

Regular Council Meeting
 09/12/2019
 7:00 PM
 Municipal Building

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

HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to accept agenda as presented. All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from 08/08/19 and 08/22/19 were presented to Council.

HOPKINS/HOLLON: Motion to approve minutes from 08/08/19 and 08/22/19 as presented. All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/ADJUSTMENTS

Bills were presented to Council. Mayor requested to strike #14 (Hylant Administrative Services Deductible) from the list. Adjustments were also presented to Council.

ADJUSTMENTS 09/12/2019

FUND/DEPT	UAN ACCT #	FUND
GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT (PYMNT TO ANOTHER POL. SUB)	1000-210-640	\$ 160.64
COUNTY AUDITOR FEES	1000-740-344	\$ 1,292.12
OTHER FINANCING USES (MISC FEES)	1000-990-990-0006	\$ (124.62)
TAX COLLECTION FEES	1000-740-344	\$ 124.62
SALARIED-MAYOR'S STAFF	1000-710-162	\$ 7,510.00
MAYOR'S OFFICE OPERS	1000-710-211	\$ 805.00
MAYOR'S OFFICE MEDICARE	1000-710-213	\$ 55.00
SALARIES-CLERK/TREASURER'S STAFF	1000-725-122	\$ 100.00
FISCAL OFFICE MEDICARE	1000-725-213	\$ 5.00
OTHER FINANCING USES (MISC FEES)	1000-990-990-0006	\$ (105.00)
COUNCIL SALARIES	1000-715-111	\$ (100.00)
COUNCIL OPERS	1000-715-211	\$ 150.00
COUNCIL SOCIAL SECURITY	1000-715-212	\$ (50.00)
TOTAL GEN FUND		\$9,822.76
STATE HIGHWAY PERSONAL SERVICES	2021-620-100	\$ (200.00)
STATE HIGHWAY SUPPLIES	2021-620-400	\$ 200.00
PARKS SALARIES	2042-310-100	\$ 600.00
PARKS OPERS	2042-310-211	\$ 200.00
PARKS MEDICARE	2042-310-213	\$ 50.00
PARKS CONTRACTUAL	2042-310-300	\$ 500.00
PARKS SUPPLIES	2042-310-400	\$ 1,200.00
PARKS OTHER EVENTS SUPPLIES	2042-310-490	\$ 4,100.00
PARKS CAPITAL OUTLAY	2042-310-500	\$ 7,350.00
PD OPERS	2906-110-211	\$ 2,800.00
PD PERSONAL SERVICES	2906-110-100	\$ (2,800.00)
STREET PERSONAL SERVICES	2011-610-100	\$ 20,000.00
EQ BASIN PROJECT TRANSFERS OUT	4901-910-910	\$ 1,679.00
EQ BASIN OTHER FUNDING TRANSFERS OUT	4902-910-910	\$ 1,280.00
WTP PHASE 3 TRANSFERS OUT	4903-910-910	\$ 32,882.95
BROADWAY PROJECT TRANSFERS OUT	4907-910-910	\$ 19,880.40
SEWER TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION	5201-541-252	\$ (25.00)
SEWER LIABILITY INSURANCE PREMIUMS	5201-541-353	\$ 25.00
WATER TRANSFERS OUT	5101-910-910	\$ (35,094.58)
TOTAL OTHER		\$54,627.77
TOTAL GEN FUND+OTHER		\$64,450.53

HOPKINS/SIMPSON: Motion to approve bills with requested change and adjustments as presented. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Mayor introduced Thor Sage, Executive Director of the Miami Valley Educational Computer Association (MVECA). Thor provided a quote to Council for their review regarding the list of items provided by S&H earlier this year for upgrades and requested to hold off until all could be verified. Thor gave a brief history of their MVECA's history with cybersecurity systems. He recommended a Cisco Firepower Firewall, stating hardware is relatively inexpensive. He recommended a full sweep protection and malware detection as a 3 year license subscription proposal, Cisco support for 36 months through Smartnet, and a 48-port Ethernet switch. Thor cautioned against refurbished equipment. He mentioned their services would include nightly backup for all servers involved. Fees for labor would be \$50/hour. Discussion took place as to options involving systems protections. Mayor stated he would get the Chief's contact information to Thor for follow up communication. Thor stated he would expedite the full inspection needed to proceed. He mentioned the Village's data encryption needs to be inspected as well.

Mayor introduced Phil Blankenship, Health Insurance Agent for the Village of Blanchester. Phil distributed documents to Council including schedule of benefits also offered online, dental benefits, and breakdown pie chart of claims for the past year. He reviewed current deductibles and copays for the employees, wellness and confirmed dental checkups and physicals are paid at 100%. He stated information has been retained for 20 years to examine data if needed. Mayor asked if an individual was out of town and needed emergency services if this would be considered out of network. Phil indicated out of town medical claims are processed as if they were in network. He mentioned deductibles could be changed at any time during the contract plan. Reilly suggested raising copays and deductibles for employees on the plan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cindy briefed summaries of the last Finance Committee and Zoning meeting minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2019.023, Ordinance Closing Veteran's Park to the Public from the Hours of 12:00AM and 5:00 AM and Providing a Penalty, was presented by the Mayor to be placed on its 2nd reading.

