would be prosecuted.

Mayor read Friendship Acres' letter regarding updating a property for residents aged 55 and older for lower income residents. Mayor announced that any concerns should be submitted in writing.

Chief asked if there was still a governing body for Friendship Acres since there were crime issues there and they had hired a private security officer who had recently been arrested for impersonation of a police officer. Chief stated at some point they would have to screen the

residents that are coming to live there and not place all the blame on policing. Chief said he has sent a letter to Friendship Acres to offer help from the police department if desired, but he has not received a reply to date.

Mayor presented an estimate from Tissandier Construction for the damaged roofing on the municipal building to repair missing metal fascia and top cap, remove metal fascia, etc. Total quote for labor and materials was \$3,250.00. Mayor confirmed he believed this quote to be a bargain considering other quotes received.

SUTTON/BAUER: Motion to employ Tissandier Construction for the quoted amount to make repairs. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2018.022 was introduced to Council by Mayor. Andrew had partnered on this ordinance with the county juvenile prosecutor who had reviewed the ordinance.

HOLLON/BAUER: Motion to place Ordinance 2018.022, an Ordinance for the Establishment of Curfew for the Village of Blanchester, on its first reading. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Ordinance 2018.023 was introduced to Council by Mayor.

BAUER/GEPHART: Motion to place Ordinance 2018.023, an Ordinance Regulating the Discharge of Firearms in the Village of Blanchester, on its first reading. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Mayor invited Chief to the platform and presented him with the proclamation of National Police Officer Memorial Week certificate (May 13-19th). Mayor read the proclamation aloud. Mayor expressed his appreciation to the Chief and the police officers for the village.

Mayor read through the Poppy Flower Proclamation. The Poppy Flower proclamation is a reminder of sacrifices made by American veterans (May 25-27th).

Mayor read letter sent by IOOF regarding their mowing services ceasing in the cemetery. He stated there had been a volunteer group the past year cleaning up the cemetery. Mayor stated he had talked to Wayne about possibly getting provisional labor to mow this portion of the cemetery. Mayor stated this may need to be discussed at the next finance meeting.

Don stated the formerly approved step move to step E for Wayne should be approved to step F.

GEPHART/BAUER: Motion to approve Wayne another step increase to step F (\$1,589/biweekly) effective beginning 4/29/18. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief stated the police department had a busy few weeks. Tuesday next week the department will offer school shooting training for high school personnel. There will also be officer participation in constitutional law enforcement class next Friday. Chief stated his department had faced a lot of criticism regarding the recent shooting regarding the fact an immediate arrest had not taken place. He stated the PD had performed the investigation quietly and it was confirmed the shooting was accidental. He stated that 2 officers had acted quickly the day prior to prevent a workplace shooting. He stated he appreciated the Mayor's proclamation. Mayor once again met the Chief at the platform. The mayor read a letter of appreciation for the Village of Blanchester Police Chief from Mike Dewine's office.

STREET

Wayne gave an update regarding the grant available for flag poles. He stated that they had received the new flags and his department would hang them the beginning of the following week. Wayne stated railroad work had started on Monday. Cindy inquired about creek behind

Larry Mullins. Wayne stated that someone had dumped rocks in that area. The issue has been resolved.

PARKS

Tom said 2 orders of gravel had been ordered for ball field parking lot. Restrooms are being worked on currently. Don asked about the concession stand. Tom stated that they don't run the concession stand. Don asked about the hole and an estimated date of finish. Tom stated the drywall was done and the plumbing is what is taking the longest to finish due to not being able to get the plumber there.

BPA

Ram stated the Water Plant was 95% complete and the Skyline Chili project moving forward. He stated BPA Board had met with the building owner regarding sewer tap fee and water tap fee and electrical costs. Ram said the BPA Board had brought the set up fees down to the bare minimum in an effort to make it easier on owners and builders.

Ram stated OPWC needed clarification regarding funding which was provided. BPA has received approval letter stating project is good to go. Due to funding delays, the project is slightly behind and schedule has been revised.

Ram reported that electric was down for a few hours the other night. He said 99% of the problems are coming from Duke's incoming lines and is out of the BPA's control. He said it was brought to Duke's attention and they were unsure what the problem was.

SOLICITOR

None.

FISCAL OFFICE

Adjustments were introduced to Council.

ADJUSTMENTS 05/10/2018

FUND/DEPT	UAN ACCT #	FUND
TOTAL GEN FUND		\$0.00
ENFORCEMENT & EDUCATION SUPPLIES	2271-110-400	\$ 500.00
SOLID WASTE SALARIES	5601-561-100	\$ (10,000.00)
STORM SEWER PROJECT SALARIES	4501-640-100	\$ (3,500.00)
STREET SALARIES	2011-610-100	\$ 13,500.00
SOLID WASTE WORKERS' COMPENSATION	5601-561-225	\$ (300.00)
STREET WORKERS' COMPENSATION	2011-610-225	\$ 300.00
TOTAL OTHER		\$0.00
TOTAL GEN FUND+OTHER		\$500.00

BAUER/GEPHART: Motion to approve adjustments. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Jewelie proposed hiring Sacha Schell for the Assistant Fiscal Officer position to start 5/14/18 at step A.

HOLLON/BAUER: Motion to approve hiring Sacha Schell for 5/14/18 pending drug test and background check. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Jewelie explained ordinances, resolutions and approved minutes are now available on the village website. It was asked on the Facebook page if there were additional records the residents would like to see made available to list those items.

Don asked if John Hill had anything he needed to mention from Zoning. John stated there is "a lot of grass." Mayor stated there is a mowing problem every year and residents needed to keep their yards up. Chad stated that Wilmington has a Wall of Shame with pictures of the worst

yards/lawns in the area posted on it. Mayor stated he would not be opposed to having a wall of shame made available.

MAYOR

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Constable, 716 Cherry Street, began speaking about a BPA issue. Mayor stated that if it is related to the BPA it should be brought to the BPA Board meeting's attention first.

Don stated the tree over the playground needed to be cut down as Richard Braley had proposed. Discussion took place as to the placement of the tree whether it was on the park.

Ram stated they were looking for a lineman and had hired one about 6 weeks ago, but had to let the new hire go due to not being as qualified as they initially believed he was.

HOLLON/BYROM: Motion to adjourn. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Approved: May 24th, 2018

Mayor: John M. Cannon

Attest: Julie Castel