

Regular Council Meeting
05/24/2018
7:00 PM
Municipal Building

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

Vice Mayor introduced Sacha Schell to Council as the new Fiscal Officer Assistant and asked if anyone had any issues with Sacha sitting beside Jewelie to observe meeting minutes processing. There were no objections.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from 5/10/18 were presented to Council.

HOLLON/BYROM: Motion to approve minutes from 5/10/18. All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills were presented to Council. Wayne asked that number 6 be stricken from the list for the time being.

HOLLON/GEFHART: Motion to approve bills as presented with suggested change. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Vice Mayor introduced Sitoli Glassmeyer from History in Your Own Backyard. Mr. Glassmeyer explained that his company produces YouTube historical documentaries and would soon be filming in Clinton County. These films are produced to educate children about the history of the villages, educate the general public, and the films are archived in state libraries for future generations to access. He showed a clip of an example film produced about Georgetown, Ohio. He explained he would be in Clinton County in June and is interested in producing a documentary on Blanchester. If Council were interested, the Mayor would be interviewed for the video, and it would take about 2-3 weeks to edit and would be published online as well as the Village of Blanchester receiving a master copy. Local schools would also be sent a link to this video for educational purposes. He stated that the cost for the village would be \$799. Vice Mayor stated Council would review the project proposal and get back with him.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gary read the Safety Committee Meeting minutes. He stated Bob Haines' building repair was discussed. Vice Mayor confirmed there had been a document passed to Council regarding wheelchair access and sidewalks. She stated that Mayor had called ODOT who declared this was out of their jurisdiction and ultimately wheelchair sidewalk access was the responsibility of the village. Mayor then contacted ChoiceOne who stated they could assess sidewalk wheelchair access for ~\$350-\$400/hour for compliance of regulations. Mayor also called Jeff Linkous, Clinton County Engineer, who suggested striping the curb for easy viewing, but this suggestion was determined to be outside of regulations as well.

Vice Mayor gave an overview of the finance committee meeting. She stated that a special meeting had been scheduled for the following Wednesday to include Fiscal Officer Bill Gilpin from Village of Bethel and Mayor Dean Hawk from Village of Sabina to speak on their villages' employee health care and earnings tax.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 2018.021, Income Tax Ordinance, was tabled.

Ordinance 2018.022 was reintroduced to Council by Vice Mayor.

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

Ordinance 2018.023 was reintroduced to Council by Mayor.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2018.024 was introduced to Council by Mayor.

HOLLON/BAUER: Motion to place Ordinance 2018.024, an Ordinance Closing, but Not Abandoning, the Alley-Way Running in an East-West Direction and Intersecting Broadway Street and Wall Street in the Village of Blanchester, Clinton County, Ohio, on its first reading. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief stated Officer Jeffers assisted with the Bike Rodeo and thanked her for her dedication. She had already worked over 28 hours of overtime during the week prior to helping with this event.

First National Bank requested safety training for bank tellers, which the Police Department performed recently. Chief stated vehicle maintenance costs, as predicted, were running high. He announced part-time Officer, Dalton Ferguson, had resigned. He stated his department would deal with the short-staffing as best as possible.

STREET

Wayne stated that the American flags were all posted (several with holes). One portion of street only had poles available on one side of the street. He gave an update on the railroad repair work. He stated there were 19 streets listed for repair work, mostly patching. He had received estimates totaling \$134,880. He stated the estimates do not include prevailing wage.

PARKS

Tina stated the trees had been removed from the front of the municipal building as well as 2 at the ballpark all containing ash bore. She announced the NatureWorks grant application was mailed 5/24/18. September 1st will be the Fishing Derby date, \$5/child, ages 2-17. She announced Clean Acres volunteers had pulled weeds in the municipal building flower bed and Mayor and his wife had planted flowers.

Tina confirmed Parks would pay for the tree removal cost at the ballparks. Don asked about the status of the concession stand. Tina answered due to the resignation of Tom Lee, there are further setbacks with securing a plumber. Don offered his assistance with helping find a plumber.

Reilly stated that at the parks board meeting it was stated all 3 trees were included on one bill.

BPA

None.

SOLICITOR

Andrew stated he would like to meet with the Mayor and Wayne regarding prevailing wage issue.

FISCAL OFFICE

None.

MAYOR

Vice Mayor stated Blanchester Church of Christ submitted a letter with safety concerns over Friendship Acres renovation project. She requested Council members review the letter.

Vice Mayor stated there were ongoing issues regarding businesses downtown wanting to set up items outside on the sidewalk.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tina stated she was working with Hope Warriors who will be sponsoring a Poker Run/Poker Stroll. Cost would be \$5/person to be held on June 30th. This group is also interested in sponsoring an event later this year (Hope over Heroine) providing resources for addicts. Chief asked about a permit and policing for the event. Tina stated they were just inquiring if this event could be a possibility.

James Constable, 716 Cherry Street, expressed appreciation for removing a tree.

Vice Mayor wished to thank Mayor, his wife and Clean Acres for cleaning up the flower bed. She stated that the American Legion had cleaned up the ballpark area and she wished to thank everyone involved.

RH/HOLLON: Motion to adjourn. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Approved: 6/14/18

Mayor: John M. Cannon

Attest: [Signature]