

Regular Council Meeting
4/26/18
7 p.m.
Municipal Building

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

BYROM/SUTTON: Motion to excuse Gary Bauer. All voted yea.

The Mayor requested a change to the agenda to allow speakers to make presentations prior to Old Business. There was no objection.

HOLLON/BYROM: Motion to approve 4/12/18 minutes. All voted yea.

HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to approve bills as presented but to table Item No. 6. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Chief Reinbolt reported that Item No. 6 was due to the police having to kick in a door and he recommended that it be paid.

HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to pay this bill. All voted yea.

The Mayor welcomed Lucas Rayburn, Boy Scouts Representative, Bev Johnson, Den Leader, and all the scouts. They want to make a bench as a project for the community. Council agreed by common consent. The Mayor said it might go to the Dewey parking lot. The scouts would like for others to do something like that for the community.

Gary Moore, Marion Township Trustee, spoke to Council regarding Dudley Road. They would like to redo Dudley Road with the help of Jefferson Township.

He also stated that Marion Township had a bad record for crashes. ODOT gave a grant for new signs and the Village of Blanchester is able to receive money from the \$50,000 grant. They provide the signs and give you a year to put them up but you cannot stockpile the new signs. They need a list of the streets and signs needed.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Cindy Sutton reported that there are plans for a new Skyline Chili restaurant on Cherry Street. They discussed the alley next to Ron's Place. They would like to close the alley and leave a walkway. They recommended that John Hill be hired as Zoning Inspector effective immediately.

HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to hire John Hill as recommended. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

HOLLON/BYROM: Motion to put Ordinance 2018.020, an Ordinance Authorizing the Continued Provision of Free Electric to both the Blanchester Public Library and the Blanchester-Marion Joint Fire District, Affirming and Ratifying Past Provision of Electric to the Same, on second reading. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

Don Gephart read the following statement as a personal commentary:

“In light of the recent public scrutiny of the Blanchester Cemetery, I'd like to take a moment to commend those in charge of its care. Mother nature has been brutal this year, unloading damaging wind, record rainfall and creating great havoc. Additionally, the cemetery has been subject to vandalism with each event reported to the Blanchester Police. Also, there have been an unusually large number of burials this year.

Charlie Vance and his crew have taken great pride in maintaining the cemetery, showing utmost respect for all involved. The crew has laid plywood down to move equipment over existing graves to reach new

grave sites whenever possible. They have removed the wood from fallen tree branches. They work hard to make this the beautiful place you are accustomed to.

I want to publicly thank Charlie Vance and the whole crew who do an outstanding job of keeping our cemetery in the best possible condition. Summer is coming and Memorial Day will be here soon. You can rest assured that the Blanchester Odd Fellows Cemetery will be in the same beautiful condition as always.”

STREET DEPARTMENT

Wayne Clifton reported that people will be here in the near future to finish the railroad project. There will be new lights and a new arm installed.

He said that the veteran flags have been put up. They need to make brackets and poles for 25 new ones.

FISCAL OFFICER

HOLLON/SUTTON: Motion to approve appropriation adjustments. All voted yea.

FUND/DEPT	UAN ACCT. #	AMOUNT
Street Permissive Tax Capital Outlay	2101-610-500	\$60,000
Police OPERS	2906-110-211	2,500
Police Medical/Hospitalization	2906-110-221	(2,500)
Water Liability Insurance	5101-531-353	3,566
Sewer Liability Insurance	5201-541-353	1,457
Electric Liability Insurance	5301-514-353	4,040
TOTAL		\$69,063

MAYOR

The Mayor reported that Continental Manor will have an open house and cookout to celebrate their renovation.

Road closures will be put on the Facebook page.

We received a letter thanking us for our part in the blood drive. They met 110% of their goal.

This Saturday, April 28th, a police officer will be in the parking lot from 9 a.m. to noon, to take old medicine.

The Finance Committee recommended changes to our current pay scale.

Police Department P/T Patrolman: Micah Day at Step A. Swore him in on 4/26/18

Street Department:

Move Wayne Clifton from Step D to Step E

Ted Sharp will receive the increase currently at Step H

Move Josh Haines from the Foreman line to the Laborer line at Step H

FO Consultant:

Move Marie to Step F

Zoning: Hire John Hill at Step A

SUTTON/HOLLON: Motion to approve new pay scale. All voted yea.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Constable asked if there was an increase for the Street Commissioner.

SUTTON/HOLLON: Motion to move Wayne Clifton to Step E on new pay scale. All vote yea.

ADJOURNMENT

HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to adjourn. All voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Approved: 05/10/18

Mayor: John M. Carrano

Attest: Janice Carver