

Special Hearing
Zoning for Ordinance 2020.002
01/23/2020
6:45 PM

Meeting was called to order. Discussion ensued regarding the vacation of 2 alleys on the property of the old Save-A-Lot property (UDF has purchased this property and will begin building soon). Mayor projected an aerial map of the property for everyone's viewing and pointed out proposed alleys for vacation. Existing utilities under the alley are being evaluated for rerouting options. Andrew confirmed that if the small side alley is closed to pedestrian traffic only, anyone driving down the alley after vacation would be in violation of the ordinance. Discussion took place regarding possible signage or concrete poles placed at the entrance to prevent vehicle traffic from entering the alley. Hearing was officially closed at 6:56 PM.

Regular Council Meeting
01/23/2020
7:00 PM
Municipal Building

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

Mayor presented the agenda and requested Vacation Leave Addendum discussion be tabled until the next meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from 01/09/20 were presented to Council. Mayor pointed out a date correction on page 5 to Council (change BPA step raises pay period beginning "January 29, 2020" to "January 19, 2020").

HOPKINS/BAUER: Motion to approve minutes from 01/09/20 with date revision. All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/ADJUSTMENTS

Bills were presented to Council.

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

GUEST SPEAKERS

Mayor introduced Tanya Snarr to all in attendance. Tanya informed Council she was from Blancheater originally and is running for the Clinton County Recorder's office. She provided background of her work and volunteer experience. She mentioned that the Recorder's Office currently closes a couple days a week early which causes some time conflicts with those needing to file with the office, but did not have a solution to the issue yet if elected. She mentioned that even though her husband and other family members are well-known active politically as democrats in the Wilmington area, she is a republican.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reilly gave a report from the recent Safety Meeting. Chief requested hiring another part-time officer at that meeting. Since some higher paid officers were budgeted into the 2020 budget who have since resigned, common consent was that the PD budget should be able to encompass another part-time officer on staff.

HOLLON/BRUMBAUGH: Motion to allow Chief to start hiring process for additional part-time officer. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Cindy Sutton gave a report from the last Zoning meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Employee Benefit Services (EBS) precertification list proposal was reintroduced to Council. Mayor pointed out the proposed list and went through each precertification on the list individually. Don stated that usually those items listed are precertified anyway by the doctor.

GEPHART/BRUMBAUGH: Motion to accept precertification list proposal (Exhibit A). Roll call was made. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2020.002 was read aloud by the Mayor.

BAUER/GEPHART: Motion to place Ordinance 2020.002, An Ordinance: I. To vacate that portion of the Wright-Broadway Street Alley which runs from Wright Street to Broadway Street and dividing Lot No. 15 of the Original Town of Blanchester & Lot No. 14 of the W.H. Baldwin's Addition on the North side from Lot No. 70 of the Wilfred Cusick's Addition and portion Lot No. 43 of the W.H. Baldwin Addition on the South side; and furthermore; II. To close to vehicular traffic the Alley running from Main Street in a general North-West to South-East direction and dividing Lot Nos. 9 & 14 of the W.H. Baldwin Addition on the North side from Lot Nos. 13 & 15 of the Original Town of Blanchester on the South side, the same to remain only open to pedestrian traffic, on first reading. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor mentioned that the Chief had submitted an annual report for the Mayor and Council's review. Reilly thanked Council for adjusting the police pay scale recently to remain competitive with other government entities' wages.

STREET

Mayor mentioned that Brian Buchanan had been hired as a Street Laborer and that there is a possible candidate for the Street Supervisor position. More information will be provided to Council when available.

PARKS

Tom Lee inquired if the assembly permit would be revisited by Council soon. Mayor expressed the desire to start a committee to draft the assembly permit and confirmed that the pastor at Elevation would be interested in being involved and a representative from the school involved, and he stated that there could be 3 Council members involved. Common consent was shared by Council to formulate the committee with the possible members mentioned. Don suggested several other organizations being represented. Tom mentioned that Park events start in April; therefore, the sooner Council could tackle the ordinance revision, the better.

BPA

None.

SOLICITOR

None.

FISCAL OFFICE

None.

MAYOR

Mayor reminded Council to ensure Sunshine Laws training requirements are up to date. He stated there is an OML training 2/29/2020 at the Marriott Northwest in Mason provided for newly elected Council members. Mayor also announced there had been a letter received

regarding details of construction by Kroger. More information will be placed on Facebook and the Village website. Reilly mentioned that the WNJ had recently posted an article about the updates.

Mayor then read a proclamation for Blanchester School Choice Week (Exhibit B).

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Constable, 716 Cherry Street, announced his topic would be an “eye sore on Wall Street.” He listed times he has mentioned the issue to and passed out pictures to all of Council regarding the issue.

Pete Keiffer, 303 North Columbus Street, expressed an interest in curbside recycling in Blanchester. (*Public comment was made after adjournment.*)

HOPKINS/HOLLON: Motion to adjourn. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Approved: February 13, 2020

Mayor: John M. Cannon

Attest: Julie Cantel

AMENDMENT TO PLAN DOCUMENT

Employer: Village of Blanchester
Amendment Number: 2020-1
Effective Date: February 1, 2020
Amendment Subject: Precertification

The following items will require precertification:

- All hospitalizations
- MRI / PET / CT Scans
- Outpatient surgeries, excluding scope procedures
- Chemotherapy
- Radiation Therapy
- Home Health Services
- Transplant Services

Failure to precertify may result in a \$500 penalty.

Judie Castel
Signature

Jewelle Castel
Printed Name

01/24/2020
Date

Village of Blanchester, Ohio
Employee Benefit Plan
Name of Plan

PROCLAMATION

Blanchester School Choice Week

WHEREAS, All children in Blanchester should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and,

WHEREAS, Blanchester recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in Blanchester to be successful adults; and,

WHEREAS, Quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of Blanchester; and,

WHEREAS, Blanchester is home to a multitude of high quality public and nonpublic schools from which parents can choose for their children, in addition to families who educate their children in the home; and

WHEREAS, Educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and,

WHEREAS, Blanchester has many high-quality teaching professionals in all types of school settings who are committed to educating our children; and,

WHEREAS, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Mayor John M Carman**, do hereby recognize January 26th to February 1st, 2020 as Blanchester School Choice Week, and I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

John M Carman