HOPKINS/HOLLON: Motion to place Ordinance 2019.023, Ordinance Closing Veteran's Park to the Public from the Hours of 12:00AM and 5:00AM and Providing a Penalty, on second reading. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Resolution 2019.028, Resolution Declaring the Necessity for a Transfer of an Amount Not to Exceed \$55,722.35 from Aging Project Improvement Funds to the Water Bond Retirement Fund of the Village in Accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5705.14, was introduced by Mayor.

HOLLON/SUTTON: Motion to adopt Resolution 2019.028, Resolution Declaring the Necessity for a Transfer of an Amount Not to Exceed \$55,722.35 from Aging Project Improvement Funds to the Water Bond Retirement Fund of the Village in Accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5705.14. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Resolution 2019.029, Resolution Establishing New Fund 4913, Municipal Playground Project, for the Village of Blanchester, was introduced by Mayor.

HOPKINS/BAUER: Motion to adopt Resolution 2019.029, Resolution Establishing New Fund 4913, Municipal Playground Project, for the Village of Blanchester. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Ordinance 2019.030, 2020 Permanent Appropriations, was introduced by the Mayor. Mayor asked to table at this time. He mentioned the General Fund's proposed budget exceeded the estimated revenue. He stated he would like to examine different options. Common consent by Council was to table this ordinance.

Resolution 2019.031, Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor, was introduced by the Mayor.

HOPKINS/HOLLON: Motion to adopt Resolution 2019.031, Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Resolution 2019.032, Resolution Accepting the 2020 Local Government Alternative Formula, was introduced by the Mayor.

HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to adopt Resolution 2019.032, Resolution Accepting the 2020 Local Government Alternative Formula. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Resolution 2019.033, Safe Routes to Schools Preliminary Legislation, was introduced by the Mayor.

BAUER/GEHART: Motion to adopt Resolution 2019.033, Safe Routes to Schools Preliminary Legislation. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

None.

STREET

None.

PARKS

Tom Lee reminded everyone about the upcoming Fishing Derby, and said he wished to thank the Eagles and other contributing sponsors for this event. He mentioned he was hoping Council would renew the assembly permit that was obtained for the Fall Festival for all Parks events for the remainder of the year as there was a hefty charge coming from the fund for proposed event security. Three estimates had been obtained for the roof for old concession stand. Tom announced Chief had sent letter about Dewey Park requesting to close the shelter from 2am to 5am and parking lot for certain hours. Tom requested meeting with the Safety Committee regarding this matter. Andrew mentioned the possibility of selling permits to park there.

BPA

Ram Reddy updated Council on the school solar panel project. He confirmed there had been issues regarding a sewer main and building panels on top of the sewer would be high risk. There would be a public hearing needed on this issue since the location in question involves other BPA customers and zoning issues. Ram mentioned that he and the Mayor had done a walk through for the Safe Routes to Schools site. He thanked the Mayor for working hard to get the funding for the project which will result in very minimal cost to the Village. He declared there was a public records request issue in which a record was provided to the requestor, but not in the format the requestor preferred. Ram stated a complaint had been filed and mediation was taking place. The Court of Claims had made a call and the issue is unresolved to date. He gave an update on the new online billing system estimated to begin by end of first quarter in 2020. Fancy Street project is slightly behind to begin, but is scheduled to start soon.

SOLICITOR

None.

FISCAL OFFICE

None.

MAYOR

Mayor confirmed proposed Clinton County Joint Park Recreation Levy is on ballot. If passed, this could possibly generate some funds for Blanchester as well. He stated there was a meeting at the Village the previous night. Funds would not be to replace what Blanchester already has, but to enhance Blanchester's options.

Mayor warned if the Village's property tax renewal fails in November, this will reduce \$160,000 of revenue from the operating fund. He explained to all in attendance this renewal would not increase taxes to vote "yes".

He also mentioned that there were options to increase the health care insurance deductibles for the plan in an effort to help save on the cost of the plan. Also discussed was a copy for the existing dental and vision plan. He mentioned motions could be made at the next meeting to move forward with these options if desired by Council.

He also mentioned the County Solid Waste Management District has a grant opportunity for curbside recycling program option is available if interested.

Don motioned to revoke Ordinance 2018.018, Regulation of Parades and Assemblages. Chad stated a new ordinance would need to be created before the existing ordinance could be revoked. Discussion took place as to grandfathering organizations into the ordinance. Gary Bauer seconded the revoking. Roll call was made. Bauer, Gephart, Simpson voted yea; Hollon, Hopkins, Sutton voted no. Mayor voted no to break the tie. Motion did not pass.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Constable, 716 Cherry Street, declared he believed there was a safety issue with the elevator which was currently shut down.

HOPKINS/HOLLON: Motion to adjourn. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Approved: September 26, 2019

Mayor: John M. Carran

Attest: Julie Castel